

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 14, 2019

ROLL CALL: Skate Pierce, Pat Holman, Belinda Larsen, Russ Evans, Melyssa Andrews and John Murray. Joel Profitt Absent

STAFF: Chief Baskett, PWD Poole, Clerk Austin.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Grant & Marita White, 727 9th Street

B. From Mayor: Mayor Lawrence thanked the Clarkston High School students that participated in the Day of Caring. She advised that the City would be reactivating the parks commission. Clarkston has the most parks in Asotin County. The City of Asotin has only one park. Most County residents use the parks in the City of Clarkston. The City is looking for volunteers to serve on the commission. Mayor Lawrence also advised that there were handouts on table in the lobby regarding the 2020 Census.

C. From Staff or Employees: Clerk Austin announced that there would be a Public Hearing regarding 2020 revenue sources at the next Council Meeting at 7:00pm on October 28, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Councilmember Murray reported that the Committee discussed the Resolution 2019-18, Authorization to sign purchase letter (Agenda Items) and reviewed and approved the bills for payment. Total expenditures for the September EOM period of \$72.07 and October 14, 2019 period of \$510,486.16. MOTION BY ANDREWS/EVANS to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: No meeting

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported on the October 8th meeting. The Committee discussed purchase of dumpsters from Rule Steel of Caldwell, Idaho. So far this is the lowest known bid. There is also a bid opening on the 29th of October for the advertised bid process. The City received a request to remove the "no dogs" policy at Vernon Park. The request will be assigned to the soon to be formed Parks subcommittee. The agreement with Keller Associates to develop the preferred concept for the Bridge/Diagonal/2nd Street intersection was reviewed. The cost is \$91,620, and this has been budgeted for. PWD Poole provided an update on the Ecology Stormwater grant application. The application was sent on October 1, and the City was notified that the grant is being processed. Notification of award should be received mid-November. There is a request for a DUI memorial sign to be placed at 6th Street and Chestnut Street, where a Clarkston man was killed by a drunk driver. The requester would pay for the sign. The Committee recommends that a policy is adopted on the amount of time that they are kept up, possibly five years, unless the sign is renewed. PWD Poole is going to attend a Local Road Safety Plan Workshop on October 23rd. The Committee discussed some code enforcement issues. There are issues with lights being too bright from a business located adjacent to a residence. The City is also having trouble safely enforcing code issues and making sure that our process is tracked and enforceable. The City really needs to hire/assign someone who has the ability to write tickets and wear a body camera to enforce code violations. There is a vendor who is going to come in to look at our old paper records (permits and plans) and write a proposal for the cost to digitize them.

Outside Organizations: Councilmember Evans reported that the PTBA met October 9th, ridership was down 119 in September from last year, but is on pace to still outdo last year total riders. Councilmember

Larsen mentioned that a young man had gathered 1500 signature for extended hours for PTBA in Lewiston. He would also like Asotin County PTBA to extend hours also. Evans advised ge will submit the information to the PTBA Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION BY HOLMAN/LARSEN to approve consent items. Motion Carried

- A. Resolution 2019-18, Cardiac Monitor Purchase (Finance/Admin)
- B. Authorization to Sign Purchase Letter (Finance/Admin)
- C. Notice of Bid Award (Public Works)
- D. Authorization to Sign Local Agency Agreement (Public Works)

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Pierce commented on the request from the citizens regarding pygmy goats. He advised it might be something that the City could look at allowing. Councilmember Murray asked if they were different from regular goats. Councilmember Andrews advised that they had to be under 60 pounds. Councilmember Murray asked if an ordinance could be written to include the weight limitation. Pierce advised that in looking at major urban centers, none had the same regulations, and he would continue to research it to provide direction to Council. Evans advised that he toured Renaissance Marine Group on October 9th. RMG has 125 employees and a state-of-the-art facility. They manufacture Duckworth, Weldcraft and NorthWood boats. Evans wished RMG well on continued business success. Councilmember Andrews commented on the town hall meetings for building the new jail. She urged the public to attend the meetings, and to get informed. She advised that every question is answered, and it is important for the public to attend.

PRESS QUESTIONS: Lauren Kahl of KLEW asked for clarification on the revenue sources public hearing. Clerk Austin provided the information to her. She also requested more details on the PTBA signatures that were collected. Councilmember Larsen provided clarification, Kahl also asked for information on the business lighting ordinance. Councilmember Pierce and PWD Poole clarified this information. She also requested information the Road Safety Workshop and Parks Commission. PWD Poole provided the information to Kahl.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 10/14/19	Ck # 69197-69270	\$188,796.55
September EOM		\$72.07
Payroll 10/5/19	Ck # 69163-63196	\$321,689.61