

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 22, 2018

ROLL CALL: Russ Evans, Pat Holman, Belinda Larsen, Skate Pierce, John Murray and Melyssa Andrews. Joel Profitt excused on a MOTION BY PIERCE/EVANS.

STAFF: Chief Hastings, Chief Cooper, PWD Poole, Clerk Austin, Attorney Richardson.

AGENDA CHANGES: Add Item A under New Business: Authorization to apply for Assistance to Firefighter Grant for SCBA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the October 8, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. **From the Public:** Mike Dahl, 1337 5th Street
Ron Lamb, 422 Highland (owner)
- B. **From Mayor:** Mayor Lawrence advised on the process of the Consent Agenda, and spoke to the Council regarding the Renewal of Motion for Ordinance 1605.
- C. **From Staff or Employees:** Attorney Richardson explained the best process for going forward with the Renewal of Motion for Ordinance 1605 and having it placed on the November 13, 2018 Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Councilmember Murray reported that the Committee discussed Consent Agenda Items D-G, the SCBA grant application and reviewed and approved the bills for payment. Total expenditures for the October 22, 2018 period of \$346,159.93. MOTION BY MURRAY/ANDREWS to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: Councilmember Larsen reported on the October 16th meeting. Chief Cooper was in transit with our new (to us) ambulance and after pulling over, phoned in. He wanted to discuss with us the following: The start-up costs of the GEMT program will need to be re-paid. These costs will amount to \$4,075. As per earlier discussions with this group and in council, he would like to have this item placed on the agenda. Not for agenda consideration, but for future budget discussion, the Chief would like to propose an increase in Volunteer compensation. Currently, volunteers receive a stipend of \$10 a point for their emergency responses, medical standby responses and training. They have been receiving this same amount for the past eight years. Chief would like to suggest an increase in compensation of a \$1.00 a point. Estimated cost for this increase based upon points earned and paid in 2017 were 1,477.5 points for fire responses and training and 1,382 points for EMS responses and training. Total annual cost for this increase will be \$3078.25: \$2,859 in pay and an increase in Social Security and Medicare costs of \$218.78. \$1,590.55 would be charged to fire and \$1,487.70 charged to ambulance. Reserve EMT/Paramedic/Firefighter pay is another program that Council might want to consider an increase in compensation for as well.

Chief Hastings brought a guest with him today, Detective Colby Martin. Detective Martin has been with the City of Clarkston Police Department for about 3 ½ years. He is a Detective on the Quad Cities Drug Task Force and is assigned to the Regional SWAT team as well. Detective Martin will also be adding drone pilot behind his name for the Police Department. Chief Hastings tapped Detective Martin for this job upon learning that he fly's drones as a hobby. He has been instrumental in researching the drone program for the department. He is currently studying to take his pilot license so he can officially become the department drone operator. Detective Martin gave the Public Safety Committee a demonstration of the drone purchased by the Police Department. The demonstration gave us an excellent example of how the drone will be able to help not just the City Police Department but Fire and Rescue as well and possibly other local agencies. Thanks Chief and Detective Martin. Chief Hastings is looking for approval for the STOP Grant. This grant allows us to continue to help fund the Victim/Witness Coordinator position. In the past, we have asked for \$16,223 and have had to

match with \$5,000 in non-monetary compensation such as office space, furniture, supplies. This is an agenda item. Chief is also requesting grant support for the Washington Traffic Safety Commission grant that allows our officers to participate in the Target Zero campaign. This campaign allows officers to focus their efforts to reduce traffic related deaths and serious injury through education of impaired driving, occupant protection, speeding and distracted driving patrols throughout the state. This also will be on the agenda for approval. Chief Hastings reported to our committee about the Discovery Channel television show, "See No Evil", coming to Clarkston to document the rape and murder of Ina Claire Richardson by Basir Muhammed. Their focus is on the ability of technology to help bring in Ms. Richardson's killer. The show will possibly air sometime in March. This brought up for discussion panhandling and homelessness in the LC Valley. Some of the main areas that homeless people and transients gravitate towards are parks and the river banks. While the LC Valley Chamber, Beautiful Downtown Lewiston and Councilmember Larsen continue to investigate different ways to educate the public about panhandlers, Chief Hastings would like to see what our long term vision would be for the parks in our community. Public Works Director Kevin Poole needs to be a part of this discussion as well. Working together within our own staff and resources, extending out to other agencies and programs, what can we do as a community to make our parks and our community more welcoming? Chief Hastings brought to our attention that he is on the Quality Behavioral Health committee to help address the homeless issue.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported on the October 16th meeting. He advised that regarding Gateway Park, The city removed the trees and bushes that were being used as a homeless camp. This is the location where the man grabbed the cross country runner last week. We discussed what to do with the land that the city leases from the Army Corps of Engineers. We need to decide what we want to do with this property. Is it worth our efforts and our liability to maintain this park? We need to establish our Parks Commission. We would like to have a group that does vision planning and collects and works with citizen input. Update on ecology grant application for stormwater. The Department of Ecology stopped taking applications an hour earlier than announced, due to an error of their systems. And, refused to allow appeals from 16 cities who turned the application in on time. We will apply next year. Update on Energy Audit Project. We have been awarded the TransAlta grant for the solar array around the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The grant is contingent Dept. of Commerce grant, and a 3rd party loan if one is needed. Discussion on Plan review. The Public Works department reviews plans from all prospective projects in the city. The Department needs more time to review all aspects of code and the plan. Currently we allow them 14 calendar days. We need to change it to 14 business days to give Public Works Staff sufficient time. It can be done administratively and won't require an ordinance to change. We still have an issue with inspections on Gas installations. Some local contractors who neglect to get inspections will be informed monthly of their delinquency. After 5 months, the homeowners will be notified and our City Attorney could get involved also. Discussion on changes to CMC 15.08 Electrical Code. We've been asked to change our code to allow sheathed wiring (Romex) in commercial buildings. The Public Works Department advises strongly against it, and the committee joins them in advising against it. The recommendation is to continue to require commercial buildings to use metal sheathed (MetalClad/MC Cable) or metal conduit. Discussion on Garbage/Yard Waste pick up in the front of the house. We would like to initiate the new arrangement on January, 1 2019.

Outside Organizations: Councilmember Pierce reported on today's meeting of the Health District. The meeting included a discussion with Health District Doctor Lutz set up by Commissioner Shinn regarding communicable diseases and needle programs. There was also an executive session. Pierce gave kudos to Brady Woodbury for his work. Councilmember Evans reported on the October 9th Quarterly EMS Council meeting. He advised that the magnetic rack cards are in. There was a discussion on the City of Asotin Emergency Services levy, fire protection week and the CFD open house. The ACFD 1 building is reported to be under budget. Lewiston Chief Myklebust advised that new recruits are needed. Tri State is setting up temporary stations at local businesses and working with LCSC. Evans also reported on the October 10 PTBA meeting. The PTBA budget was reviewed. There will be a public hearing on November 14th on the budget. The Interlocal agreement between ACFD 1 and PTBA is receiving a review by the involved attorneys. This agreement would allow transit vehicles to be used in emergency situations. The Dial a Ride bus is operational.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. GEMT Reimbursement (Public Safety)
- B. Department of Justice STOP Grant Application (Public Safety)
- C. Washington State Traffic Commission Grant Application (Public Safety)
- D. Authorization to accept Secretary of State Records Grant (Finance)
- E. Authorization of Visit LC Valley Lodging Tax Request
- F. Authorization of Port of Clarkston Lodging Tax Request
- G. Authorization for Mayor to sign Shop with a Cop Letter

MOTION BY LARSEN/HOLMAN to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Authorization to apply for Assistance to FireFighter Grant for SCBA (Finance) Chief Cooper explained the grant details to Council. MOTION BY EVANS/ANDREWS to authorize the application. Motion carried.

B. Renewal of Motion for Ordinance 1605. MOTION BY PIERCE to have Ordinance 1605 Renewal of Motion added to November 13, 2018 Agenda. Scheduled for next meeting

Commission Shinn invited the Mayor and Council to the Asotin County Public Meeting on Thursday October 25 at the County Annex. Topics include recycling, the County landfill, and fireworks. Shinn also advised that Councilmember Profitt was elected secretary of SEWEDA.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Pierce advised that there is a presentation of Nov 13th on the danger of vaping by Sunday Hoffman. Councilmember Larsen complimented the fire department on the open house. She learned that doors should be kept closed to help with fire prevention. Evans commented on the CPR demo and upcoming classes being offered by the fire department. Chief Cooper advised that CPR class is offered one Saturday per month during the fall, winter and spring. He also advised Council that they could request the house burning demonstration to be presented at Council. Councilmember Holman thanked Chief Hastings and Detective Martin for the drone demonstration.

PRESS QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 10/22/18	Ck # 67168,67183-67227	\$211,151.27
Payroll 10/20/18	Ck # 67170-67182	\$135,008.66