

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 26, 2015

COUNCIL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beadles | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nash |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provost | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kolstad |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackmon | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White, excused | |

Motion by Beadles/Blackmon to excuse Councilmember White who is out of town. Motion carried.

STAFF:

- Chief Hastings Chief Cooper Clerk Storey City Attorney Grow PWD Martin

AGENDA CHANGES: Councilmember Beadles commented that the October 6 minutes listed on the agenda under Public Safety should be under Community Development.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015, Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

Tom Martin asked how council minutes can be corrected if a member of the public sees an error. Clerk Storey said the best way would be to contact her prior to the meeting because once the council approves them, they are final.

Brian Shinn addressed the council regarding the termination letter for court services on behalf of the Asotin County Commission. The one-year termination notice ends on October 29. Shinn brought copies of the agreement the county had prepared and presented to the City in February. He said these figures were essentially agreed upon during a joint workshop meeting, and he hopes the City will see fit to sign before the October 29 deadline. Shinn said if the City doesn't sign prior to that date they will need to find a new court until an agreement is reached. City Attorney Grow said he doesn't agree that the County can just terminate the service. He said there is a provision for binding arbitration.

Shinn commented that the effective date of the agreement is January 1 and the City would be expected to pay that rate. Shinn said his impression is that both parties want to continue with the service and the proposed rates were discussed and agreed upon by both parties. Shinn said the common goal is work together and save everyone money. Councilmember Nash asked if there should be a special meeting to make a decision on the agreement. Grow said he doesn't have issues with the form of the agreement and it is up to council to agree to the rates. Councilmember Kolstad said his memory is that Todd Richardson was not satisfied with the numbers. Shinn said he believes Richardson's issue was with the deferred prosecution revenues. Shinn said the agreement has an effective date of January 1, 2015. Grow asked if the County would expect to go back and collect the difference for the entire year. Shinn said that would be the case. The agreement provides for the rate to be negotiated each year. Discussion ensued on how the rates are adjusted in future years. Grow and the council were not comfortable with the automatic 3% increase if agreement is not reached. Tying the increase to CPI was suggested. Shinn suggested that Grow speak with Jane Risley, the county's attorney, and if she agrees he thinks the commissioners will agree. Council discussed a special meeting. Grow said the council could approve the contract subject to the county agreeing to the CPI language for the rate increase. If the commissioners do not agree to the change, council will hold a special meeting on Thursday at 6:00. The court contract was added to the agenda under Unfinished Business.

Melyssa Andrews, 721 11th Street, said she has talked to some of the councilmembers about the parks. She asked PWD Martin how the City could go about getting handicap accessible play equipment in the parks. He asked her to send him an email with what she thinking about. Andrews talked about the lack

of mental health care for children in the area. She is looking for a way to get a pediatric mental health doctor in the city that would accept Medicaid payments. She has a daughter who needs care and there are no options here. Councilmember Nash suggested speaking with Tri-State might be a better option. She said both Tri-State and St. Joe's send her away and call the police. She said Quality Behavioral Health sent her to the Tri-Cities and she is expected to go there weekly which she can't do because of work commitments.

B. From the Mayor:

C. From Staff: PWD Martin asked council for some guidance on the beekeeping request. He would like to respond to the requestor and reminded council that our insurance carrier does not recommend allowing beekeeping within the city limits. Councilmember Provost said if our code does not allow it now, he sees no reason to change it. Councilmember Kolstad said there are many cities that allow beekeeping. He said there should be a way to allow it within reason. He suggested looking at how other cities do it. Martin said he is asking whether the council wants him to put together an ordinance they can vote on or drop the matter. Grow said if the insurance carrier recommends against it, he thinks we should follow their advice. Provost said we need to think of all the ramifications, such as who will enforce the regulations. Chief Hastings said there was an instance a few years ago where some empty hives were being stored in a backyard and bees swarmed there and moved in, which created a concern.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilmember Provost reported that committee has reviewed the bills. MOTION BY PROVOST/BLACKMON to approve the September 30, 2015 invoices for \$475.61 and the October 26, 2015 invoices for \$196,467.88. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Committee met on October 20. Councilmember Beadles reported that Butch Aiken presented a budget request for Emergency Services for \$6,500 for 2016. Committee recommendation is to approve the request during the budget process.

Chief Hastings discussed the purchase of body cameras for police officers. He also presented information on the success of the "Can You ID Me?" program.

Chief Cooper is researching safety harnesses for fire fighters to wear when they are working in high locations. We are awaiting results of the Washington Survey & Rating Bureau visit. The Fire Department is recruiting volunteers.

Public Works: No meeting.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Nash said committee met on October 26, but there was no business to discuss.

Community Development: Councilmember Beadles reported committee met on October 20. Marshall Doak presented the Main Street Tax Program, which is designed to help revitalize downtown business districts. He would like to hold a meeting with the City and downtown businesses to assess interest in the program.

Melyssa Andrews discussed the idea of a handicapped children's swing for two of the parks. Research will be needed to be done to see what is available and for funding.

James Evans discussed city owned utilities.

Beekeeping was discussed. Committee will do more research.

PUBLIC HEARING:

City Assumption of the Rights, Powers and Functions of the Transportation Benefit District
Mayor Warren opened the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Clerk Storey explained that the legislature passed legislation in the last session that allows a city to assume the rights of a Transportation Benefit District. Storey said the funds would still have the same restrictions and would be accounted for in a separate fund. The legislation also allows the governing body to increase the license tab fee from \$20 to \$40 once it has been in place for at least two years. Storey said some of the benefits of assuming the TBD are no longer maintaining a separate entity, savings on audit costs and insurance costs. Councilmember Provost asked if the TBD funds can be used to pay audit costs. Storey said if the costs can be identified, they should be able to. Councilmember Beadles asked if this would be an enterprise fund. Storey said it would be a special fund by definition.

Melyssa Andrews, 721 11th Street, asked where the fees come from now. Mayor Warren said the funding source now is the \$20 vehicle license tab fee. If the .02% sales tax that is on the November ballot passes, the \$20 fee would be eliminated. Andrews asked if that would leave extra money for schools. Mayor Warren explained that the City does not fund the schools.

Councilmember Kolstad said this would streamline the process.

Belinda Campbell, 1222 Highland, asked if the tax would be dedicated if it passes and if the \$20 fee would be eliminated. She was told it was.

The hearing was closed at 8:03 p.m. An ordinance to move forward will be placed on the next agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Court Agreement

MOTION BY PROVOST/KOLSTAD to authorize the mayor to sign the court agreement with Asotin County with the provision that the automatic 3% increase be changed to actual CPI with a maximum of 3%. Clerk Storey asked which month's CPI should be used. Motion amended to use the CPI that is available as of April 1st. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Final Acceptance of the 13th Street Project

MOTION BY NASH/BLACKMON to accept the 13th Street Project as final. Motion carried.

B. Resolution No. 2015-11, Adopt Regional Stormwater Budget for 2016

MOTION BY NASH/PROVOST to approve Resolution No. 2015-11. Beadles commented that it is a confusing way of presenting a budget and was difficult to understand. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Kolstad commented Marty Trillhaus was out of line, calling the majority of the council old in a recent editorial.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 9/30/15	20150901-08	\$475.61
Total Fund Expenditures, 10/26/15	60189, 60213-59, Sept2015 excise, 959824	\$65,816.12
Payroll, 10/15/15	60190-60212	\$196,467.88