

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 13, 2018**

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

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

**AGENDA CHANGES:** Mayor Lawrence advised that Chris Clemens was unable to attend tonight's meeting. We will remove Item E from Communications.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the October 22, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:** Todd Snarr, 1867 Fredrickson Drive  
Jeannie Joly, 719 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ron Lamb, 422 Highland (owner)  
Mike Dahl, 1337 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**B. From Mayor:** Mayor Lawrence advised CHS annual Craft Fair. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Lighted Christmas parade.

**C. From Staff or Employees:** PWD Poole advised council on the new policy for yard waste collection. Unless otherwise exempted, all collection will be curbside at the street. There will be no alley pickup of yard waste beginning 1/1/2019. Clerk Austin spoke to the council regarding the budget process, and necessary public hearings. The Revenue and 2019 Property Tax Public Hearing will be held at the November 26, 2018 Council Meeting. There will be a budget workshop on December 6, 2018 at 6:00p.m. The final December Council Meeting originally set for Christmas Eve, was rescheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 6:00p.m. Clerk Austin also gave an update on City email project.

**D. Regional Stormwater Update:** Mayor Lawrence introduced the newly hired Director, Jeff Wiemer. Mr. Wiemer updated Council on current projects and upcoming goals for the Regional Stormwater program.

**E. ~~Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport Authority Airport Grant: Chris Clemens was not able to attend.~~**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/Admin:** Councilmember Murray reported that the Committee discussed Resolution 2018-09, Ordinances 1608-1609, the Lighted Christmas Parade, and approved the bills for payment. Total expenditures for the November 13, 2018 period of \$468,924.37, and the March-September End of Month periods of \$1092.71. MOTION BY EVANS/ANDREWS to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Larsen reported on the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chief Hastings asked for approval to apply for a grant for traffic equipment. This particular grant would be applied to the purchase of a radar unit. The grant is for \$1,000 with the City matching funds. (Agenda item.) The jail committee has been meeting regularly and are putting together a presentation for the public safety committee. The old City Hall basement flooded. Plumbing was done, asbestos abatement was called in. Chief Cooper discussed Systems Design, our current ambulance billing service. We reviewed that we currently pay them 5.5% of our ambulance revenue. Other companies that employ them pay a per call fee. Their proposal to us would be for \$23.50 per call. Using 2017 numbers, that would be a rough increase of about \$4.45 per call. Chief is still negotiating. This increase could be covered by the GEMT program. Chief recently filled a firefighter paramedic position with Max Bausch. Max comes to us with 13 years of firefighting experience and 2 years of paramedic service. There are still two more positions to fill. Councilmembers Russ Evans and Belinda Larsen attended the Asotin County Commissioners meeting the night of November 1st. The subject of a fireworks ban or at the least a ban on aerial displays was discussed. Many people in the audience had previously spoken at Clarkston City Council but there were others there as well. Councilmember Evans made the suggestion that we take the fireworks issue

to an advisory vote from the residences of the City of Clarkston and Asotin County. The City would like to do that this Spring. The Mayor is looking into the process and the cost.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Pierce reported on the November 6th meeting. He advised that the City has had some issues within the city with contractors illegally installing gas line, or homeowners doing it themselves. There is a legitimate risk to the individual, and their neighborhood if someone were to improperly install a gas appliance or mess with Avista's gas line. State law prohibits this type of work, by anyone but a licensed operator/installer. The City and Avista are planning a meeting with local contractors and municipalities to educate about the law, and dangers of improperly doing the work. The City has identified a couple of abandoned properties that have been neglected for years, and are an attractive nuisance. They are a potential hazard to neighbors, and attract people who are squatting, and are a source of property devaluation. The Public Works Department is trying to contact the owners and inform them of the issues to rectify the situation.

**Outside Organizations:** Councilmember Profitt reported that Dawn Smith doing a great job with SEWEDA. Bringing jobs to Clarkston and surrounding areas.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Renewal of Motion for Ordinance 1605.** MOTION BY PIERCE at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting to have Renewal of Motion on Ordinance 1605. Second by PROFITT. Councilmember Larsen commended Lamb on increasing economic development in the City. She commented on the safety of the intersection if a coffee shop were allowed to be constructed at that location. Councilmember Evans agreed, and advised that originally he voted for the zoning change, but after visiting the site, will be voting no. Councilmember Andrews also agreed with Larsen. She encouraged Lamb to continue hiring of youth, and promoting business growth. However, she advised that it was possible spot zoning, and affected the cost and devaluation of homes. Councilmember Murray advised that this was spot zoning since it is a single commercial use in a residential zone. He advised that he would prefer that a plan for the area was drafted by the Planning Commission since there are a lot of non-conforming uses that need to be addressed in this same area. PWD Poole addressed Council regarding the area and advised the Planning Commission was updating the City Plans. He explained why the Neighborhood Commercial Zone was created and is used. Councilmember Pierce read the definition of Neighborhood Commercial and advised that the City may need to remove espresso stands from the definition because it doesn't fit with the description. Pierce advised he would still vote in favor, with hope that the State will limit what can go there. Councilmember Profitt agreed, and said the Council is getting ahead of itself regarding the espresso stand idea. He advised it will be the State's job on mitigating the traffic impact. He reminded Council that this was just a vote to change the zoning. Councilmember Holman agreed that what needs to be focused on was the zone change, and not the other issues. Motion defeated 4-3, Larsen, Murray, Evans and Andrews voting nay.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Authorization for Traffic Safety Equipment Grant Application (Public Safety)** Chief Hastings explained the grant details to Council. MOTION BY LARSEN/ANDREWS to authorize the grant application. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution 2018-09 Asotin County Solid Waste Management Plan (Finance/Admin)** MOTION BY ANDREWS/PROFITT to approve the resolution. Murray asked PWD Poole to explain the differences in the plan. PWD Poole advised that he and the Mayor reviewed the plan earlier in the year, and the only lacking area is with recycling, but he would recommend adoption. Motion Carried

**C. Ordinance 1607, Amending CMC 1.01 Penalties 1st Reading (Finance/Admin)** Vote will be at the next meeting.

**D. Special Event Permit: Lighted Christmas Parade (Finance/Admin)** MOTION BY LARSEN/HOLMAN to approve special event permit. Motion Carried

**E. Findings of Fact & Conclusion of Law ZC-2018-03, 1255 Fair Street (Planning)** PWD Poole

presented the Findings of Fact & Conclusion of Law to the Council. MOTION BY PROFITT/ANDREWS to accept the Findings. Motion Carried.

**F. Ordinance 1608, Zone Change – 1255 Fair Street, 1st Reading (Finance/Admin)** Vote will be at the next meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Councilmember Larsen expressed her reasoning for voting against the zone change. She advised that she was appreciative of Mr. Lamb for promoting business growth and development. However, the surrounding voices of the neighbors should be heard as well. Councilmember Andrews wanted to encourage Mr. Lamb to keep going with the process to find a place to build and espresso shop. Councilmember Pierce commented on missing the forest for the trees. He advised that this vote has created a lot that will sit unused. Councilmember Evans congratulated Kerri Sandaine for the Tribune’s coverage of the Asotin town hall.

**PRESS QUESTIONS:** Kerri Sandaine asked for the proper spelling of Mark Greene’s name.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive session began at 8:05p.m. Mayor Lawrence advised that it was expected to last at least 30 minutes. She advised that no decisions would be made. At 8:35p.m., an extension of 15 minutes was requested. Council reconvened at 8:50p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Steve Austin, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 11/13/18	Ck # 67233-67358	\$167,186.59
Payroll 11/05/18	Ck # 67236-67266	\$301,737.78