

**CITY OF CLARKSTON
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
BUDGET WORKSHOP
829 5TH STREET**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL: John Murray, Melyssa Andrews, Belinda Larsen, Skate Pierce, Pat Holman, Russ Evans. Joel Profitt unavailable to attend due to work travel.

STAFF: Chief Hastings, Chief Baskett, PWD Poole, Clerk Austin.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:35 P.M.

2. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Lawrence opened the meeting with a few comments. She advised that each department head would present information to the Council regarding the bargaining unit negotiations. She also provided a handout that showed the results of the union bargaining to date. She advised there was no increase in medical insurance. There were minimal increases in some of the life insurance rates.

Chief Baskett provided information on the updates to the Fire/EMS Labor Contract.

Chief Hastings advised that the Police Contract was able to be completed in just two meetings. He provided the update on changes to the Labor Contract.

PWD Poole updated Council on the current process of the negotiations with the Public Works Union. He advised that the City may allow additional pay for certain certifications for employees.

Clerk/Treasurer Austin presented the preliminary budget to the Council. The budget was examined by funds beginning with revenue funds and ending with expenditures in the following order: Sewer, Sanitation, Streets, Current Expense, and Ambulance. PWD Poole is requesting a 15% increase in sewer rates, a 10% increase in sanitation rates and an additional sanitation cart rental rate that will be presented as three separate ordinances at the next Council Meeting. Clerk Austin explained each fund's major revenue sources and expenditure items, including funding requests by the department heads. PWD Poole, Chief Hastings and Chief Baskett answered questions regarding funds under their direction and explained requests for funding that were outside of normal operating expenses. The overall budget has been projected conservatively and is in keeping with previous years projections.

Councilmember Murray initiated a discussion regarding the pay for the Mayor. Mayor Lawrence explained the process that would have to be followed to increase the wages and when the wage increase would take effect. The Council directed Clerk Austin to draft an ordinance to increase the Mayor's wages to \$1,200.00 per month beginning in 2020. The Councilmembers, department heads and the Mayor expressed gratitude to Chief Baskett for the job that he has performed as Interim Chief.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.