

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 28, 2016

ROLL CALL: Belinda Campbell, John Murray, Kelly Blackmon, Skate Pierce, Terry Beadles, Brian Kolstad, Monika Beauchamp

STAFF:

Chief Cooper, Chief Hastings, PWD Martin, City Attorney Schwartz, Clerk Storey

AGENDA CHANGES: Add approval of Stormwater Budget to New Business.

APPROVAL OF: Minutes of the November 14, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

B. From Mayor:

Mayor Lawrence reminded everyone that the annual Christmas parade will be Saturday.

Mayor Lawrence announced that there will be a budget workshop on November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

New employee handbooks will be distributed this week.

From Staff:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for November 28, 2016 of \$367,483.90. MOTION BY KOLSTAD/BEADLES to approve the bills as read. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the November 15 meeting. Committee discussed the Traffic Safety Grant. It is on the agenda for approval. Committee discusses the effectiveness of traffic calming devices. Discussed awareness of protests in the area. The police department will hire an officer soon.

Chief Cooper discussed the request for a non-city Wi-Fi connection at the fire department. Cooper recapped some of the major points that will be covered in the upcoming Fire Department Organization Meeting.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported on the November 15 meeting.

A draft RFQ for curbside recycling is near completion for staff review.

Attorney review of the Grantham School Safety Project design is complete and will be signed by the mayor.

No update on the Rotary shelter.

The Stormwater budget is ready for adoption. There will not be a fee increase and the budget has been reduced by about \$90,000.

Committee discussed developing a transportation improvement plan with Asotin County, which can help with funding projects through the MPO and with using our TBD funds.

Also discussed the possibility of requiring landlords to obtain a business license.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Blackmon said committee met this evening and discussed the Stormwater budget. They will add it to the agenda for approval.

Community Development: Councilmember Campbell said committee discussed a Main Street Program and will be gathering more information.

Outside Organizations: Mayor Lawrence said she attend the Health District meeting. Councilmember Beauchamp has resigned due to work conflicts. Councilmember Pierce will attend the next meeting. The board discussed the satellite WIC program. The board approved the 2017 budget. Mayor Lawrence will be writing to the Corp regarding the water quality at Swallows Park beach.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing on the 2017 Proposed Budget

Mayor Lawrence opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. to public comment.

Lance Rinard from Lancer Lanes, 2015 6th Ave, addressed the council regarding gambling taxes. He said since the minimum wage increase passed, he is hoping the council will find a way to give some relief on the tax rates.

Being no further comment, the hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Authorize Traffic Safety Grant Application

Chief Hastings explained that the police department has the opportunity to apply for an equipment grant. This year the grant will cover \$1,000 towards the cost of a new radar unit. MOTION BY KOLSTAD/BEAUCHAMP to authorize the traffic safety grant application. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 1575, 2016 Budget Amendment – 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1575 was read by title.

C. Resolution No. 2016-13, Property Tax Levy

Resolution No. 2016-13 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/MURRAY. Motion carried.

D. Ordinance No. 1576, Sewer Rates, 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1576 was read by title.

E. Ordinance No. 1577, Sanitation Rates, 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1577 was read by title.

F. 2017 Stormwater Budget

PWD Martin explained that the Stormwater budget has been reviewed by Public Works Committee and Admin Committee. There will be no increase to rates and the expenses have been reduced by approximately \$90,000. He said the reserves are adequate for anticipated projects. MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/BLACKMON to approve the Stormwater Budget for 2017. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Murray asked what the protest discussion in Public Safety involved. Councilmember Pierce said it was regarding the White Lives Matter demonstration. Chief Hastings said he received a phone call a few days prior to the event and made plans to ensure safety for the event. Councilmember Pierce commented that there is a budget meeting on Wednesday at 6:30. He would like to see more participation from the public. He explained that we are assessing the banked capacity for property tax, and that the sewer and sanitation rates increases are necessary to keep the system running. Councilmember Beadles commented that the council encourages the departments to operate efficiently and it is not a bad thing to return some funds at year end. Murray asked about the discussion on requiring landlords to obtain a business license. Pierce said landlords are operating a business and should be required to have a license like any other business. Kolstad asked if Air BnB would be included. PWD Martin said that would need to be researched.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 11/28/16	Ck # 62859-95, ExciseOct2016	\$137,753.33
Payroll, 11/15/16	Ck #62841-628582749-62836	\$153,126.31
Payroll – Fire Retro, 11/15/16	Ck # 62837-62840	\$76,604.26