

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Warren, 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beadles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baumberger
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith, excused	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackmon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manchester	

STAFF:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Hastings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PWD Martin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk Storey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Grow	

AGENDA CHANGES: Councilmember Nash added a Stormwater report to Committee Reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2013, Regular Meeting; the November 21 Joint Meeting and the November 26 Budget Workshop. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. **From the Public:** Don Brigham, 414 Teresa Court, appeared on behalf of the Asotin County Library. The library is in its first year of sponsoring a Community Pride awards program to recognize good things in the county. He presented a certificate to the City for the entry sculpture at the east entrance to the city. He recognized PWD Jim Martin for his participation in the project. He said the end result of the project, which was the effort of many people and organizations, is something to be proud of.

Brian Shinn, 945 4th Street, reported that after conversation with Noel Hardin, the county has agreed to appoint staff members to the dispatch negotiating committee. The County has appointed Chris Kemp, Dan Halley and Butch Aiken to the committee.

B. **From the Mayor:** Mayor Warren reported that City Hall will close at 1:00 on December 24.

C. **From Staff:** Clerk Storey announced that since the election has been certified, Councilmembers Nash and Blackmon should be sworn in for their new terms. She administered the Oath of Office to Nash and Blackmon.

Storey also reported that the City has received the final audit report for 2011 and 2012. There were no findings or management letters, for the 13th consecutive year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilmember Provost reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for December 9, 2013, of \$581,351.79. MOTION BY PROVOST/BEADLES to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported that committee met on December 3. Melissa Welter spoke on behalf of EPIC, saying that there is a need to address the placement of alcohol in retail stores. It should be in a limited access area to discourage underage access. Welter also talked about the Firefighter Stair Climb event that raises funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Chief Cooper reported that the new repeater for police and fire radio service should be on line by the end of the month.

Committee recommends that Chief Cooper, Chief Hastings, City Attorney Richardson and Councilmember Baumberger represent the city for dispatch negotiations.

Chief Hastings presented the activity report for the School Resource Officer.

Chief Hastings reported on our recent WCIA audit. Public Safety departments have a very low claims experience.

Public Works: Public Works Committee met on December 4. Clerk Storey presented some information on Transportation Benefit Districts. We have some sample documents to get us started. The next step will be to schedule a public hearing.

PWD Martin said the Interlocal Agreement for Stormwater has been revised and is ready to adopt.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Manchester said committee met on December 9. They reviewed the contract renewal for Jim Grow. It will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Community Development: No meeting.

Stormwater Committee: Councilmember Nash reported that there was a meeting today. A new director has been hired. The new director is Matt Carlson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

A. Michelle Peters, Lodging Tax Committee Funding Recommendation

Michelle Peters, Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau, reported that the Lodging Tax Committee met and made recommendations for funding for 2014. The recommendation is to fund Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau for \$75,000, the Chamber for \$7,450, and the Rotary for \$3,275. Rotary is a new request and their plan is to develop a new bicycle event that could bring in several hundred visitors.

Peters gave a report on the impacts of travel and tourism in Asotin County. She said the total sales tax revenue for the area generated by tourists is about \$300,000. She said that the hotels are experiencing record years which indicates that the economy is doing well. Peters talked about the magazines that carry our advertising and articles about the valley.

Councilmember Provost thanked Peters for the work she does to promote the valley. Councilmember Blackmon asked for more information about the new bicycle event. She said they plan to have several courses, for different levels of riders.

B. Ordinance No. 1516, 2013 Budget Amendment – 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1516 was read by title.

C. Ordinance No. 1517, Sewer Rates – 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1517 was read by title.

D. Ordinance No. 1518, Sanitation Rates – 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1518 was read by title.

E. Ordinance No. 1519, 2014 Budget – 1st Reading+

Ordinance No. 1519 was read by title.

F. Resolution No. 2013-09, Revised ILA, Stormwater

Resolution No. 2013-09 was read by title. PWD Martin explained that the original ILA addressed how the participants thought things would work. Now that it has been operating for a few years, this amendment addresses some issues that were not following the original agreement. Councilmember Beadles asked if the city attorney has reviewed the agreement. Grow said he has. MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve Resolution No. 2013-09. Motion carried.

G. Appointment of Dispatch Negotiating Committee

MOTION BY BEADLES/BAUMBERGER to appoint Chief Hastings and Chief Cooper to negotiate for Clarkston. Councilmember Provost suggested Clarkston appoint a third person so there would be the same number for each entity. Commissioner Shinn said that Butch Aiken represents all the entities as emergency services director. Chief Cooper said there is a meeting set for December 19 of the users committee and they will probably set a date at that time, and may begin some early discussions. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Nash reported that he and Blackmon attended the Newly Elected Officials meeting in Pullman. He thanked Pullman for providing the meeting place.

Councilmember Provost explained, for benefit of the audience, that ordinances require two readings and resolutions only require one reading.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 12/9/13	CK #55213, 55274-55345, 20131201-04	\$301,276.22
Total Payroll, 11/15/13	CK #55214-55273	\$280,075.57