

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 20, 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.

AGENDA CHANGES: Add Item E, Department of Commerce Energy Grant to the Consent Agenda, and Item A, Ordinance 1614 and Item B, Discussion on Grant Match for Economic Needs & Assessment Study to New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the December 6, 2018 Budget Workshop and the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Lawrence opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Clerk/Treasurer Austin gave an update on revenue and expenditures in the 2019 Budget.

Mayor Lawrence opened the floor to comments from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

The public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Jeannie Joly, 719 Libby Street

B. From Mayor: Mayor Lawrence recognized the police department and Officer Morbeck for taking the lead on another successful year with the Shop with a Cop Program.

C. From Staff or Employees: PWD Poole advised that we have received the radar speed sign to be located at the south entrance to the City on SR 129 and Highland. The City will be partnering with WSDOT to install on a shared pole. The sign can be programmed to collect data and provide reports, and should be installed in January. Chief Cooper advised that firefighters have raised funds to distribute 12 bicycles to area children on Christmas day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Councilmember Evans reported that the Committee discussed the Contracts on the agenda, Ordinances 1612-1614, the STOP Grant, and approved the bills for payment. Total expenditures for the December 20, 2018 period of \$194,631.51. MOTION BY EVANS/HOLMAN to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: Mayor Lawrence advised that the Committee did not meet.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported on the December 18th meeting. He advised that the Permit Fee schedule for Code Enforcement. The committee recommends it be passed when presented to council. There was discussion on an Interlocal Agreement for the replacement of the deck and repaving of Southway Bridge that has been received by the City and is in legal review. Once the review is completed there will need to be Council approval of the agreement. A memorandum of understanding from Wal-Mart concerning the development of the 5th and Fair St intersection and the entrance area on 5th between Costco and Wal-Mart has been received. Once all parties agree and sign, the project can move on to the design portion. There is one more budget amendment to balance the Public Works books. This is on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Ordinance 1614

concerning the process of vacating City owned right of way is on the agenda. The Beachview pool demolition project is almost completely done. All that remains are finishing the approaches to the new parking lot. The Committee discussed RV living in the City. There has been discussion on adding another potential hardship exemption to temporarily allow RV living on private property. It is important to note that any RV that is to be lived in must meet NFPA (National Fire Protection Act) standards for livability. This revision will need a rewrite of this section of City code so that it can be enforced. Currently, the code contains confusing legal processes to control issues or violations in Title 15 infractions (Building Codes) and Title 17 infractions (Zoning). These issues need to be cleaned up so that we can make it easier for law enforcement, the legal department and public works.

Outside Organizations: Councilmember Evans attended the PTBA meeting on December 12th. There was an increase of 2002 riders more this November over November 2017. The PTBA Board approved a 2.5% raise for all employees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 1612, 2018 Budget Amendment 2nd Reading (Finance/Admin) MOTION BY PIERCE/ANDREWS to approve the ordinance. MOTION BY PIERCE/ANDREWS to amend the ordinance. Amendment Carried. Motion Carried

B. Ordinance 1613, 2019 Budget 2nd Reading (Finance/Admin) MOTION BY HOLMAN/EVANS to approve the ordinance. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by ANDREWS/MURRAY to adopt consent agenda as revised. Motion Carried.

A. Retainer for City Attorney Services (Finance/Admin)

B. Victim Witness Support Services Contract (Finance/Admin)

C. GEMT Interagency Agreement (Finance/Admin)

D. National Fitness Campaign Grant Extension Request (Public Works)

E. Authorization for Department of Commerce Energy Grant (Finance/Admin)

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 1614, Amend 13.24 Street and Alley Vacation 1st Reading (Public Works) Vote will be at the next meeting.

B. Discussion on Support for Economic Impact and Needs Assessment Study (Finance/Admin)
Councilmember Murray advised that the Finance/Admin Committee met with Wanda Keefer who is requesting funds from agencies to have a study performed to determine Cruise Boat Traffic. The Port is requesting a \$2000 contribution from the City to use for matching funds for an economic and impact assessment. According to the legal review it would not be considered a gift of public funds. Councilmember Pierce asked if it would require an interlocal or interagency agreement. Mayor Lawrence advised that Council needs to decide if City wants to participate and at what amount. She advised that there can be an Interlocal agreement with the Port for CEDA to write the grant. Murray advised that he would feel more comfortable holding off until a representative could address the whole council. A consensus of Council agreed that more information is needed before proceeding.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Andrews commented on the community programs that the City Departments and other are involved in at this time of year. She advised that there has been great effort and good deeds given through Shop with a Cop, the bicycles that the Fire Employees collected, those involved in Christmas Connection, and a motorcycle group paying off layaway at Walmart. Andrews personally thanked the valley for all they do. Councilmember Larsen thanked Tribune Reporter Kerri Sandaine for attending the meetings and doing a great job with reporting the City's business.

PRESS QUESTIONS: Kerri Sandaine asked for clarification from Councilmember Andrews on the groups that were referenced during the Council comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Lawrence advised that Negotiations with the Fire Union would be discussed. There will be no decisions made. Expected to last 20 minutes. Session began at 6:32p.m. At 6:52 p.m. a 15 minute extension was requested. At 7:07 p.m. a 5 minute extension was requested. Additional 5 minute extensions were requested at 7:12 p.m. and 7:17 p.m. A 2 minute extension was requested at 7:22 p.m. A final five minute extension was requested at 7:24 p.m. Council returned to regular session at 7:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 12/20/18	Ck # 67531-67576	\$64,282.72
Payroll 12/20/18	Ck # 67519-67530	\$130,348.79