

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 23, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smith	<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"/> Clerk Storey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Grow		

AGENDA CHANGES: Councilmember Manchester added Resolution No. 2013-12 to New Business. Topics added to executive session are property acquisition and potential litigation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Provost asked to move council comments out of order. He commented that Councilmember John Smith was appointed to the council on June 10, 2002 and has served almost 12 years. He thanked him for his years of service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2013 Joint Meeting and the December 9 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. **From the Public:**
- B. **From the Mayor:** Mayor Warren said the city will miss Councilmember Smith and appreciated his hard work over the years.
- C. **From Staff:** Chief Cooper added his thanks to Smith. He said he appreciates his dedication to the Public Safety services and his involvement in other aspects of the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilmember Provost reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for December 23, 2013, of \$304,942.10. MOTION BY PROVOST/BEADLES to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Committee met on December 17. Councilmember Beadles reported that the new communications tower was installed on December 19. The fire department has received the first reimbursement check for training from WSP.

Chief Cooper and Chief Hastings believe the dispatch negotiations will be completed by the end of January.

Chief Hastings said the police department is going to apply for state accreditation. Commander Smith will oversee the project.

Public Works: Councilmember Nash said the committee is preparing a timeline to proceed with a Transportation Benefit District. Councilmember Baumberger said the committee looked into the formation of a TBD. A packet of information has been prepared for council to review. Baumberger said committee would like to have this topic on the agenda in January for further discussion. A potential timeline has been included along with sample documents from Toppenish, who has already formed a TBD.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Manchester said committee met on December 23. They reviewed the need for a resolution to allow an interfund loan from Current Expense to Stormwater. It has been added to the agenda.

Community Development: Councilmember Beadles said committee met on December 17 and discussed an opportunity to offer a scholarship to a local student through AWC. Committee would like to see the south entry project move forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 1516, 2013 Budget Amendment – 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1516 was read by title. MOTION BY PROVOST/BEADLES to adopt Ordinance No. 1516. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 1517, Sewer Rates – 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1517 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to adopt Ordinance no. 1517. Motion carried.

C. Ordinance No. 1518, Sanitation Rates – 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1518 was read by title. MOTION BY NASH/MANCHESTER to adopt Ordinance No. 1518. Motion carried.

D. Ordinance No. 1519, 2014 Budget – 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1519 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/MANCHESTER to adopt Ordinance No. 1519. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Garden Progress Report – Dan Cease

Janet Marugg, 2016 Sunset Court and Dan Cease, 1122 6th Street, gave a presentation on the Community Garden. Cease said he is the CEO of the 501C3 that operates the garden. Cease said the Garden barely broke even in 2013, mostly due to water costs from the hot summer weather. Next year some equipment needs to be replaced. Cease said the fencing the city provided when the garden was on city property is still being used. The garden is now on Walla Walla Community College property.

Janet said the garden has 100 growing plots of various sizes. Growers rent the space for a minimal charge, which includes the water. Gardeners have access to tools and there is a greenhouse on site. There are 9 beds being used as demonstration gardens by the Master Gardeners. There is a flower cutting garden where bouquets can be had for a small fee. Over 6,500 pounds of produce has been grown this year and donated to the food bank. The organization is now accepting applications for the 2014 growing year. The organization is looking at ways to make the garden better known and used for other things. There is a picnic/meeting area available.

Dan shared some pictures of the growing beds. This year included a crop of sorghum and cotton.

B. Resolution No. 2013-10, Salaries for Non-Represented Employees

Resolution No. 2013-10 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/MANCHESTER to approve Resolution No. 2013-10. Motion carried.

C. Resolution No. 2013-11, 2014 Position Allocation List

Resolution No. 2013-11 was read by title. MOTION BY NASH/BLACKMON to approve Resolution No. 2013-11. Motion carried.

D. Professional Services Contract, Jim Grow, City Attorney

MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to authorize the contract with Jim Grow for City Attorney.
Motion carried.

E. Resolution No. 2013-12, Interfund Loan, Current Expense to Stormwater

Resolution No. 2013-12 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/MANCHESTER to approve Resolution No. 2013-12. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Blackmon thanked John for his service to the community.

Councilmember Smith said it has been an honor to work with the council and the city.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss union negotiations, potential litigation and property acquisition. Expected length of session is 15 minutes. Session was extended for an additional 15 minutes. No action is anticipated as a result of the session. Council returned to open session at 8:07.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 12/23/13	CK 55347-48, 55372-5433, JV #Nov2013Excise	\$177,604.48
Total Payroll, 12/15/13	CK #55350-55371	\$127,337.62