

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**December 27, 2016**

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

**STAFF:**

Chief Cooper, Chief Hastings, Clerk Storey

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:**

**B. From Mayor:**

Mayor Lawrence said she shared a letter from the Port asking for funding to enhance the boat dock area. Community Development Committee will review and make a recommendation. Mayor Lawrence asked that the city have a plan and cost estimate before a funding decision is made.

Mayor Lawrence said she will be forwarding our legislative agenda to our legislators as Councilmember Murray suggested. She also reminded council that there is a state website where they can see what legislation is being considered and gives contact information for our legislators.

Mayor Lawrence asked council to think about committee assignments as they will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**From Staff:**

Chief Cooper commented that the street department has done a terrific job maintaining the streets during the recent snows. He also thanked Darlene Gentry for her efforts in completing the fire department retro pay. Cooper thanked the police department for their support during accidents and other calls where they cooperate. He thanked the firefighters for the good job they do also. He thanked Clerk Storey for her work on the budget and the knowledge she shares.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for December 27, 2016 of \$163,616.31. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to approve the bills as read. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Pierce reported on the December 20 meeting. Committee was made aware of several comments from members of the public who received good service from the fire and police departments. Chief Cooper talked about an upcoming SAFER grant opportunity for staffing. Chief Cooper is working on improving our fire insurance rating. The police department is working on training for 2017.

**Public Works:** No meeting.

**Admin Committee:** No meeting.

**Community Development:** No meeting.

**Outside Organizations:** Councilmember Kolstad said that the director of the PTBA complimented the street crew for their street maintenance during the recent snows.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance No. 1578, 2017 Budget, 2nd Reading for Action**

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Ordinance No. 1578 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/PIERCE to adopt Ordinance No. 1578. Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance No. 1574, Amending CMC 5.44, Gambling Tax, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Action**

Ordinance No. 1574 was read by title. MOTION BY CAMPBELL/BEADLES to adopt Ordinance No. 1574. Motion carried, 5-1, Beauchamp opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution No. 2016-14, Salaries for Non-represented Employees**

Resolution No. 2016-14 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/BEAUCHAMP to approve Resolution No. 2016-14. Councilmember Campbell asked if this means that a person replacing an existing employee would be paid at this rate. Mayor Lawrence said it does. Councilmember Murray suggested a committee look at a different salary structure. Councilmember Beauchamp commented that offering a lower wage would limit the applicant pool and we want to attract qualified applicants. Motion carried

**B. Resolution No. 2016-16, Position Allocation**

Resolution No. 2016-16 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to approve Resolution No. 2016-16. Councilmember Beauchamp asked why two unfunded fire positions are on the list. Mayor Lawrence explained that there has not been a staffing decision made yet for the fire department, so those position are still authorized although not funded in the budget. Motion carried.

**C. Resolution No. 2016-17, Sick Leave Cash-out Policy**

Resolution No. 2016-17 was read by title. MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/KOLSTAD to approve Resolution No. 2016-17. Motion carried.

**D. Southway Bridge Grant Commitment**

Mayor Lawrence said the TBD fund will end the year with about \$390,000. The Southway Bridge group felt that a larger matching share would improve our chances for receiving grant funding for the resurfacing project. MOTION BY BEADLES/PIERCE to commit \$150,000 as matching funds for Southway Bridge grant applications. Motion carried.

**E. Tourism Funding Agreement, Visit L-C Valley**

MOTION BY CAMPBELL/KOLSTAD to authorize the agreement with Visit L-C Valley. Motion carried.

**F. Tourism Funding Agreement, Rotary**

MOTION BY KOLSTAD/BEAUCHAMP to approve the funding agreement with the Clarkston Rotary. Motion carried.

**G. Funding Agreement, Asotin County Health District**

MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/PIERCE to approve the funding agreement with Asotin County Health District. Motion carried.

**H. Funding Agreement, Valley Vision**

MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to approve the funding agreement with Valley Vision. Motion carried, 5-1, Beauchamp opposed.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Beadles thanked Chief Cooper for his hard work. He also commented that Greg Kammers is a valuable employee who saves the city money with his abilities to repair and maintain equipment. Councilmembers Pierce, Beauchamp and Campbell also complimented city staff for all their hard work and dedication.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Vickie Storey, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 12/27/16	Ck # 63040-76, Nov2016excise	\$30,157.59
Total Fund Expenditures,		
Payroll, 12/15/16	Ck # 63022-39	\$133,458.72