

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 12, 2018

ROLL CALL: Pat Holman, Russ Evans, Joel Profitt, Skate Pierce, Belinda Campbell, Brian Kolstad, John Murray.

STAFF: Chief Hastings, Chief Cooper, PWD Poole, Clerk Austin, Attorney Richardson.

AGENDA CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

Alice White – 742 13th Street

Brian Shinn – 929 Beachview – County Commissioner, on behalf of County. Commissioner Shinn advised the Council of an upcoming Town Hall meeting. There will be a presentation on Stormwater and public opinion on financing and building new a new jail. The meeting will be February 22, 2018 at 6:30pm.

B. From Mayor: Mayor Lawrence mentioned letter of thanks from Valley Vision. She advised the council that Epic will host a Night Out for Families. Councilmembers were provided information on donating to the CHS Senior party. A letter to Local 2299 regarding the timeline of events on the recent personnel issue was distributed.

C. From Staff or Employees: PWD Poole spoke regarding the 6th & Chestnut patching project that was mentioned in a letter in the Lewiston Tribune. He advised that as soon as it is available, the area will be fixed with hot mix asphalt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Admin: Councilmember Murray reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for the February 12, 2018 period of \$479,684.72. Total adjusted expenditures for June Endo of Month (EOM), September EOM, October EOM, November EOM, and December EOM of \$539,233.68. MOTION BY PIERCE/EVANS to approve the bills as read. The Committee reviewed the current voting rights legislation that discusses having cities divide into districts for representation. Mayor Lawrence advised that it puts a burden on City to prove that population is being represented fairly. Clarkston is only 1.9 square miles and would be divided into seven districts. The Council gave consensus for the Mayor to contact the Legislators voicing the City's opposition to the plan.

Public Safety: Councilmember Campbell reported that the committee met on February 6. Chief Hastings explained that the legislature had passed Senate House Bill 1501 that requires retailers to report failed background checks on the purchase of guns. This report is provided to the Chiefs and Sheriffs Association and in turn passed on to the proper jurisdiction to investigate. To help offset the costs of these investigations, the state has a grant that Chief Hastings would like to apply for. This would generate up to \$500 per case. We will have this on the agenda for discussion.

The Police Department will be sending a new hire to the Police Academy in Spokane. This is a 5 month long course.

The Clarkston EPIC program in partnership with the Clarkston School District will be holding a Family Night Out program called Strengthening Families Workshop. It is designed to give parents the tools

they need to create a successful family plan. Officer John Morbeck will also be on hand. A flyer was included with the agenda packet for tonight's meeting.

Officer Morbeck has also just returned from an active shooter training program held in the Tri Cities. Officer Morbeck was sponsored by the Clarkston School District. This was more of brushing up on what's new as Officer Morbeck is an instructor on active shooter training.

Chief Cooper gave us an update on the last four years of ambulance revenue and call volume. He also gave us a copy of a flyer that will be distributed with Tri State Memorial Hospitals newsletter as to when to "Make the Right Call". This flyer is in reference to knowing when to call 911. It is designed to help the public in determining when calling 911 is the right choice. The flyer is attached to tonight's agenda. Chief also discussed user fees. The last increase in user fees was in 2016. He suggested we might want to look at increasing these fees in 2019. A suggested 3% increase would generate roughly \$2700. This will be for discussion at a later date as we review materials regarding the past few years.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported that Ordinance 2.20.010 Calls for the appointment of a Board of Park Commissioners. Clarkston needs to develop a Parks Master Plan to compete for parks and rec grants. The demolition of the pool/skate park was discussed. Washington Cities Insurance Authority has a grant fund available for damage and mitigation of risk. This money is something that can be used for an issue that our insurance company has listed as a serious risk on our annual insurance audit. The City may be able to assign revenue from recycling to create a reserve fund to be used for park improvements. We need to encourage local entities and residents to use the City recycle bins. The more we get, the faster our reserves can be built up. Currently Clarkston takes cardboard, magazines, newspaper/waste paper, and tin/aluminum. The local collection bins are located on 11th St just south of Sycamore St. in the Presbyterian Church parking lot. There is one near the intersection of Maple and Burns by Arnold Park. The last one is behind Albertsons off of Fair St. The more clean and well sorted the recycling is, the more valuable is it to the city. Efforts are being made to expand our recycling to include #1 and #2 plastics and glass, and expanding the amount of locations.

Thursday 2/15/18 there is a webinar on conservation funding and board grant programs, from the Washington Recreation and Conservation Grants. Examples of intended uses of the grants include playground equipment, sports courts/fields and restroom facilities. Safe Routes to schools grants are also coming up soon for application. Proposed projects include the shovel ready project at Grantham, and Poplar between 13th and 15th Streets. Multiple agency funding is available to get the projects done. The large shelter at Beachview Park is getting a face lift. A new roof, paint and minor structural repairs are being performed. The Code enforcement ordinance has gone through legal review and is being written for council action. Our sidewalk improvement project will commence soon. Letters will be sent to property owners informing them of their options. The state will pay for the sections on Bridge St between 2nd St and the Interstate Bridge.

Outside Organizations: Councilmember Kolstad advised that the PTBA had an end of year celebration recognizing drivers and employees at PTBA. PTBA began in 2010, and ridership has increased 35%. PTBA provided 119 free Veteran's rides in the month of November. The number of Summer Kids Freedom pass total was 2502. In October, kids 17 and under ride for half price. There have been 7600 boardings in 2 years with no accidents.

Councilmember Profitt advised SEWEDA met last Friday regarding Regional Economic Development. They are looking at four areas of potential projects for future.

Mayor Lawrence advised that the MPO is moving forward with Comprehensive Plan. PWD Poole advised that Comprehensive Plan is needed to get approval for grants going forward.

Councilmember Evans advised that the EMS Council will kick off the when to call campaign this week.

Chief Cooper advised it will be revised for April kickoff. Councilmember Campbell attended the American Steamboat presentation regarding river boat traffic in Clarkston. Another boat will join for 2019. The City will want to explore options to convince them to remain at Port of Clarkston.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **Apollo Energy Group Report on City Energy Audit (Public Works).** Scott Lewis from Apollo Energy Solutions, and Chris McCarthy from State Dept Enterprise Services presented findings on energy audit for the City. Motion by KOLSTAD/PIERCE to proceed with investment grade audit. Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **SHB 1501 Grant Program Application Approval (Public Safety)** Chief Hastings explained the SHB 1501 grant to provide funds to offset investigation. Reimbursement is available from the State on investigation costs for firearm purchases. Motion by CAMPBELL/EVANS to apply for the grant. Motion Carried

B. **2017-2019 Stormwater Capacity Grant Partnership Agreement (Public Works)** PWD Poole advised this is a cooperative agreement with County and City of Asotin to combine funds into a \$150,000 grant to be administered by Asotin County. Motion by MURRAY/KOLSTAD to approve the grant partnership agreement. Motion Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Campbell commented on the CHS Career Fair and the good turnout. Kolstad commended PWD Poole on the current level of activity in Clarkston. Profitt thanked Chief Hastings and Sergeant Odenborg for providing him with a ride along opportunity. Evans also commented on the professionalism, courtesy and compassion of the officers. He advised we have a great police force.

PRESS QUESTIONS: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 02/12/18	Ck # 65659-65760	\$180,758.43
Payroll 02/5/18	Ck# 65623-65656	\$298,926.29
2017 EOM Total Expenditures		\$539,233.68