

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 13, 2020

ROLL CALL: Skate Pierce, Belinda Larsen, John Murray, Russ Evans, Pat Holman, Melyssa Andrews and Steven Ebert joined telephonically.

STAFF: Chief Hastings, Chief White, PWD Poole, Clerk Austin.

AGENDA CHANGES: Mayor Lawrence provided guidance for the teleconference meeting procedure. She advised to add: Letter of Support for Port of Clarkston Grant to New Business Item C and the Building Department Organizing the File Room Grant to New Business Item D.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the March 23, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: None

B. From the Mayor: Mayor Lawrence reminded everyone to fill out the Census. It can be filed online.

C. From Staff or Employees: City Department heads provided Council with an update on department procedures that have been implemented during the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Did not meet. Total expenditures for the April 13, 2020 period of \$519,124.84. MOTION BY MURRAY/HOLMAN to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: Did not meet.

Public Works: Did not meet.

Outside Organizations: No reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2020-03 Surplus of UV lighting PWD Poole provided Council the information on the surplus of UV lighting components. PWD Poole advised that Lewiston City Engineer Joe Kaufmann and the University of Idaho are making sanitizing cabinets for healthcare and first responders. Councilmember Murray asked if the City was making the surplus available to anyone on a first come, first served basis. PWD Poole advised that was correct. He stated that U of I has been given 60 bulbs. Councilmember Holman asked if the cabinets would be offered to the local hospitals. PWD Poole advised that they were made available and was being coordinated with U of I and Kauffman. St Joseph Regional Medical Center has been provided at least one unit. He advised that the Clarkston Fire Department decided to use a vapor sanitizing system and Tri State Memorial Hospital has decontamination room already. MOTION BY HOLMAN/MURRAY to adopt resolution. Motion Carried.

B. Agreement for Professional Services – Keller Associates PWD Poole provided the information to Council on the agreement for Keller Associates to provide the WWTP Master Plan update. MOTION BY EVANS/EBERT authorize agreement. Murray asked what the 2020 budgeted amount for the project was. PWD Poole advised that the City had \$120,000 budgeted. He stated that

since a couple of projects on hold for the WWTP, there would be additional funds available since the agreement requires \$129,000 for this study. Motion Carried.

C. Letter of Support for Port of Clarkston Grant Mayor Lawrence advised Council of the letter to support the Port in application for a grant to improve the 14th Street dock. MOTION BY HOLMAN/ANDREWS authorize agreement. Motion Carried.

D. Authorization to apply for the Organizing the File Room Grant PWD Poole provided information on the grant for the building department. MOTION BY LARSEN/MURRAY to authorize agreement. Murray asked if the staff member would be full-time for the grant. PWD Poole advised it would be a full-time temporary position. He advised it would include benefits, but the benefits are included in the grant amount. Larsen asked for the total amount. PWD Poole advised it was for \$49,600. Motion Carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Larsen asked Chief Hastings if there was any insight to why the homeless and panhandler presence had dropped initially, but now has increased again. Chief Hastings agreed initially they were not around but have increased lately. He advised that it was due to unknown reasons. Larsen asked why the City was leaving park equipment open such as slides and swings that may be spreading germs to children. Mayor Lawrence advised that short of fencing off the entire parks, the City does not have a lot of options. PWD Poole commented that every morning City crews are replacing tape at both Arnold and Beachview parks. He advised that it would be expensive to fence off all the parks. The important thing is that people are practicing safe social distancing. He advised that people need to take same precautions as they do at stores. Councilmember Evans stated that even the process of taping off the areas would leave germs, so he stated he thinks that the City has done enough in that department. Councilmember Andrews asked if the City could place hand sanitizer in the parks. Mayor Lawrence advised it would be hard to secure it so it couldn't be taken. Clerk Austin advised that currently the City does not have enough sanitizer and cannot get any at this time. Larsen asked if the City could put up construction barrels or remove the playground equipment – for instance removing the swing seats. PWD Poole advised he could have the equipment removed if Council directs such action. Atty Richardson advised that other jurisdictions are leaving swings, only blocking off areas that do not encourage social distancing. Mayor Lawrence advised that the parks are one place that some families can go, about the only place that families and apartment dwellers can go that provides green space and provides a way for citizens to be in nature. Evans advised he agreed with Mayor Lawrence. Murray also agreed but stated that he does not think that is Larsen's issue. Mayor Lawrence advised that the bathrooms would remain closed for now, to limit contamination. Evans thanked the department heads and City employees for doing a good job. Andrews agreed with Evans.

PRESS QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Total Fund Expenditures 4/13/20 | Ck # 70329-70402 | \$202,697.71 |
| Payroll 4/3/20 | Ck # 70297-70325 | \$316,427.13 |