

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 22, 2019

ROLL CALL: Russ Evans, Skate Pierce, Joel Profitt, Belinda Larsen, John Murray and Melyssa Andrews. Pat Holman excused on MOTION BY LARSEN/ANDREWS. Motion carried.

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

AGENDA CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Tamara Arasmith, 1505 9th Street
John Manus, 1348 8th Street
Virginia Copeland 1404 9th Street
Chuck Dwyer, (Business owner) 1013 Bridge Street
Mark Huett, (Property Owner) Snake River Avenue, Asotin
Robert Kite, 911 Highland Avenue
Jodi Dwyer, (Business Owner) 1013 Bridge Street
Scott Sheldon (Business Owner) 1013 Bridge Street
Michelle Radamaker (Architect) 2221 Chukar Lane

B. From Mayor: None

C. From Staff or Employees: PWD Poole advised that the Chamber of Commerce planted flowers in the parks over the weekend.

D. Update on Lodging Tax from Visit LC Valley: Michelle Peters: President Peters presented Council with an update on the use of the Lodging Tax Funds by Visit LC Valley. There has been a downturn of 18% since the last quarter of 2018 and continued this year. One of the causes that has been identified is the departure of Horizon Air. There were 21,000 cruise passengers to the area in 2018. With limited air transportation it has been difficult trying to get the passengers to spend time in the area before and after the cruise. Visit LC Valley will be working with the airport to attract more carriers. There have been multiple new businesses started, including Nez Perce Tours, and Twisted Vines. American Song is the third cruise boat to begin travel to Clarkston. Tourism generated \$32.3 million during 2017, of that \$5.4 million was spent on lodging. Local tax receipts generated \$700,000 in the last year. A new Best Western hotel is nearing completion. Visit LC Valley is marketing Clarkston together with Lewiston in travel magazines and guides both in the United States and International markets. Visitors from thirteen countries took Hells Canyon jet boat excursions last year. Visit LC Valley is also using digital marketing. Peters reported that the wine industry is expanding in the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Councilmember Murray reported that the Committee reviewed and approved the bills for payment. Total expenditures for the April 22, 2019 period of \$202,923.60 and the March EOM period of \$118.79. MOTION BY ANDREWS/EVANS to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: Councilmember Larsen reported on the April 16th meeting. Chief Cooper briefed the committee on thank you notes to Danny Tietz, Pat Emerich, and Oris Janzen for work they recently

completed for the fire department, and to Heather Harrington for organizing a blood drive. Chief Cooper also presented the Red Flag Task Force contract renewal. The Red Flag task force is a multi-agency that works together on wildland fires. (Agenda item) Chief also asked if the committee would review ordinance 1322 in regards to opening burning regulations within the city limits. Chief Hastings presented the contract with the Army Corps of Engineers for patrols along the levy and park to begin in May. This contract, at \$5409.60, covers the patrol costs, training for Corps staff and administrative costs. (Agenda item) Nelly Broadcasting has requested downtown street closure for June 13th and July 11th for Alive After Five. (Agenda item) The police department participated in an active shooter training at Tri State Memorial Hospital. This exercise also involved other local agencies. The Police Department recognized Matt Malakowsky as Officer of the Year.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported on the April 16th meeting. There was a further discussion on the CDBG grant program. Mr. Snodgrass and Director Poole have been working on the budgeting that was an issue at the previous meeting. The \$60,000 amount that would be on the City above what the grant provided, has been winnowed down to roughly \$16,000. That amount can be found in other programs, or if the Washington State bill 1406 passes that money could be used to fill our needs with this program. Mr. Snodgrass has reached out to different municipalities that are running this program. Cowlitz County was able to provide a tremendous amount of information for us. Stevenson, WA of Skamania county has a Community Action agency in Oregon that helps run the CDBG program. We're waiting to hear back from Okanogan about any difficulties that they have with their program. Based on the information from this discussion, if we can budget the \$5000 for CEDA, the committee would make a recommendation that the council move ahead with this program. PWD Poole gave an update on the Bridge/Diagonal project. Funding obligation paperwork has been submitted on the design. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan has been finalized. There will be a P&Z public hearing, then there will be a public hearing for the council. The council meeting will allow us to accept the findings, and approve any zoning changes put forth by the Comp Plan. There was a discussion on the findings for the ZC-2019-01. In May the Council will be approached to approve a 36 unit 3 story apartment building at 1388 Poplar after the final plans have been received. Council will be asked for an Ordinance to approve.

Outside Organizations: Mayor Lawrence advised that the Health District met and approved the March financials and payroll. Statistics reviewed and updated on the syringe exchange. There was also an update on solid waste and the food program. Councilmember Evans reported on the EMS Council meeting. The Committee would like to provide blood clotting kits. The kits would be mounted in AED boxes. The Committee is asking for \$200 from the cities and county to fund. They discussed the active shooter exercise at Tri State. Lewiston Fire Chief Myklebust spoke regarding the participation that went into the exercise. ACFD Chief Hardin advised that they are close to selecting a contractor for the station in the Clarkston Heights. The overall cost should be around \$2.9 million, with completion next year. Autumn St Amaud with the Red Cross spoke on provided services. Evans also reported on the PTBA meeting. The 5th Street bus stop has been completed and curbing installed and trees planted. A grant application for three new vans has been submitted. PTBA will have two buses here in June. There will be training for staff on aggressive passengers. The bus lines will be shut down for the day to complete training that will be held in conjunction with Lewiston Transit, and the Apaloosa Express. Ridership was up by 811 riders over March 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 1615, Amending CMC 14.06.070 Stormwater Rates, 2nd Reading (Finance/Admin) MOTION BY MURRAY/PIERCE to adopt the ordinance. Motion Carried

B. Professional Services Contract – CEDA CDBG Grant Application (Public Works)

MOTION BY PIERCE/ANDREWS to take from table. Motion Carried. PWD Poole presented Council with information. Clerk/Treasurer Austin provided Council with documentation and a breakdown of anticipated costs. A vote for approval on the motion from the April 8, 2019 meeting was held. Motion Failed.

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION BY PIERCE/LARSEN to approve the consent items. Motion Carried

- A. Request for Street Closure – Alive after Five (Public Safety)
- B. Authorization of Special Event Permit – Mac McClean Memorial Bike Show (Public Works)
- C. Contract for Police Services – Army Corps of Engineers (Public Safety)
- D. Mutual Aid Agreement – Red Flag Task Force (Public Safety)
- E. Findings of Facts Conclusion of Law – ZC2019-01 (Public Works)

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 1616, Zone Change – 919 Highland Avenue, 1st Reading (Public Works) Vote will be at next meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Murray impressed on the audience that the first reading of the ordinance is a formality. The vote and discussion will be at next meeting. Councilmember Pierce requested clarification if a hearing was needed on a zone change. Attorney Richardson and Clerk Austin advised that the only hearing is before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Larsen requested a timeline from Huett for development. Huett explained the plans for development, and advised it would be 6-8 weeks until completion. Murray reminded Council that they were voting on the zone change not the building or development. Councilmember Andrews asked if she could receive a copy of survey that the homeowners in the area mentioned. Andrews provided positive comments for the entire valley with the recent injured officer and flooding, the community came together. She advised that the community we live in is an amazing one.

PRESS QUESTIONS: Tribune Reporter Sandaine asked for clarification on the name of Robert Kite.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 4/20/19	Ck # 68290-68327	\$63,305.11
Payroll 4/20/19	Ck # 66278-66289	\$139,618.49