

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 23, 2018

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Todd Snarr - 1867 Fredrickson Drive, Clarkston
Lorrie Scoles - 915 Cypress Street, Lewiston

B. From Mayor: Mayor Lawrence reminded the Council that the second meeting in May will be on Tuesday due to Memorial Day. Information was given to Council regarding the progress of the GEMT program. The City received a thank-you letter from the Guardian Foundation for supporting their money-raising functions.

C. From Staff or Employees: Attorney Richardson advised Council that the City will be incarcerating more individuals that are arrested for misdemeanor crimes like Theft 3rd Degree for repeat offenders. PWD Poole announced that the Governor has declared two of Clarkston Census Tracts as an “opportunity zone.” This allows for incentives for private investors to develop properties in this zone. PWD Poole advised that the Relight 6th Street Bid will open on May 3rd with work to begin around June 1st. He also advised that Dr. Robin Henderson will have an open house at 535 5th Street. The older chiropractor facility has been rehabilitated into a state of the art dental office. PWD Poole advised that bids had been received on the Sidewalk Project. Attorney Richardson advised that of the two bids received, the lowest bidder did not include all of the paperwork. PWD Poole advised that McCalls Classic Construction will be awarded the contract for the sidewalk project.

D. Regional Stormwater Presentation – Asotin County Public Works Director Dustin Johnson and Stormwater Coordinator Matt Carlson updated Council on the Regional Stormwater Program. Johnson advised that Regional Stormwater is updating the partners with the most current information to promote dialogue to shape the program going forward. Carlson gave a utility snapshot of the Stormwater Program, providing the history of the program detailing the rate as initially introduced at \$5 per ERU monthly that was subsidized at some level by the City of Clarkston from 2011 through 2014. Carlson detailed the reduction to \$4 per ERU monthly, because there was a surplus of funds that had been carried over from year to year. However, by 2014 those funds had been depleted, and it was projected that the rate would need to be increased to \$5 per ERU monthly in 2016. The budget was cut to balance the costs at the current rate, but is unsustainable. Councilmember Murray asked what projects would be cut. Carlson advised it would be stormwater projects that are outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan. Murray asked if it would affect maintenance of the current system. Carlson replied that it wouldn't, it would be just the replacement of failing systems and building of new systems. Murray asked if it would increase our exposure to not meeting stormwater compliance. Carlson said it would not affect compliance in the short term. Councilmember Profitt asked how long would it be before the stormwater system would fail to meet compliance. Carlson advised that there would need to be additional analysis to determine that information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Councilmember Murray reported that the Committee discussed Resolution 2018-02 regarding Surplus SCBA tank valves (Agenda Item). The bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for the April 23, 2018 period of \$258,021.34. MOTION BY HOLMAN/EVANS to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: Councilmember Campbell reported that Chief Cooper reminded us there will be civil service testing on May 4th and 5th for a Paramedic Firefighter and Firefighter EMT. Since Captain Sokoloski's retirement, we are able to use reserves until June 1st. There was a nice article in the Tribune regarding when to call 911. Chief Cooper would like to remind everyone that although we want to know when to call, we don't want to discourage anyone either. Our senior community, specifically, continues to need our help and should not be afraid to pick up the phone. Our levy money that is voted on every year is designed to help keep our community safe. Chief Cooper has also been working on ambulance specs for either a new ambulance or chase down the costs to remount an ambulance box onto a new chassis. Per the conversation at the last Public Safety meeting, Chief Cooper took a drive along 18th Ave. in Lewiston and agrees that we (Clarkston) could use some of the same type of traffic calming devices for our streets. There are three or four streets in Clarkston where traffic calming might help to alleviate or reduce the number of accidents and push traffic to use main thoroughfares rather than residential streets. A couple of areas mentioned included Highland 8th street, between Fleshman Way and Highland. Also 5th and 6th Street areas coming from Asotin and Riverview. Hopefully, this could be the year to implement some changes, or at least budget for them for next year.

Chief Hastings has asked that we add to the agenda the request from the Corps of Engineers to provide extra patrols along the levy, and in particular the Beachview area. We have helped the Corps through the summer months with these patrols for the past several years. We receive money to pay our officers for these extra patrols that they then perform on their non-scheduled days. Chief Hastings attended a jail task force meeting. They set out to define the task forces goals and objectives. Also up for discussion, would there be enough interest for a regional jail rather than just one entity owning and then charging for use. This might be a more affordable alternative, to share the costs with other jurisdictions. Chief Hastings also discussed mandatory training for our officers. Last week was firearm training and this next week they will be updated on current and updated laws coming from legislative actions.

Campbell reminder the Council that the Red Wolf Bridge will be closed due to construction from April 23rd to May 25th. This will cause a diversion of about 4,600 vehicles per day on Bridge Street. We can expect to see reminders and notifications regarding this closure throughout the Valley.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported that a presentation on the Regional Stormwater Project will be presented to the full Council and the public. The current Stormwater Project estimate will be presented to Council to pay, and we've already been reimbursed. We're waiting on reimbursement for the next project before we approve the payment. Council must pass a resolution approving the Sidewalk Project. Then there will be a public hearing 2 weeks after. After the hearing the council must act on the proposed plan or choose not to. We have a 80% agreement compliance with the project. Property owners who don't comply with the city's request to join the larger project or complete the work themselves will face a lien on their property. The imposition of the lien will require council action. This was a long and involved conversation, and will undoubtedly reach the full council for discussion once all wrinkles have been ironed out. Plans are to do a second project in the Fall.

We need the Council to approve this fire inspection and plan review agreement. At this time we do not have anyone on staff certified for fire inspection and review of fire alarm/sprinkler plans. This contract with Washington State Police (WSP) provides for inspection and plan review of fire protection related items. WSP costs will be paid through plan review fees and special inspection permits. These costs will cover staff time and WSP costs.

Outside Organizations: Councilmember Evans advised that the April 10 EMS meeting there was a discussion on the pressure at the State level to increase funding. Councilmember Pierce advised that the Health District meeting reported that WIC numbers are down. The Health District Officer discussed the future plans for addressing the Opioid epidemic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **Announcement of FIT Radio Grant Award (Finance/Admin)** PWD Poole advised that the City was successful in the application for \$10,000 toward a fitness center. This is seed money that we

can use to get community partners to buy in to build a \$100,000 fitness facility at Beachview Park. PWD Poole will approach the Rotary to see if they will spearhead the project. If the funds cannot be raised, there is no obligation to the City. Mayor Lawrence asked when the deadline was for grant acceptance. PWD Poole advised it was this Friday. Councilmember Campbell asked for clarification of the type of fitness equipment and if there was any liability to the City. PWD Poole explained the equipment stations. Attorney Richardson said that the liability is covered by the current City recreation clause. Motion by PIERCE/CAMPBELL to accept the grant. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration of Proclamation of May as Older American’s Month Mayor Lawrence introduced Nancy Fontaine, Chair of the Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care/Asotin County Advisory Council to introduce the Proclamation. Fontaine proposed a proclamation to declare May 2018 as Older Americans Month. Motion by KOLSTAD/MURRAY to proclaim May as Older Americans Month. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of Contract for Corps Patrol (Public Safety) Chief Hastings presented the contract with the Army Corps of Engineers for summer patrols along the Greenbelt Trail. Motion by EVANS/CAMPBELL to approve the contract. Councilmember Murray asked if the cost of patrol is covered by the contract. Chief Hastings advised that the Corps is paying the overtime costs for the officers working patrol. Motion carried.

C. Consideration of WSP Fire Plan Review Contract (Public Works) PWD Poole presented the contract with Washington State Patrol for Fire Plan Review for the next five years. Motion by KOLSTAD/PROFITT to approve the contract. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2018-01 2018 Sidewalk Project and Public Hearing (Public Works) PWD Poole explained the resolution to provide the public hearing for the 2018 Sidewalk Project. Motion by PIERCE/HOLMAN to authorize resolution. Councilmember Campbell asked for clarification on setting the public hearing date. Attorney Richardson advised that setting of the hearing for next meeting to provide for publishing for two weeks prior, and sending out letters to affected landowners. Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2018-02 Surplus SCBA Equipment (Finance/Admin) Chief Cooper explained the resolution to surplus SCBA equipment to trade in for new equipment. Motion by EVANS/KOLSTAD to authorize the resolution. Motion carried.

F. Ordinance 1602 – Amend 16.32.060 Maintenance of Sidewalks and Driveways 1st Reading (Public Works) Vote at next Council Meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

PRESS QUESTIONS: Tribune reporter Kerri Sandaine asked if the charge of Theft 3/Shoplifting is a Gross Misdemeanor, and inquired if there would be room in the jail to hold the individuals. Chief Hastings advised that the process will add time through the Court process. Attorney Richardson advised that he will meet with the Court to also try to get repeat offenders held when arrested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:58p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 04/23/18	Ck # 66121-66165	\$131,679.38
Payroll 04/5/18	Ck # 66107-66120	\$126,342.96