

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**July 8, 2019**

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

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

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:** Evelyn Williams, 1346 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Catherine Crow, 1246 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richard Root, 1007 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jeannie Joly, 709 Libby Street

**B. From Mayor:** Mayor Lawrence advised Council that there would be no Public Safety or Public Works Committee Meetings on Tuesday, July 16 due to department heads being out of the office next week. Notice will be posted at City Hall. She also advised that the Police Department received an online comment thanking the officers for performing a welfare check on a family member of the commenter.

**C. From Staff or Employees:** PWD Poole advised those commenting during the public communication time that they can fill out a code compliance complaint on the offending properties. He advised that the code enforcement officer will be coordinating with the Fire Department and Police to follow up on the issues that were discussed. Chief Baskett advised that he has visited quite a few residences that have weeds growing, and left door hangers. Chief Hastings reported on the Police response to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He advised it was the busiest day all year. There were 47 calls for service, including several serious cases that needed investigation. These included a physical assault, 2 vehicle accidents, assisting Asotin County with a gunshot victim, resulting in seven arrests. Alcohol was a factor in almost all the arrests. The Police received only six fireworks complaints, assisted with two County calls, and confiscated multiple fireworks. Chief Baskett advised that the department responded to eight EMS calls, none that were fireworks related. They also responded to five fire calls, including a couple of assistance calls to Lewiston, none that were officially related to fireworks. There was a shed in an alley that was the only structure fire. This was quickly extinguished, with no injuries. There was a trash can fire by Walmart, The Chief advised that he and Fire crews were patrolling the City on the holiday. The ambulance responded to a few serious incidents including a vehicle versus motorcycle accident, an ATV accident, and the gunshot victim mentioned by Chief Hastings. PWD Poole advised that the Public Works crews were more busy on Friday night from the storms in the valley. There were multiple reports of tree limbs in the streets and the trees damaged in City parks. It was fairly quiet on the holiday for the Public Works crews.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/Admin:** Councilmember Murray reported that the Committee reviewed and approved the

bills for payment. Total expenditures for the July 8, 2019 period of \$457,812.52. MOTION BY ANDREWS/MURRAY to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Holman reported on the July 2nd meeting. He advised that Chief Hastings talked about the Positive Ticket program that's been going on this summer and will continue until Labor Day. Officers will look for youngsters that are doing something good and positive such as wearing their bicycle helmets and give them a free pass to the Aquatic Center. The goal is to create positive interaction between the police and our children. Chief Hastings also said he was looking into a program that would enable citizens to report online email fraud. This program would simply try to educate the public on what to be aware of. Lewiston already has this in place and is working. Both the Fire Department and the Police Department will have extra staff on duty for the 4th. There will be extra brush trucks at critical areas and police officers will be on foot at and around Adams Field. Chief Baskett said he would like to update and add to the agenda the Fire Protection Mutual Aid Agreement between the Clarkston Fire Department and the Clearwater Paper Fire Department. It's the same agreement but the original signers are no longer employed.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Pierce reported on the July 2nd meeting. He advised the Committee discussed the sight distance issue due to shrubbery at 4th and Elm Streets. Code Compliance was done in May after a complaint. There is a power pole and bushes obstructing the view down Elm Street. City Code requires that the shrubs be trimmed to 36 inches in height, with 130 feet sight line in either direction from the stop bar. Also, the bushes don't allow enough space for ADA accessibility at this location. The Code Enforcement Officer is going to work with the landowners to make sure the intersection is in compliance and safe. The Committee also discussed tree trimming and sight obstruction of road signs and in alleys. We have trees along 6th Street that need trimming or removal. The Public Works Department would like to work with the Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses to add new, more sidewalk friendly trees, or other amenities requested and paid for by the business owners. The Department of Ecology Recycling Grant was discussed. There is \$60,000 available with a 25% match to the grant. This would allow the City to expand recycling by purchasing more dumpsters to collect both plastic and glass at our satellite collection locations. This plan would need support from the surrounding entities. It could result in cheaper landfill disposal costs.

**Outside Organizations:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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

- A. **Fire Protection Mutual Aid Agreement (Public Safety)**
- B. **Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law – ZC-2019-03, 917 Chestnut Street (Public Works)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Ordinance 1632, Zone Change – 917 Chestnut Street, 1st Reading (Public Works)**  
Vote will be at next meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Councilmember Pierce reported that Black Cat Pyro Paradise put in a huge effort to clean up debris after the holiday. They filled a trailer twice with debris from the area of Parkway Elementary and the High School, as well as by Lincoln Middle School. On Friday, Pierce reported driving down five different streets and saw very little debris. Councilmember Andrews commented that the Girl Scouts helped with a good community effort and were awarded prizes. Pierce added that the Boy Scouts were also involved. Councilmember Murray thanked those that commented tonight, allowing the Council to know what the citizens want to see addressed. He encouraged them to attend the Public Works Committee meeting. Andrews agreed that it can be frustrating having uncooperative, messy neighbors. She advised that the with citizen input the Council can figure something out together. Mayor Lawrence advised that one of the main concerns and complaints received from a survey sent by the City is getting people to maintain their yards. Councilmember Profitt advised that the process takes time. It is not as easy as just writing a ticket, the City has to take action that is appropriate. Attorney Richardson advised that government process moves slowly. Pierce advised that the paved alleys are nice to walk through, despite the problems that are being addressed.

**PRESS QUESTIONS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

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Steve Austin, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 7/8/19	Ck # 68708-68762	\$127,532.45
Payroll 7/5/19	Ck # 68678-68706	\$330,280.07