

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 24, 2020

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES: Correct Item A and Item B under Consent Agenda to reflect correct year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: None

B. From the Mayor: Mayor Lawrence advised that the Department of Ecology announced an award for WWTP for excellent operation for the 2019 year. She applauded the receipt of the award for the past eight or nine years. Mayor Lawrence gave an update on COVID 19 statistics for Asotin County. She advised that one month ago there were 21 reported cases, with 47 cases as of today.

C. From Staff or Employees:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Did not meet. Total expenditures for the July EOM period of \$179.62 and the August 24, 2020 period of \$238,485.82. MOTION BY ANDREWS/MURRAY to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: Mayor Lawrence advised that the Committee did not meet.

Public Works: Mayor Lawrence advised that the Committee met on August 18, 2020. The minutes were included in the packet.

Outside Organizations: Minutes were included in the packet for review.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2020 & 2021 Six Year Transportation Improvement Programs

Mayor Lawrence opened the Public Hearing at 7:07p.m.

PWD Poole presented Council with the information on the 2020 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. These are lists of federally approved projects within the City of Clarkston. The 2020 list includes \$4,659,677 of project funding.

PWD Poole presented Council with the information on the 2021 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. The 2021 list includes \$3,626,677 of project funding. The federal funds are funneled to the City through the Lewis Clark MPO.

Councilmember Larsen asked if by approving the plans if the Council was approving changes to the projects. PWD Poole advised it was only assigning the federal fund allocations for the next six years. These funds can only be used for federally classified streets in the City.

Councilmember Murray asked if by approving the plan documents, the Council was approving the actual projects. PWD Poole advised that projects were listed, but some still have to be obligated, or have portions obligated. Murray asked if those obligations would require Council approval. PWD Poole advised that the obligations would have to be approved by Council.

Mayor Lawrence confirmed with Clerk Austin that no comments from the public had been received for the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The public hearing was closed at 7:14p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Council Update on Pending Litigation (City Attorney)

Attorney Richardson provided Council with an update on current civil and criminal litigation and matters that are presently pending in the courts for the City of Clarkston. Attorney Richardson advised that this was not a question and answer session, just a briefing of the cases. Any councilmember that needs further clarification can contact Richardson for more information.

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION BY ANDREWS/EVANS to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

- A. Resolution 2020-09 – 2020 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (Public Works)**
- B. Resolution 2020-10 – 2021 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (Public Works)**
- C. Sewer Line Access Easement (Public Works)**
- D. Conveyance of Real Property Sidewalk Right of Way (Public Works)**
- E. Palouse Area Law Enforcement Critical Incidence Response Team (Public Safety)**
- F. School Resource Officer Agreement (Public Safety)**
- G. Authorization of Funding Dept of Ecology WQC-2021-Clarks-00035 (Public Works)**
- H. Authorization of Funding Dept of Ecology WQC-2021-Clarks-00040 (Public Works)**

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Larsen asked for guidance on the Lodging Tax Committee meeting that is usually held in September with regards to restrictions due to COVID. Mayor Lawrence advised that the meeting could possibly be held in the Council Chambers while keeping social distancing and requirements from the State.

PRESS QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 8/24/20	Ck # 70129-71075	\$97,070.05
Total Fund Expenditures July EOM		\$179.62
Payroll 8/20/20	Ck # 71018-71028	\$141,415.77