

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**August 26, 2019**

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

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

**AGENDA CHANGES:** MOTION BY HOLMAN/MURRAY TO APPROVE absence for Councilmember Andrews. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. Presentation: Life Saving Recognition Award:** Mayor Lawrence introduced Hunter Herzog and advised that Councilmember Larsen would be giving him an award in recognition of his heroism. Herzog was fishing at the river and saw Jamie Hopper struggling in the water. He jumped in to help her and guided her to the shore. Councilmember Larsen presented Hunter Herzog with a certificate of recognition for his heroic act in rescuing a woman from drowning in the Snake River. Larsen also presented Herzog with a \$50.00 gift certificate to Shurman's True Value.

**B. Clarkston Fire Department Pinning Ceremony:** Chief Baskett introduced new employee, Charles Irwin III, and administered the Department oath. Irwin's mother pinned the department badge to his uniform.

**C. From the Public:** None

**D. From Mayor:** Mayor Lawrence thanked the Fire Department for participation in Career Day at Walla Walla Community College. She announced a Celebration of Life for Doug Renggli on August 31, 2019 from 12pm-5pm at the Valley Community Center (Pautler Center). Renggli was instrumental in the Farmers Market, Community Garden and assistance to the Police Department. He also scanned a lot of photos for the Washington State Archives.

**E. From Staff or Employees:** Chief Baskett explained that they were invited by Lewiston High School and WWCC for Career Day last Wednesday and will also be present for the Asotin High School Career day.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/Admin:** Councilmember Murray reported that the Committee discussed the Landlord Registration Ordinance and reviewed and approved the bills for payment. Total expenditures for the August 26, 2019 period of \$411,463.83. MOTION BY ANDREWS/EVANS to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Larsen reported on the August 20th meeting. Fire Chief Baskett discussed plans for updating policies, that will be presented at a later date. He also spoke about members of the department attending career day at Walla Walla Community College. Chief Hastings gave us a copy of the property destruction list he would like Council to approve. This is an agenda item. He also gave us an update from the jail committee. They have met with the selected architect who has experience in designing over 300 jails. He shared 3-D drawings and plans with the committee and also viewed the possible property sites for the jail. The committee has plans for a number of townhall meetings to educate and answer questions the public might have regarding the proposed sales tax. A design for an information pamphlet is currently in the works. School starts Wednesday so be on the lookout for the kids. The Police Department will have emphasis patrols in the school area to make sure the public is reminded to slow down.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Profitt reported on the August 20th meeting. The Committee discussed Benjamin Street sewer permits and hook-ups and inspection. Also discussed were the potential taxes on sewer and water for City residents and a water and sewer franchise ordinance.

**Outside Organizations:** Councilmember Evans reported that the PTBA met on August 14th. PTBA has purchased three new vans with grant funds. They are in the process of a Federal transit triennial review. Mayor Lawrence reported on the Board of Health meeting. She advised it was a routine meeting reviewing the bills for payment and they discussed an opening for a solid waste position.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance 1632, Zone Change – 917 Chestnut Street, 2nd Reading (Public Works)** MOTION TO RECONSIDER the MOTION TO REMAND THE FINDINGS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DELIBERATION WITH A DATE OF RETURN OF DELIBERATION BY AUGUST 26, 2019 by ANDREWS/MURRAY. Councilmember Profitt asked if the Planning Commission had met. PWD Poole advised that they did not have a quorum at the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16th. MOTION TO AMEND THE RECONSIDERED MOTION, STRIKING THE DATE OF RETURN BY PROFITT/ANDREWS. Amendment carried. Reconsideration of the motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution 2019-14, Surplus Property (Public Safety)** MOTION BY EVANS/HOLMAN to approve the resolution. Chief Hastings explained that this is surplus evidence that is of no value to the City or found property from homeless camps. If not claimed, then the City can surplus valued items and destroy non valued items. Motion Carried

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Councilmember Larsen requested changing the Public Safety Meeting to 1st and 3rd Mondays at 4pm. This change will begin on September 16th. Andrews thanked Council for approving the excused absence. She mentioned that she appreciated the ceremonies tonight. She also thanked Chief Hastings and Officer Morbeck for the active shooter training that was presented at Walmart.

**PRESS QUESTIONS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Lawrence advised that the Council would be adjourning to Executive Session at 7:32pm to discuss negotiations. The expected length is 15 minutes with no action anticipated as a result of the session. Multiple 10-minute extensions were requested at 7:47pm, 7:57pm, 8:07pm, 8:17pm, and 8:27pm. Council returned to open session at 8:37pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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Steve Austin, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 8/26/19	Ck # 68961-68998	\$270,116.26
Payroll 8/20/19	Ck # 68949-68960	\$141,347.57