

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 27, 2018

ROLL CALL: Russ Evans, Pat Holman, Belinda Larsen, John Murray, Skate Pierce. Joel Profitt excused on a motion by LARSEN/HOLMAN.

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

AGENDA CHANGES: Add Item A to Unfinished Business: Trans Alta Grant Application. Add Item A to New Business: Letter in support of hydropower systems and RiverFest. Add Item B to New Business: Letter in support of LC Healthcare Foundation at the request of Interlink, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the August 13, 2018 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Lawrence introduced Mark Brigham, newly appointed Port Commissioner for the Port of Clarkston. Brigham addressed the Council regarding his recent appointment as a Commissioner for the Port. He advised he wanted to foster a good working relationship with the City.

A. From the Public: Jeanine Joly, 719 Libby
Charlie Barth, 1316 5th Street
Wendy Stelmack 1218 2nd Street
Alice White, No Address Given

B. From Mayor: Mayor Lawrence advised that the application deadline for the Council Vacancy is September 7th, the candidate will be selected at the September 10th Council Meeting.

C. From Staff or Employees: Attorney Richardson clarified previous statements made at the last Council meeting. He had indicated that Blackmon may not need to be present for the interviews. That is the reason that Blackmon asked to be considered even though he would be absent. Clerk Austin provided a timeline for the 2019 Budget process to councilmembers. Chief Cooper advised WWCC hosted a career outreach to local high school students. Chad Miltenberger thanked the Fire Department for participation for the second year in a row. Chief Cooper and Chief Hastings both addressed concerns that were brought up during Public Comment regarding fireworks in the City. There has been an increase in firework activity since Lewiston began enforcing stricter regulations. The City will need to address the increase of non-residents taking advantage of the regulations in the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Councilmember Murray reported that the Committee reviewed and approved the bills for payment. Total expenditures for the August 27, 2018 period of \$217,186.37. MOTION BY MURRAY/LARSEN to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: Mayor Lawrence advised that the meeting was cancelled.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce advised that the Sidewalk project is 100% complete. Invoices will go out soon. There are payment options included: Pay in full; Pay in 4 installments; or an option for the City to lien the property. The Relight Washington project on 6th Street is also 100% complete. TIB is going to reimburse the City for the project. The swimming pool demolition project started Monday the 20th. All pipes are removed. PWD Poole is making sure to inspect the entire project. Total compaction and free draining are required. The Street Maintenance Project is underway. This includes repairing the intersection at 6th and Chestnut, and chip sealing in multiple areas around town. The final cleanup will begin the last week of August.

The bid is out for the Walmart entrance project. The involved entities are also working on the final agreement for the 5th and Fair Stret intersection. The Committee reviewed the Street Vacation ordinance and procedure. Our

ordinance is a bit backward, requiring payment at multiple steps in the process. We should reform our ordinance so that all charges are due upon closing with a title company.

The Committee also discussed Code Compliance issues and updates. We have a couple houses with very difficult situations. We're trying to find solutions to severe code violations without violating civil rights or common human decency. Code compliance also appears to be the #1 concern returned by citizens in the most recent survey. A Landlord registry was discussed. The City is currently in violation of Washington State RCW regarding notification of the property owner when there are interactions between police and other emergency workers and their tenants (RCW 59.18.075, 59.18.125 and 59.18.150). The Committee had a discussion on business licenses for landlords. Councilmember Larsen advised she was happy with the improvements on Chestnut Street. Mayor Lawrence had PWD Poole explain why the chip seal projects are done during the heat of summer.

Outside Organizations: Councilmember Evans advised that he had attended the Forgotten Trail Tour that follows Lewis & Clark's trip to the Pomeroy area. The cost is \$45 and includes a meal at the Pataha Flour Mill. It is a great addition to the tour boat cruises and for other visitors to our area. Councilmember Pierce attended the Public Health meeting. The primary issue is getting the State to support public health. The local department needs \$289 million to support mandated services. However, only \$12-20million is received from the State to cover the costs. They also discussed that the County is facing a lot of code violation like the City experiences.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Authorization of TransAlta Energy Grant Application. PWD Poole updated the Council on the changes to the original application for the solar array to be installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. MOTION BY PIERCE/EVANS to approve the application. Councilmember Larsen asked about the grant and if the City would be committed to provide funding if it did not succeed. PWD Poole advised that if the grant is awarded, the City would have to agree to the contract to lock it in. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Letter in support of the Hydropower System and RiverFest. Mayor Lawrence advised Council of the request. MOTION BY LARSEN/HOLMAN to approve the Mayor to sign the letter. The vote was 4-1 in favor. Councilmember Pierce voted Nay. Motion Carried.

B. Letter in support of LC Healthcare Foundation from Interlink, Inc. Mayor Lawrence advised Council of the request. MOTION BY MURRAY/EVANS to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter. Motion Carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

PRESS QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:51p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 08/28/18	Ck # 66854-66895	\$84,6012.19
Payroll 08/20/18	Ck # 66841-66853	\$132,584.18