

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 28, 2020**

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

STAFF: Chief Hastings, PWD Poole, Clerk Austin.

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting and the September 21, 2020 Special Meeting were approved as distributed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:** None

**B. From the Mayor:** None

**C. From Staff or Employees:** Chief Hastings announced that Officer Purcell was retiring after 35 years of working in Law Enforcement. He will be continuing employment with the City as the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer. PWD Poole advised Council that the CDBG Grant partnering with Habitat for Humanity had been approved for \$475,000. Council needs to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda to be able to accept these funds.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance/Admin:** Total expenditures for the September 28, 2020 period of \$215,713.09. MOTION BY HOLMAN/MURRAY to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

**Public Safety:** Mayor Lawrence advised that the Committee met on September 21, 2020. The minutes were included in the packet.

**Public Works:** Mayor Lawrence advised that the Committee met on September 22, 2020. The minutes were included in the packet.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Utility Late Fees Discussion**

Mayor Lawrence reminded Council that a six-month waiver of late fees was adopted earlier in the year. She advised that Council needed to determine if the waiver would end or be continued. Councilmember Larsen recommended extending the waiver for at least another month. Councilmember Pierce suggested extending the waiver to the end of the year, but at least extending it one more month. Councilmember Murray advised that the Finance Committee had discussed the issue and recommended to extend it to the end of the calendar year. Councilmember Evans agreed that it should be extended to the end of the year, then go from there. Councilmember Holman agreed to the end of the year extension. Councilmember Andrews agreed, as did Councilmember Ebert. Council consensus to extend to the waiver of utility late fees until the end of the year.

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

- A. Resolution 2020-11, Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Public Works)
- B. Resolution 2020-12, Protection of Nonviolent Civil Rights Demonstration (Public Works)
- C. Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (Public Works)
- D. STOP Grant Amendment, 2021 Funding (Public Safety)
- E. CARES Act Amendment, Funding Increase

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **COVID-19 Non-Profit Grant Program: Discussion and Action.** Mayor Lawrence presented Council with a program to provide grants to Clarkston Non-Profit Organizations. This program would use excess funding provided to the City from the CARES Act. Mayor Lawrence polled the Council to determine if they would be in favor of this program. All councilmembers advised in the affirmative. Councilmember Andrews asked about extending it to other businesses beyond non-profits. Mayor Lawrence advised that Asotin County has provided money to other businesses and confirmed the details with Commissioner Shinn. MOTION BY LARSEN/HOLMAN to approve the Program. Motion Carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Councilmember Pierce asked PWD Poole and Attorney Richardson if they had received the email he sent regarding a residence on Seventh Street. Pierce advised he would like to set up time to talk with them on the issue.

**PRESS QUESTIONS:** Tribune reporter Kerri Sandaine confirmed that the City would provide \$50,000 in grants with \$5000 for each non-profit that qualified.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

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Steve Austin, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 9/28/20	Ck # 71213-71291	\$67,609.94
Payroll 9/18/20	Ck # 71201-71211	\$148,103.15