

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 24, 2025

ROLL CALL: Skate Pierce, Pat Holman, Russ Evans, Robin Albers, David Vinton, Shelia McDougall and Sarah Reaves.

STAFF: Clerk Frost, Chief Daniel, Chief White, PWD Dimmick and Attorney Richardson.

AGENDA CHANGES: Mayor Lawrence advised Executive Session would be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Lawrence advised that Council would be entering into Executive Session regarding litigation at 5:32pm. The session is expected to last 10 minutes, and no decision will be made as a result of the meeting. At 5:42pm, a 5-minute extension was requested. At 5:47pm Council returned to regular session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting and the November 17, 2025, Special Meeting were approved as distributed.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2026 Budget

Mayor Lawrence opened the Public Hearing at 5:49pm. Clerk Frost provided an overview of the 2026 Budget. Councilmember Albers asked what items were drawn down for the projected expenses in the current expense fund. Clerk Frost explained that the purchase of a new fire truck was eliminated, department heads wage increase was eliminated and other slight reductions. Councilmember Evans asked how much was budgeted for the fire truck. Clerk Frost answered \$380,00 in 2025 and \$425,000 in 2026. Councilmember Albers commented on the concern of using reserves for reoccurring expenses such as payroll and benefits versus being used for one-time purchases for essential functions. Councilmember Pierce asked what the projected deficit was for 2025. Clerk Frost stated it was 1.6 million. Public Comments were received from Jesse Shroyer, Kelly Blackmon and John Grant. Mayor Lawrence closed the public hearing at 6:06pm and returned to regular session.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Ryder Magnaghi
 Eldon Kelley
 Katie Holm
 Rolin Heyvelt
 Max Bausch
 Bobby Marsh
 Julie Hoskins
 Melyssa Andrews
 Chelsea Andrews
 Pat Emerich

B. From the Mayor: Mayor Lawrence notified council that negotiations with the Police will begin tomorrow, 11/25. With the interest shown by councilmembers to be apart of the negotiation process she asked who was interested. Councilmember Pierce and Councilmember Reaves showed interest. Council

took a vote. Councilmembers McDougall and Vinton voted in favor of councilmember Pierce. Councilmembers Evans, Holman and Albers voted in favor of councilmember Reaves. Councilmember Reaves will be apart of the police negotiations. Mayor Lawrence notified Council that the Nimiipuu 101 “Past, Present & Future” meeting has been rescheduled to December 1, 2025.

C. From Staff or Employees: Attorney Richardson provided an update on the homeless lawsuit, stating that it has been dismissed. Councilmember Pierce asked if that ends our emergency declaration that we have been operating with since last January. Attorney Richardson stated he has not considered it. Councilmember Pierce asked that he consider it. Attorney Richardson confirmed. Councilmember Albers made a motion to direct City/Treasurer to provide a 3-5 year financial projection with recommendations to stabilize reserves. Councilmember Reaves seconded. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Total expenditures for the November 24, 2025 period of \$385,716.33. MOTION BY HOLMAN/VINTON to approve the paying of the bills. Motion Carried.

Public Safety: Mayor Lawrence advised that the minutes were included in the packet.

Public Works: Mayor Lawrence advised that the minutes were included in the packet.

Outside Organizations: Mayor Lawrence advised that any minutes were included in the packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 1737, Sanitation Rates – 2nd Reading (Public Works) Clerk Frost read the Ordinance by title. MOTION BY PIERCE/EVANS to adopt the Ordinance. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION BY VINTON/HOLMAN to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.

- A. CDBG Request for Amendment – Dept of Commerce (Public Works)**
- B. GEMT Cost Report – State of WA Health Care Authority (Public Safety)**
- C. Engagement Letter, 2026 – Teresa D. Johnson CPA, Inc. (Finance/Admin)**
- D. Agreement, 2026 – Valley Vision (Finance/Admin)**
- E. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 04 – Liberty NW Construction (Finance/Admin)**
- F. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 05 – Liberty NW Construction (Finance/Admin)**
- G. Special Event Permit, Vernon Park Christmas Lights – Clk Christmas Lighting (Finance/Admin)**

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Pierce provided clarification on the public safety tax that is received by the City is the funding for the jail. He stated the property tax increase is limited to the 1% increase even with home assessments increasing. He commented that the COVID grant received was used on a multitude of things including projects, sewer infrastructure and wages. Attorney Richardson stated PUD asked that he clarify that some of the COVID funds were used for sewer line infrastructure and not paid to the PUD. The PUD helped develop the project and the city had already “earmarked” the funds for the project and paid the contractor of the sewer line repair project directly. Councilmember Pierce commented on SB 5775 and the City is maxed out on public safety sales tax. Councilmember Pierce thanked everyone for speaking and providing information. Councilmember Albers stated “our work isn’t over and this is an ongoing process” in regard to EMS and thanked everyone for speaking. Mayor Lawrence provided information on property tax exemptions and the effect on property tax revenue for the City. Councilmember Vinton made a shout out to local wrestler, Aryanna Perez, for

taking first place in the bigfoot tournament over the weekend. He praised the EMS/Fire department and wants to get this EMS issue resolved. Lastly, he challenged the citizens of Clarkston to step up and take his council seat position.

PRESS QUESTIONS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Rachel Frost, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 11/24/25	Ck #81364-81396	\$117,980.18
Payroll 11/20/25	Ck #81353-81363	\$267,736.15