

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 08, 2025

ROLL CALL: Skate Pierce, Russ Evans, Robin Albers, David Vinton, Sheila McDougall and Sarah Reaves. Pat Holman absence was excused on MOTION BY PIERCE/REAVES. Motion carried.

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

AGENDA CHANGES: Mayor Lawrence advised Executive Session would be added to the beginning of the agenda and the addition of the Periodic Update Grant letter was being added under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the November 24, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Lawrence advised that Council would be entering into Executive Session regarding negotiations at 5:34pm. The session is expected to last 20 minutes, and no decision will be made as a result of the meeting. At 5:54pm, a 10-minute extension was requested. At 6:04pm, a 10-minute extension was requested. At 6:14pm, a 5-minute extension was requested. At 6:19pm, a 5-minute extension was requested. At 6:24pm, a 5-minute extension was requested. At 6:30pm Council returned to regular session.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Rolin Heyvelt
Kim Humphrey
Stephen Kessinger
Cheryl Yarborough
John Grant
Heidi McNutt

B. From the Mayor: None.

C. From Staff or Employees: Chief Daniel announced the new jail is operational and the inmates have been moved. Attorney Richardson provided an explanation on Cheryl Yarborough's case and next steps. Attorney Richardson explained he was coming to council today to ask for approval to abate the property located at 812 9th street and place a lien on the property in the amount of the expenditures. He asked council to make a decision on allowing Cheryl Yarborough more time to continue cleaning efforts or to move forward with abatement. Councilmember Pierce asked if there is a reason not to let her continue her cleaning efforts. Councilmember Evans stated to give her more time. Councilmember Pierce agreed if forward progress is being made. Councilmember Albers asked for "check-ins" be made for reasonable progress. Attorney Richardson stated he will bring this back to Council in two weeks. Councilmember Pierce asked if Code Enforcement Officer Turner could give progress updates and thanked Cheryl. Mayor Lawrence summarized that Council expects a 2 week progress report and then will proceed from there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Total expenditures for the December 8, 2025 period of \$1,091,721.17. MOTION BY EVANS/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: None.

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

- A. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 06 – Liberty NW Construction (Public Works)
- B. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 07 – Liberty NW Construction (Public Works)
- C. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 08 – Liberty NW Construction (Public Works)
- D. Special Event Permit, Construction Career Day – Gear Up & Clk High School (Finance/Admin)

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 1738, 2026 Budget – 1st Reading (Finance/Admin) Clerk Frost read the Ordinance by title. Vote will be at the next meeting.

B. Ordinance 1739, Amending CMC 17.10.030 Land Use Requirements – 1st Reading (Public Works) Clerk Frost read the Ordinance by title. Vote will be at the next meeting.

C. Periodic Update Grant – Department of Commerce (Finance/Admin) PWD Dimmick provided a brief explanation on the letter and the required updates to the comprehensive plan. MOTION BY PIERCE/REAVES to approve the mayor signing the letter. Motion Carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Pierce stated it is apparent that time is needed in order to figure out EMS moving forward. To do so, council has asked Clerk Frost to prepare a budget amendment to fund EMS for all or some of 2026 while we get estimates from neighboring places and look at feasibility. Councilmember Albers commented that we have to look at our budgeting and reorganizing with more money going out then coming in. She stated we really need to understand our revenue and expenses and at the same time realize public safety is important. Councilmember Reaves agreed that it is councils' job to find a solution for EMS.

PRESS QUESTIONS: Kerri Sandaine asked “does that mean the layoffs will stay effective?” Councilmember Albers said there are steps to be taken and need to be followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Rachel Frost, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 12/8/25	Ck #81423-81483	\$792,605.42
Payroll 12/05/25	Ck #81398-81422	\$299,115.75