

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 22, 2025

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the December 8, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Reggie Meisner
Joah Grant
Leon McNalley
Heidi McNutt
Cheryl Yarborough

B. From the Mayor: Mayor Lawrence reminded the audience that City Hall would be closed December 24th, 25th and 26th for Christmas and January 1st for New Years Day.

C. From Staff or Employees: Chief Daniel updated council that 812 9th Street has made little to no progress since the last meeting in efforts to clean up their property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Total expenditures for the December 22, 2025 period of \$1,250,462.41 and the September and October end of month of \$574.35 and \$466.30, respectively. MOTION BY EVANS/HOLMAN to approve the paying of the bills. Motion Carried.

Public Safety: Mayor Lawrence advised that they did not meet.

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 1738, 2026 Budget – 2nd Reading (Finance/Admin) Clerk Frost read the Ordinance by title. MOTION BY ALBERS/MCDOUGALL to adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Pierce moved that the budget be amended to include funding for EMS for nine months in 2026. Councilmember Reaves seconded. Councilmember Pierce explained that the city will run an EMS levy in August. He explained if the levy passes it would allow time for the City to amend the budget again to fund EMS for the entirety of 2026 and then receive funding from the levy in 2027. If the EMS levy fails again that puts the city in a totally different situation. Councilmember McDougall asked if the budget amendment needed to say specifically what is being amended dollar wise, instead of just nine months. Clerk Frost distributed the budget showing EMS funded for nine months. Councilmember Albers asked about the actual expenditures for the EMS of around \$889,000 and if that includes the 2025 backpay determinate on union negotiations. Chief White responded that we expect it to be pretty close, but we don't know what that looks like yet as we don't have a signed contract with the union. Councilmember Albers requested to look at an estimate of what the back pay may be so we can have some numbers that includes backpay in the 2026 budget and see what the deficits look like. Councilmember Pierce commented that there

could potentially be another budget amendment. Chief White explained that the way the EMS budget is funded is not through general funds. EMS will have enough cash carried forward plus transport revenues to cover 2026. He stated that the ending reserve balance may be lower once an agreement is reached with the union. Mayor Lawrence asked Chief White to explain what items were taken out or transferred to the general fund from the EMS budget. Chief White explained that items that the city would be responsible for with or without EMS were transferred as well as the six highest longevity employees, himself and the Administrative Assistant. Councilmember Albers asked Chief White what he expected for monthly operating costs. Chief White said \$130,000 per month. Councilmember Albers agreed we could come back together once a union contract has been signed for our actual budget figures. She also commented that she thinks nine months gives the city enough time to see how EMS levy will land in August and give the city the opportunity to secure our staple service. Councilmember Evans agreed that he is all for doing it for the nine months but also doesn't know how much longer we can "kick the can down the road" with a "champagne appetite on a beer budget." He stated EMS services are expensive, and people can't afford it but he wants to extend it to try to figure something out. Councilmember Reaves stated, "we can't just yank it away without something in place." Council voted on the Amendment. Motion Carried.

B. Ordinance 1739, Amending CMC 17.10.030 Land Use Requirements – 2nd Reading (Public Works)

Clerk Frost read the Ordinance by title. MOTION BY VINTON/HOLMAN to adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Albers asked for clarification. PWD Dimmick explained that the new verbiage allows an additional dwelling unit (ADU) that doesn't need to be contained in a single structure per lot. Motion Carried.

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

- A. GMA Periodic Update Grant – FY2026 – Dept of Commerce (Public Works)
- B. Letter of Intent to Comply with WSDOT Title VI Plan – WSDOT (Public Works)
- C. USDOT Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances – USDOT (Public Works)
- D. Title VI Accomplishments & Goals Report – WSDOT (Public Works)
- E. Resolution 2025-15, 2026 Position Allocation (Finance/Admin)
- F. Resolution 2025-16, Non-Represented Salaries (Finance/Admin)
- G. City Attorney Retainer Agreement – Todd Richardson (Finance/Admin)
- H. Contract for Indigent Defense Services, 2026 – Neil P. Cox (Finance/Admin)
- I. AWC Workers' Compensation Updated Service Agreement – AWC Retro Pool (Finance/Admin)
- J. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 09 – Liberty NW Construction (Finance/Admin)
- K. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 10 – Liberty NW Construction (Finance/Admin)
- L. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 11 – Liberty NW Construction (Finance/Admin)
- M. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 12 – Liberty NW Construction (Finance/Admin)
- N. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 13 – Liberty NW Construction (Finance/Admin)
- O. 2021/2025 Stormwater Retrofits Change Order 14 – Liberty NW Construction (Finance/Admin)
- P. WSDOT Supplemental Agreement 3, Holy Family SRTS – Keller Associates (Finance/Admin)
- Q. WSDOT Supplemental Agreement 3, Grantham SRTS – Keller Associates (Finance/Admin)
- R. Local Government Consistency Determination Form – Asotin Co PUD (Finance/Admin)
- S. Agreement for Professional Services – J-U-B Engineers, Inc. (Finance/Admin)
- T. FY 2026 STOP Grant – WA State Dept. of Commerce (Finance/Admin)
- U. Support Services Agreement, Victim/Witness Services – Deborah Grandorff (Finance/Admin)

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Lawrence presented Councilmember Vinton with a plaque for his service as councilmember from August 2021 to December 2025. Mayor Lawrence also notified the public that the city has 90 days to fill that councilmember position and will notify the public when we

begin that process in the new year. Councilmember Vinton stated that it was a huge honor to serve Clarkston as a councilmember and learn how the government and politics works. He hopes that somebody will step up and take this learning opportunity. Councilmember Evans asked how we are going to proceed with 812 9th Street. Chief Daniel responded that his department would speak with Attorney Richardson and see how to proceed from there. Councilmember Albers thanked Councilmember Vinton for joining the same day as she did and bringing different viewpoints and that he will be missed. Councilmember Pierce thanked Councilmember Vinton as well and the ideas he brought. Councilmember Pierce explained different parts of the city budget and how the city is reliant on sales tax. He spoke on the EMS levy supporting the EMS fund and the current expense funds support the fire side and the city must make a nice blend to make that work and that system works if the EMS levy passes. He stated we are in an unfortunate situation with the EMS levy failing, negotiations didn't progress well and we had to fund at the starting point in the budget. He is hopeful we can reach an agreement with the union and be in a better situation with a flat or reduced levy rate. He reiterated that the EMS levy needs to pass. Mayor Lawrence asked the audience if they knew how big the City of Clarkston is in square miles. She spoke about the size of the city and the number of exempt properties from property taxes. Councilmember Evans added that an outrageous EMS levy in August will not pass. Mayor Lawrence added the city provides a lot of services and that costs money.

PRESS QUESTIONS: Kerri Sandaine with the Lewiston Morning Tribune asked how the city is paying for EMS in 2026. Chief White responded EMS will pay for itself with reserves and transport revenues. Councilmember Albers added the general fund had EMS expenses shift to it when the levy failed. Councilmember Pierce commented that reserves will take a considerable hit in 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Rachel Frost, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 12/22/25	Ck #81502-81548	\$1,046,695.72
Payroll 12/19/25	Ck #81489-81501	\$203,766.69
Total Fund Expenditures September 2025 EOM		\$574.35
Total Fund Expenditures October 2025 EOM		\$466.30