

**CITY OF CLEWISTON  
Regular Commission Meeting  
September 16, 2013**

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, September 16, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland. Commissioner Pittman gave the invocation and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners Present:** Mayor Phillip Roland, Commissioner Richard Miller, Commissioner James Pittman, and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez. Commissioner Mali Gardner was absent.

**Personnel Present:** City Manager Al Perry, Finance Director Ted Byrd, Police Chief Don Gutshall, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Recreation Director Lance Ramer, Utilities Office Manager Rhonda Davis, City Attorney Charles Schoech, and Karen Moore.

**Visitors Present:** Jerry Cochran, Asa & Betty Godsey, Denise Hatton, Christine Howell, and Curtiss Pullen.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – City Manager Perry asked that Agenda Item No. 8 be deleted from the agenda. The Commission agreed.

**1. Consent Agenda**

- A. *City Commission Minutes – August 19, 2013*
- B. *City Commission Budget Workshop Minutes – August 19, 2013*
- C. *City Commission Budget Workshop Minutes – August 26, 2013*
- D. *City Commission Budget Workshop Minutes – September 5, 2013*
- E. *Event Application – Clewiston Chamber of Commerce Business Bash, November 12*
- F. *Event Application – CHS Homecoming Parade – October 11, 2013*
- G. *Event Application – Bond Street Bash – September 26, 2013*

**Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 2. Ordinance No. 2013-06 – Final Reading** – The first reading of this ordinance was on August 19. This is the second and final reading of this ordinance which regulates non-storm water discharges to the City's storm drainage system. Mayor Roland opened the public Hearing and asked City Manager Perry to summarize the ordinance and read by title. City Manager Perry stated the purpose of this ordinance is to regulate non-storm water discharges to the City's storm drainage system. Mr. Perry read the ordinance by title. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Roland closed the public hearing.

**Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-06 on second and final reading. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

**MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 3. Service Agreement – Clewiston Chamber of Commerce** – This is the same agreement the City has executed with the Chamber for several years.

**Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Chamber of Commerce Service Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

- 4. Service Agreement – Clewiston Museum** – This is the same agreement the City has executed with the Museum for several years.

**Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Clewiston Museum Service Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

- 5. Approval of Hendry County Library Cooperative State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement**  
Finance Director Byrd has examined this agreement and it is essentially the same as the City has entered into for the last several years.

**Commissioner Miller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, to approve Hendry County Library Cooperative State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

- 6. Approval of Weekly Paving Change Order to Pave North Berner Road to Caribbean** - This change order is for an additional 4,836 square yards of asphalt overlay to the 2013 paving project, North Berner Road, from US27 to Caribbean. This amount will be billed in October and come from the 2014 paving budget.

**Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the change order for Weekly Paving in the amount of \$38,422.85, contingent upon inspection by the City Engineer and Public Works Director before payment is made. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

- 7. Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board** – The City has advertised for applications for the Planning & Zoning Board for several months due to the resignation of Sassy Whitehead. We have only one applicant, Michael Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson meets the criteria for appointment to the P & Z Board.

**Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to appoint Michael Atkinson to the Planning & Zoning Board. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

- 8. Deleted**

- 9. Discussion on Interlocal Agreement with Hendry County Regarding East Hendry County Recreation** – This agreement has been approved by Hendry County BOCC and is now open for discussion by the City Commission.

**Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Hendry County regarding East Hendry County Rec with verbage changes as follows: Section 4, 4.1b, insert “up to” before 40 hours; Section 4, 4.1d, insert “up to” before 30 hours; Section 4, 4.1e, fourth line, change ensure to consider; 6<sup>th</sup> line, change endeavor to consider. Vote 3 yeas, 1 nay. Commissioner Rodriguez voted nay. (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

- 10. Golf Course Advisory Board Discussion Led by Carol Giddens** – Ms. Giddens thanked the Commission for the privilege of serving the City and the golf course on this Board. She stated the golf course is an essential part of our City and helps bring many winter visitors to our area which in turn, helps our local economy. Ms. Giddens stated the Board feels that the golf course is on track to be the best golf course in the area and thanked the Commission for their continued support. Ms. Giddens stated the golf course has needed a highway sign for years to alert non-residents of its existence and the Golf Course Advisory Board recommends the City Commission consider moving forward with the purchase of a sign. Ms. Giddens stated the Advisory Board is working on a contract between the golf course and promoters of charity tournaments in which the golf course will collect an event fee to help defray the added expenses of the golf course. Ms. Giddens stated they are working on an advertising program that would be extended to the surrounding Lake communities. Ms. Giddens stated they are considering a golf tournament to raise money for the golf course and are currently working on a Facebook page to promote golf course activities. Ms. Giddens also stated the Advisory Board will begin having their meetings in the Commission Room this Thursday at noon.

Commissioner Pittman and Mayor Roland thanked the Advisory Board members for serving. Mike Kemp, CHS High School golf coach, stated he would like to give a personal thank you because without the City's support, CHS would not have a golf team. The staff at the golf course supports the team in every aspect.

The Commission discussed the proposed sign and where the funds would come from. There was also a discussion on whether any other designs were solicited. Commissioner Pittman stated it would probably be prudent to get another quote but in the meantime, we should apply to DOT for a larger sign, but if we end up using this design that would be fine.

#### **11. Departmental Monthly Reports – Presented by information only.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business. Mercedes Vary of Active Citizens for Children stated the preliminary work has begun at Sweetest Town Playground. They plan to start building next week and are still in need of volunteers and tools. Ms. Vary stated they met their goal for funds and rescinded their request to the City.

Denise Hatton stated the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a photo contest, "Capturing Clewiston". She stated some of the photos they have received have taken her breath away. Ms. Hatton hopes to compile the best of the photos in a photo album and sell them at the Chamber.

**COMMENTS FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR - none**

**COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER** – City Manager Perry stated the FEMA flood insurance meeting will be Tuesday starting at 4:00 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY - none**

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION** – Commissioner Pittman stated if there are any funds in the mowing budget, there are several lots that need attention, one on Avenida del Rio, one on East Arcade and one on Sugarland Circle. He asked for an update on All Juice. Community Development Director Reese stated they are nearly completion of the construction and he will be issuing the Certificate of Occupancy soon. City Manager Perry stated that they have told him they hope to have the staff hired by the end of October. Commissioner Pittman asked about the Utilities Director position. Mr. Perry stated that he will be conducting interviews this week. Commissioner Pittman stated he was aware that former Utilities Director Kevin McCarthy had turned in a resume and recommended that he be interviewed.

Mayor Roland stated a large bass tournament will be in town this weekend. He asked that anyone that might have a contact get in touch with them and ask for the locks to be open for the tournament. He stated there will be over 140 boats in this tournament and we need the event to go off well so they will consider Clewiston again.

**ADJOURNMENT – 6:30 p.m.**

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Phillip Roland, Mayor

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Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk