

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Regular Commission Meeting
May 19, 2014

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, May 19, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland. Pastor Alan Koch gave the invocation and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Phillip Roland, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Kristine Petersen, Commissioner James Pittman, and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez.

Personnel Present: City Manager Al Perry, Finance Director Ted Byrd, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Community Development Director Reese, Public Works Director Sean Scheffler, Utilities Director Danny Williams, City Attorney Charles Schoech, and City Engineer Tommy Perry.

Visitors Present: Jerry Cochrane, Terry Gardner, Denise Hatton, Alan Koch, Pepe Lopez, Curtiss Pullen, and Belinda Smith.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – City Manager Perry asked that Item 1-C, the Event Application for ACFC, and Agenda Item # 6, Area Housing Authority Request for Land, be deleted from the agenda. The Commission agreed.

1. Consent Agenda

- A. *City Commission Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2014*
- B. *City Commission Workshop Minutes – April 29, 2014*
- C. *Event Application – ACFC Rainbow Run 5K - Deleted*
- D. *Proclamation – 50th Anniversary of Community Action*

Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2. State Highway Lighting Maintenance & Compensation Agreement** – This agreement is required by FDOT for maintenance of lights on State highways.

Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve the State Highway Lighting Maintenance & Compensation Agreement. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

- 3. Discussion on 2015 Paving Project** – Two alternatives were presented for consideration for the 2015 paving project. One alternative is for 1.75 miles of paving at a cost of \$139,721 and driveway apron costs of \$60,278 totaling approximately \$200,000 and the second alternative would be paving approximately 2.69 miles for an approximate cost of \$200,000, not including any driveway aprons. City Manager Perry stated that he and Public Works Director Scheffler preferred doing aprons in a separate project from the regular paving. The Commission discussed whether the aprons should be done in concrete or asphalt. Commissioner Rodriguez stated some citizens will fight our policy of having them pay for aprons. Commissioner Rodriguez suggested doing the paving project with a 24 inch flare for driveways and see how that works for a year and see if that might be an option. City Attorney Schoech stated we will be in violation of our Ordinance if we do not require the aprons to be done at the time of the paving project. The Commission also discussed the requirement for an apron to be installed when an owner does a repair or improvement that exceeds \$2,500. City Attorney Schoech will look at the ordinances and bring suggestions back to the Commission.

Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve paving up to 2.69 miles of City streets and consider an apron flare no larger than 24 inches, as needed to protect the pavement edge, contingent on the Public Works Director and City Engineer recommendation. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

4. **Discussion on Funding the Clewiston & Beyond Chamber of Commerce Photo Contest** – Chamber representatives came to the April meeting and requested the City be a Presenting Sponsor of the photo contest. City Attorney Schoech has reviewed this request and the Attorney General's opinion is that no public purpose can be shown for this funding. The Commission discussed whether a public purpose could be shown for the funding of photo book. Commissioner Gardner stated she felt the photo book would be used for tourism development and will showcase the City. City Attorney Schoech stated that promotion of the City would be a legitimate purpose, but if only residents see the book, it would not. John Wellslager of the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce stated the book will promote Clewiston and they hope to sell it in the sponsoring businesses, as well as the Chamber. He stated they will be contacting the TDC as well. Mr. Wellslager would like to see the real estate agents give out the book to people coming to Clewiston.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, to approve contributing \$500 to the Chamber of Commerce for the City to be a photo contest Presenting Sponsor for the specific purpose of promoting the City using the book as a marketing tool. Vote 3 yeas, 1 nay. Commissioner Rodriguez voted nay and Commissioner Petersen abstained as she is a Chamber Board member.

5. **Discussion on Options for Boat Basin \$75,000 Grant** – Scott Jones of Johnson Prewitt presented four (4) options for consideration for expending the FWC grant money at the April 29, 2014 workshop. Mr. Jones expressed his preference would be the fourth option, Clearing Area to the West. Terry Gardner stated in the workshop that another option of adding a walkway at the basin docks should also be considered. Scott Jones of Johnson Prewitt (JPA) informed the Commission that they had looked at the option of building a pavilion in an existing shore area closer to the boat ramps. This option would include extending the sidewalk from the boat ramp to the pavilion. JPA will have plans and prices at the next Commission meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

6. **Area Housing Authority Request for Land Discussion** - This item was deleted.

RESOLUTION

7. **Resolution No. 2014-03** – This resolution is necessary to establish a budget for the USSC contribution to the senior Citizens Center, revise estimate for City Gas Utility Tax & Franchise Fee, and DOJ Grant award.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, to approve Resolution No. 2014-03. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

OTHER

8. **Budget Recap Discussion on First Six Months of FY** – Finance Director Byrd gave a recap of the City's financial condition after the first 6 months of the fiscal year. Mr. Byrd stated that the City is in pretty good financial shape at this point. Commissioner Gardner stated she appreciated this added information and update. The Commission discussed the fact that Robbie Rush's contract period for this year is almost complete. Mayor Roland stated that Mr. Rush had brought good things to the course and that the City should engage Mr. Rush again next year. The Commission agreed that Mr. Rush should be asked back to keep the momentum at the golf course going. Commissioner Pittman stated he felt the customer service at the golf course had improved and that all City departments should try to improve on their service to our citizens.
9. **Departmental Monthly Reports** – Presented for information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business. – No comments were made

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER – City Manager Perry recognized Gregg Gillman, of the EDC and congratulated him on the first class ceremony for the Bionitrogen plant. Mr. Perry also stated he would like to ask Gina Reynolds to come speak to the Commission in June.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY - none

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION – Commissioner Gardner asked that staff look into whether the Corp needs permission from SFWMD to construct the temporary bridge and stage their equipment in the basin area. Mayor Roland stated the Eighth Air Force Historical Society visited Clewiston last weekend and he was with them Saturday night and they were a most enjoyable group. Commissioner Petersen stated the Memorial Day service will be at the Ridgelawn Cemetery on Memorial Day at 9:30 a.m. She stated there will be a table set up to sell the bricks for the Veteran’s Memorial at the service. The Commission suggested that staff contact some of the FMPA cities whose millage is less than ours to find out the differences in services, recreation, and law enforcement in particular.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Phillip Roland, Mayor

Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk