

**CITY OF CLEWISTON
Special Commission Meeting
February 15, 2017**

The City of Clewiston City Commission held a Special Commission Meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Wednesday, February 15, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Mayor Atkinson. Police Chief Don Gutshall gave the invocation and the audience joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Commissioners present were: Vice Mayor Michael Atkinson, Commissioner Julio Rodriguez and Commissioner Phillip Roland. Mayor Mali Gardner attended via telephone.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - none

1. Discussion regarding FDLE Contract No. G1603

Mayor Gardner stated she called this meeting to ensure that every effort had been garnered to salvage the grant funding for a new police station. City Manager Perry stated that U.S. Sugar is possibly willing to help with a land swap or building swap if needed. Vice Mayor Atkinson stated that Senator Latvala said he would make every effort to help ensure that Clewiston would be able to keep the grant. Mayor Gardner clarified that the City is only focused on the FDLE grant amount of \$1,500,000. The Commission discussed options for the grant funding that included buying and remodeling a building, design build and refurbishing the current police station. Vice Mayor Atkinson, City Manager Perry and Police Chief Gutshall agreed to work together to come up with a plan to keep the funding and present it to the Commission at the February 20, 2017 Commission Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER - none

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION - none

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Mali Gardner, Mayor

Mary K. Combass, Interim City Clerk