

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Regular Commission Meeting
August 20, 2018

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission Meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, August 20, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Gardner. The audience joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Mali Gardner, Vice Mayor Michael Atkinson, Commissioner Kristine Petersen, Commissioner Julio Rodriguez and Commissioner Phillip Roland.

Personnel Present: City Manager Al Perry, Interim City Clerk Mary K. Combass, Finance Director Shari Howell, Police Chief Aaron Angell, Public Works Director Sean Scheffler, Utilities Director Danny Williams, Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil, Compliance Manager Lynne Mila, City Engineers Tommy Perry and Scott Jones and City Attorney Gary Brandenburg.

Visitors Present: Asa and Betty Godsey, William Conley, Laura Smith, Donnie Hughes, Terry Gardner, Jerry Cochrane, Andy Tilton and Aaron Carper.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – City Manager Perry stated that Agenda Item Nos. 5 and 6 regarding the award of RFP No. 2018-05 and ITN No. 2018-06 will be pulled from this agenda and requested that a Special Commission Meeting be scheduled for August 23, 2018 for those items to be discussed. The Special Commission Meeting was then scheduled for August 23, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

1. Consent Agenda

- A. *Commission Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2018*
- B. *Commission Budget Workshop Minutes – July 16, 2018*

Vice Mayor Atkinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

RESOLUTIONS

- 2. Resolution No. 2018-24** – Resolution No. 2018-24 authorizes the State Revolving Fund Loan Application and Agreement for Project No. WW 26042; establishes pledged revenues and designates authorized representatives for phase 1 of the inflow and infiltration project.

Mayor Gardner summarized and read Resolution No. 2018-24 by title. City Attorney Brandenburg stated he has reviewed the agreement with Finance Director Howell and feels it is in order.

Vice Mayor Atkinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, to approve Resolution No. 2018-24. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

- 3. Resolution No. 2018-25** – Resolution No. 2018-25 honors fifty years of municipal home rule in the Florida Constitution and commits to an educational initiative to help Floridians understand this beneficial right.

Mayor Gardner summarized and read Resolution No. 2018-25 by title.

Vice Mayor Atkinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, to approve Resolution No. 2018-25. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Authorization to purchase CXT Building** - Staff is recommending the purchase of a prefabricated flush bathroom for the Trinidad Park improvements. The quote from vendor CXT, Inc. is per NJPA specifications.

City Manager Perry informed the Commission that staff met with the manufacturer and the building has been scaled down which saved approximately \$20,000. It was noted the decorative stone in the picture of the building that was presented to the Commission is included in the quote.

Vice Mayor Atkinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, to approve the purchase of the CXT building per the CXT quote. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

5. **Deleted - Award of Insurance and Risk Management Request for Proposals (RFP #2018-05)** – The City advertised for proposals for property and casualty insurance for the City on July 5, 2018. The proposals were opened on August 16, 2018. Staff will have a recommendation.
6. **Deleted - Award of Employee Medical Insurance for City of Clewiston Employees Invitation to Negotiate (ITN #2018-06)** – The City advertised for proposals for employee medical insurance for City of Clewiston employees on July 26, 2018. The proposals were opened on August 16, 2018. Staff will have a recommendation.
7. **Departmental Monthly Activity Reports** - Presented for information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER - None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY – Attorney Brandenburg informed the Commission that he has been working on a social media policy along with an electronic correspondence public records policy and hopes to have a draft of the policy for the Commission’s consideration at the next meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER – City Engineer Tommy Perry informed the Commission that he has a copy of the preliminary flood maps produced by FEMA and explained that a considerable amount of the City was moved to a Zone X, which is a zone area of flood hazard and does not require flood insurance. He also explained that we are in the 90 day appeal period which ends October 13, 2018. He stated there are two appeals that could be made to get the City totally out of the flood hazard area and they are working to perfect an appeal before the end of the appeal period. He added that he feels the cost would be below \$25,000. He then described the areas in the berm along the Clewiston Canal that need to be repaired and reviewed the preliminary flood maps with the Commission. He stated that he is not aware of the time they will take to review the appeal and does not know when the final maps will be published. He also stated that he feels we should warn FEMA of the City’s appeal. Commissioner Rodriguez stated he feels the main thing that should be mentioned is the economic impact that it would have if the City was moved out of the flood hazard area.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION – Mayor Gardner announced that the budget workshop originally scheduled for today has been re-scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2018 after the Special Commission Meeting at 4:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Mali Gardner, Mayor

Mary K. Combass, Interim City Clerk