

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Special Commission Meeting
July 25, 2022

The City of Clewiston City Commission held a Special Commission Meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, July 25, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Petersen. Commissioner Gardner gave the invocation and the audience joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Kristine Petersen, Vice Mayor Greg Thompson and Commissioner Mali Gardner. Commissioner Hillary Hyslope and Commissioner James Pittman were absent.

Personnel Present: City Manager Randy Martin, Finance Director Shari Howell, Director of Operations Danny Williams, Code Enforcement Officer Debbie Clay, Police Chief Thomas Lewis, Police Department Administrative Assistant Adelys Valles, Finance Specialist Chelsea Strawser and Consulting Engineer Joe DeBono. City Attorney Dylan Brandenburg attended via telephone.

Visitors Present: Terry Gardner, Keith Gardner and Ramon Iglesias.

Additions/Deletions/Changes and Approval of the Agenda

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Thompson,
to approve the agenda. Vote 3 yeas, 0 nays**

Public Comments - none

1. **Resolution No. 2022-056** – Resolution No. 2022-056 approves Johnson-Davis, Inc. Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$378,650 to award Phase 3 of the Alverdez Ave. and Comercio St. Water Main Improvements Project.

Mayor Petersen summarized and read Resolution No. 2022-056 by title. Manager Martin reviewed the project and explained that the original bid contained a provision that allowed up to six months for the City to exercise its right to award Phase 3 of the project. He stated the six month deadline will expire this week and he feels the cost would be substantially higher if the award was delayed and the current bid was lost. He reported that because this project will improve the service to all of the area, it qualifies for the use of ARPA funding. Consulting Engineer Joe DeBono added that the contractor requested in a separate email that the Commission consider approving a cost increase in the amount of \$8,300 for some of the materials due to price escalations. Director Williams stated that \$40,000 will be saved on Phase 2. After further discussion, City Attorney Dylan Brandenburg confirmed that the Commission could include approval of the \$8,300 increase in their motion and a separate document for that amount could be executed by the Mayor subsequent to this meeting.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Thompson,
to approve Resolution No. 2022-056. Vote 3 yeas, 0 nays**

**Vice Mayor Thompson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner,
to approve an additional \$8,300 for cost increases for
mobilization/demobilization and pipe material for Phase 3 of the project.
Vote 3 yeas, 0 nays**

Commissioner Gardner stated that the revitalization of this area will continue to improve with this project and she is thankful that we have the funds to continue a water infrastructure project. Manager Martin agreed that it is an appropriate use. He stated that is why we need to build our reserves for this very type opportunity and the city is fortunate to have federal funding available for this important infrastructure enhancement.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Vote 3 yeas, 0 nays

Kristine Petersen, Mayor

Mary K. Combass, City Clerk