

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Special Commission Meeting
January 16, 2024

The Clewiston City Commission held a special meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor James Pittman. Mayor Pittman gave the invocation and the audience joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor James Pittman, Vice Mayor Greg Thompson, Commissioner Barbara Edmonds, Commissioner Mali Gardner and Commissioner Hillary Hyslope.

Personnel Present: City Manager Randy Martin, Finance Director Shari Howell, Police Chief Tom Lewis, Director of Operations Danny Williams, and Code Enforcement Officer Debbie Clay. City Attorney Dylan Brandenburg attended via telephone.

Visitors Present: Libby Williams, Joe Foote and Jerry Cochrane.

Additions/Deletions/Changes and Approval of the Agenda – There were no additions, deletions or changes to the agenda.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

RESOLUTION

- 1. Resolution No. 2024-001** – Resolution No. 2024-001 approves the correction of the technical error in the name of the contractor awarded the Harry T. Vaughn Roof Project in Resolution No. 2023-129 to Garland/DBS Inc.

Mayor Pittman read Resolution No. 2024-001 by title.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hyslope, to approve Resolution No. 2024-001. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.

- 2. Resolution No. 2024-002** – Resolution No. 2024-002 approves the loan documents for the Golf Course Irrigation Project financing in the amount of \$1,200,000 with First Bank and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

Commissioner Gardner stated that she will abstain from discussion and voting on this matter to avoid the appearance of a conflict. Mayor Pittman read Resolution No. 2024-002 by title.

Vice Mayor Thompson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Edmonds, to approve Resolution No. 2024-002. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays (Commissioner Gardner abstained from voting.)

- 3. Resolution No. 2024-003** – Resolution No. 2024-003 formally adopts the City of Clewiston's General Employees Retirement Plan Investment Policy.

Mayor Pittman read Resolution No. 2024-003 by title. Manager Martin stated that this action relates to compliance with a new legislative requirement which went into effect in 2023. and The Manager and Finance Director Howell confirmed that the City's recommended plan has been reported to the state as required by the statutory change. Finance Director Shari Howell commented on how the policy was created and stated that staff intended to further speak to the pension plan representatives from The Standard about this compliance later this month when they come to give an update on pension plan performance to the Commission. Manager Martin noted that the provider had stated in writing that their investments of the City's pension plan are compliant with applicable statutory requirements. He added that this submittal will be a requirement every two years going forward and that staff will be working with the pension plan manager to ensure compliance as well as timely reporting.

Commissioner Hyslope made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve Resolution No. 2024-003. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

Adjournment

Commissioner Hyslope made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to adjourn the special meeting at 3:09 p.m.

James Pittman, Mayor

Mary K. Combass, City Clerk