

**CITY OF CLEWISTON**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**May 20, 2024**

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The Clewiston City Commission held its regular meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers on Monday, May 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 and Commissioner Hillary Hyslope. Commissioner Mali Gardner was absent.

**Personnel Present:** City Manager Danny Williams, Finance Director Randy Maxson, Assistant Utilities Director Lynne Mila, Police Chief Tom Lewis, IT Administrator Justin Lucas, Community Development Director/Fire Chief Travis Reese, Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services/HR Director Ashly Sergent, Code Enforcement Officer Debbie Clay and City Attorney Dylan Brandenburg.

**Visitors Present:** none

**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.

**1. Consent Agenda**

- A. *City Commission Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2024*
- B. *Special City Commission Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2024*
- C. *Proclamation – Community Action Month - May 2024*
- D. *Budget Calendar*
- E. *Resolution No. 2024-032 – Amendment to Resolution No. 2024-009 re Library Policies*
- F. *Resolution No. 2024-033 – FDOT State Highway Lighting Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement Work Order, Contract Number ASG07 for FY 2024-2025*
- G. *Special Event Permit HRMC Hospital Week Family Night*

**Commissioner Hyslope made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 2. Resolution No. 2024-034** – Resolution No. 2024-028 designates Mayor James Pittman, Interim City Manager Danny Williams, City Clerk Mary K. Combass and Finance Director Randy Maxson as authorized signatories for all accounts maintained at city depository banks.

Mayor Pittman read Resolution No. 2024-034 by title.

**Commissioner Hyslope made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Edmonds, to approve Resolution No. 2024-034. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

Manager Williams mentioned that he would like to bring an ordinance to the Commission for consideration at the next meeting amending the purchasing threshold from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Mayor Pittman suggested staff research to see if other cities are going that high. Attorney Brandenburg stated that he could bring back a list of where other municipalities are at but he knows some municipalities are at \$75,000.

- 3. Resolution No. 2024-035** – Approval of the agreement between Aqua- Meter, LLC and the City for the performance of meter installation services.

Mayor Pittman read Resolution No. 2024-035 by title. Assistant Utilities Director Lynne Mila stated that Aqua Meter was asked for a proposal to complete the installation of the remaining water meters since they will already be on site to do the lead service line field inventory which is paid by FRWA. She commented on the reasons that staff is recommending approval and how the city can leverage the FRWA contract and achieve a cost savings. There was a general discussion regarding penalties for meter tampering. Manager Williams agreed to bring back an ordinance for consideration regarding meter tampering for first reading on the next meeting agenda.

**Commissioner Edmonds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hyslope, to approve Resolution No. 2024-035. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays (Commissioner Gardner was absent.)**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. **Old Business** – There were no comments regarding old business.
5. **Departmental Monthly Activity Reports** – Director Reese suggested the Commission consider adopting a revised schedule of development and construction permit fees.

Manager Williams mentioned that staff was talking about shortening the budget detail discussion time.

6. **Comments from City Manager** – Manager Williams introduced new employees, Finance Director Randy Maxson and Director of HR and Recreation, Ashly Sergent. Directors Maxson and Sergent each addressed the Commission and commented on their plans and what they're currently working on.
7. **Comments from City Attorney** – Attorney Brandenburg stated that he believes some information on the labor union came in right before the meeting today but he has not yet had a chance to look at it. He stated that he believes an initial hearing was planned for this week but thinks it has been moved. He knows that our labor counsel has been in contact with the representative from FOP and is going back and forth on some of the proposed bargaining units. He stated that he will provide an update by next month. He then stated that he has been finalizing the 2023-2024 legislative report on any changes affecting municipalities and will have that for the Commission at next month's meeting as well.
8. **Comments from the City Commission** – Commissioner Edmonds stated that she is excited to meet the new directors and to have those positions filled. She mentioned that the splash pad was awesome when she took her 19 month old granddaughter. She then asked about the meeting dates for June and July because she was looking to schedule a vacation around those dates. Mayor Pittman reviewed the budget workshop schedule that was included in the agenda packet.

Vice Mayor Thompson commented on the issues with commercial vehicles in residential areas and people living in trailers in the back of homes. Police Chief Lewis and Code Enforcement Officer Clay commented on how the police department and code enforcement enforce those issues. Vice Mayor Thompson next mentioned that he is excited to have the new staff and is also excited about the future of our city.

Commissioner Hyslope welcomed Directors Maxson and Sergent.

Mayor Pittman agreed with the commissioners' comments and asked about the meeting date for the CRA Board. Manager Williams stated they are trying to work out the date for the meeting. Mayor Pittman encouraged the commissioners to email Manager Williams or Director Maxson if they have any questions about the budget or want any information before the budget discussions begin.

#### **Adjournment**

**Mayor Pittman declared the meeting adjourned with unanimous consensus of the members present at 5:52 p.m.**

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James Pittman, Mayor

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Mary K. Combass, City Clerk