



## CITY OF CLEWISTON

### CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers – 115 W Ventura Ave

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pittman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pittman led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor Pittman, Vice Mayor Hyslope, Commissioners Edmonds, Gardner, and Williams. City Manager Williams, City Attorney Tuck, Building Official Cooper, HR/Parks and Recreation Director Sargent, Police Chief Lewis, Fire Chief Reese, Lynne Mila, and City Clerk Burch.

#### ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were public comments made by Gileen Perez and Ryan Duffy.

#### PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation to Dylan Brandenburg of Davis and Associates.

Mayor Pittman gave a brief presentation of the item and proceeded to read the proclamation for former City Attorney Dylan Brandenburg into record. He then stated that the Clerk would make sure that Mr. Brandenburg received the proclamation.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

2. Receive and File Monthly Reports.
  - a. City Clerk
  - b. Community Development
  - c. Finance
  - d. Police
  - e. Public Works
  - f. Utilities
3. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2025-27** authorizing the use of funds in the amount of \$1,769.00 through the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to purchase mobile document scanners and related cases.

4. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2025-31** approving final payment in the amount of \$22,1198 to Cox Research and Technology for the inflow and infiltration phase three project.
5. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2025-32** approving final payment in the amount of \$ 89,936.25 to Sensus USA for advanced meter infrastructure project.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gardner and seconded by Vice Mayor Hyslope to approve the Consent Agenda; it was approved as follows: Ayes: Mayor Pittman, Vice Mayor Hyslope, Commissioners Edmonds, Gardner, and Williams. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA AND PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2025-08** on second reading approving adding II of the Clewiston Code of Ordinance of the City of Clewiston pertaining to the use of shopping carts with the city.

Mayor Pittman read Ordinance No. 2025-08 regarding Shopping Carts within the city into the record. City Manager Williams stated that the Police Chief would ensure that letters are sent to the business owners.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Edmonds and seconded by Commissioner Gardner to approve on second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-08 adding II of the Clewiston Code of Ordinances of the City of Clewiston pertaining to the use of Shopping Carts within the city; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Pittman, Vice Mayor Hyslope, Commissioners Edmonds, Gardner, and Williams. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2025-33** approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Clewiston and the Hendry County Sheriff's Office for the use of the SmartCop computer aided dispatch system and other SmartCop applications.

Mayor Pittman read Resolution No. 2025-33 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Clewiston and the Hendry County Sheriff's Office for the use of the SmartCop computer aided dispatch system and other SmartCop applications into the record.

Fire Chief Reese presented the item to the Commission explaining the need for the MOU.

Commissioner Gardner asked, does Hendry County have to be a part of the MOU and is this a budgetary obligation? Fire Chief Reese responded no. Commissioner Gardner then asked about the Police department. Police Chief Lewis responded by stating that he has not met with the Sheriff department but will look into combining the resources.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gardner seconded by Vice Mayor Hyslope to approve Resolution No. 2025-33 approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Clewiston and the Hendry County Sheriff's Office for the use of the SmartCop computer aided dispatch system and other SmartCop applications.**

## **CITY STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager

- Introduced Christopher Cooper, the new Building Official.

- Mentioned the Chamber of Commerce Social Event that will be held on August 18, 2025.

#### City Attorney

- No comment.

#### City Staff

- No comment.

### **CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS**

#### Commissioner Barbara Edmonds

- Commissioner Edmonds stated that City Manager Williams is doing a great job.
- Need for signs around town to let the public know not to dump trash. People stated that we have a clean city.
- Enjoyed the three on three event that was held on Saturday.
- Welcomed the new Building Official.

#### Commissioner Mila Gardner

- Commissioner Gardner stated that she believes that the City Manager is doing a great job.
- She spoke about the budget and the discussion that needs to be made.
- The need to make changes needs to be made.
- Thanked property and business owners for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked City Manager for the work he is doing, well done.

#### Commissioner Jason Williams II

- Commissioner Williams spoke about the three on three event that was hosted this past weekend.
- He also thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for the good work.

#### Vice Mayor Hilary Hyslope

- Vice Mayor Hyslope spoke about the anonymous correspondence that was received by Commissioners. She also stated that the letter received had no tangible information.
- She commented on the budget stating that she supports and expects City's staff to follow suit with States' standards and walk us back to what needs to be done.
- She gave KUDOS to all who participated in the 3 on 3 and thanked Parks and Recreation for their great job regarding the event.

#### Mayor James Pittman

- Mayor Pittman spoke about the commercial module buildings currently at the Catholic church, he also asked the other Commissioners how they felt

about an Architecture Advisory Board being created. Attorney Tuck responded to his question.

- Mayor Pittman also spoke about the Storage on Private Property (RV) ordinance and the Airbnb needs to be workshopped.
- The mayor spoke about the changes regarding the budget. He stated that tough decisions must be made will be difficult but necessary. He also stated that no one is trying to get rid of first responders, but ARPA funds are gone.

Commissioner Gardner spoke about the enforcement of our ordinances. Enforcement is KEY, will make the difference to the community. She also stated that working with the business and property owners to make Clewiston a place to want to work and leave.

Mayor Pittman asked the audience if they would like the Budget Hearing lived streamed but no consensus from the dais.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.