

**CLEARWATER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2020**

1. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

- Mayor Lawrence called the Clearwater City Council Workshop to order Monday, January 27th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Lawrence, Council Members Petty, Scott, Kruchten, and Crandall. Also present were members of the Clearwater Township and Lynden Township Boards, the Public, Staff and Press.

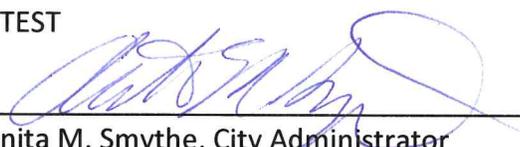
2. Continued Discussion of Fire Protection Contract

- Consensus that all parties wish to continue to have a contract for service.
- Township primary issues are the cost of service compared to other departments, lack of details about the budget, concerns about the proposed split formula, and a lack of communication.
- City's primary concerns are the current contract split is based solely on calls, which excludes other fixed costs of the department, the fact that contract payments are in arrears, so city has to act as the bank, and concerns about arguments over the data.
- After detailed discussion back and forth, the following general consensus was reached:
 - o Clearwater to provide line item budget to townships.
 - o Townships will provide data on market values that splits out parcels with buildings from parcels without buildings.
 - o The three clerks will work together to split the budget into categories; operations, capital, debt.
 - o The three clerks will build a modified split formula that blends the old formula with some new data that includes a five year call history, market value data for parcels with buildings, and a true-up adjustment at the end of each year based on actual experience.
- There was a question about use of chemical foam, which will be discussed at the regular Council meeting.
- Next meeting date to be determined.

3. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm by Mayor Lawrence.

ATTEST



Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

APPROVED



Andrea Lawrence, Mayor