



# McCleary Special City Council Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Building, and Zoom Virtual Meeting

## Minutes

### Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 787 855 3789

(253) 215-8782

### Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by roll call. All councilmembers present.

### Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek. Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Motion passed.

### Special Presentations

None.

### Public Comment

Mayor Pro Tem reviewed the guidelines for public comments. No members of the public spoke.

### Consent Agenda

None.

### Discussion

None.

### New Business

None.

### Old Business

None.

### Ordinances and Resolutions

None.

### Public Comment - City Business Only

#### Discussion

1. Layoff Notifications - IBEW, Brycen Huff

Mayor Pro Tem Huff and Councilmembers Klimek, Dahl, and Schiller each made comments regarding an email the Mayor sent to City Administrator Martin, laying off of two Light & Power employees. Councilmember Dahl reported the city had received a letter from the union today, requesting a 20 years of data, due to the Mayor's actions violating numerous aspects of the union contract. Jason Trotter, IBEW Union Representative spoke to the union's position in this situation. Jason sent the letter Councilmember Dahl referred to. He noted the procedure for laying off union employees has been the same since the union began representing employees 20 years ago (hence the request for 20 years of data).

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## **Public Comment**

Senior Lineman Paul Nott touched on the succession plan to replace retiring linemen in the future.

Missi Olson commented on the layoff situation and future mayoral elections.

Bob Dahl had several inquiries about the situation, which he directed to the City Administrator Jon Martin. Jon noted his inability to comment on the situation, due to ongoing negotiations. City Attorney, Madison Pleasant provided responses to Bob's questions from the legal perspective.

Cindy Nott commented on the layoff situation and her appreciation for city Light & Power employees.

Sarah (last name not provided), shared state statues regarding the removal of a mayor.

Carri Comer expressed her perspective on the performance of certain city employees.

Nancy Gonzales commented on the Mayor Miller's choices while in office. She inquired as to the possibility of creating a city ordinance to address concerns. Madison Pleasant indicated such an action was possible, however the ordinance could only go into effect after the current Mayor's term was up.

Councilmember Schiller warned of the risk of litigation, should council attempt to remove Mayor Miller from office.

Light & Power employees Rob Lisle and Austin Neary thanked council and the public for their support in this situation.

Mayor Pro Tem Huff commented on the amount of employee turnover under Mayor Miller's term. He expressed optimism in employees and the people of McCleary to move forward, in spite of the current situation.

Councilmember Klimek expressed his support for employees Rob Lisle and Austin Neary.

## **Executive Session**

None.

## **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem Huff, Councilmember Shiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

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