



# McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Center & Zoom Virtual Meeting

## Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Miller

### PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons  
Councilmember Brycen Huff  
Councilmember Andrea Dahl  
Councilmember Keith Klimek

### ABSENT

Councilmember Max Ross

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Huff to excuse Councilmember Ross.  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

### Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Huff to accept the Agenda.  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

### Special Presentations

None

### Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

None

### Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Simmons to accept the Consent Agenda.  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

1. Accounts Payable January 16-31, 2024 Check Numbers 52957-52997 Including EFT's Totaling \$57,393.87
2. January 24, 2024 Minutes

### Updates

3. Staff Reports - Police Activity, Public Works, Light & Power, Fire Department, Public Works Director, Finance

Councilmember Simmons commented that he saw we got the new Durango in. Chief Patrick stated it is due to go in for striping next week. Patrick said the Jeep will be used as backup. The Explorer is used by Eagle once a week and is still in working order.

Councilmember Dahl asked for an update on the Fire Chief. Mayor Miller stated they are working on

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questions now and hope to have that completed in the next few weeks. There will be three on the panel, none from our Fire Department and Mayor Miller did not disclose who is on the panel.

4. Council Committee Updates

Councilmember Huff said he attended the Chehalis Basin Partnership and Chad Bedlington and the Aquifer Consultant gave a presentation to the group. Chad gave a brief update on the project. Councilmember Dahl said Finance Committee met today and went over 13th Month transactions and started working on 2024 figures.

Councilmember Simmons said Policy Committee has not met yet, but plan to work on some Ordinance clean-up.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

5. Trotter & Morton Agreement

Chad Bedlington stated this is a reoccurring agreement that does maintenance on our chiller. We will need a replacement chiller soon.

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to approve the Trotter & Morton Agreement.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

6. Legacy Power Systems Proposal

Chad Bedlington said this is a maintenance agreement for the City's generators. The cost should be around \$5000-\$6000 per year.

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to approve the Legacy Maintenance Agreement.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

7. Information Technologies (IT) Project Update - MOU with IBEW

Chad Bedlington stated he appreciates Council engagement. It has been a difficult 8-9 months and we're trying to get to a better IT infrastructure. The City had a catastrophic failure in the IT system early last year and this is the backbone of what makes the City work. We have an in-house IT person that can support us at a fraction of the cost. Going out to a 3rd party consultant can be really expensive; \$72,000-\$80,000 per year versus having Tyson do the IT works for \$7000-\$8000 per year. Tyson has done a fantastic job and works hard for the City and community to support us.

The job description has been rewritten and an MOU drafter with the Union. We are asking to allow an employee to work Out of Class up to 10 hours per week. This is not intended to a permanent full-time position.

Chad Bedlington stated that on the Law Enforcement side, for anyone to work on our police system, there are certain restrictions on who can and cannot access it. Tyson is certified for access and Aktivov is not.

Councilmember Klimek said office staff praises Tyson. He asked how Chad came up with the \$7000-\$8000 annual cost. Chad Bedlington said the salary was based off of the AWC Salary Survey and figured out the Out of Class criteria with the union in the MOU.

Councilmember Huff asked about reaching out to Montesano, Elma and Aberdeen to contract with

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one of them for IT support. Huff is concerned about having 1 person in charge of IT. Chief Patrick stated they could be back up but need internal assistance. Councilmember Simmons asked about the position being exempt. Jenna Amsbury stated there has been changes to exempt criteria and this position does not qualify. It is not unique for an IT position to be a union covered position.

Motion made by Councilmember Klimek to approve the MOU with IBEW. There was no second. Motion dies.

#### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

#### **Public Comment - City Business Only**

None

#### **Executive Session**

None

#### **Council Comments**

Councilmember Klimek stated we need to solve the IT issues.

#### **Mayor Comments**

None

#### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

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