



McCleary Special City Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting & Community Center

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

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

PRESENT

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Max Ross

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Joy Iversen

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

A motion was made seconded and passed to approve the agenda as written.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen.

Public Comment

Jacob Simmons asked for a full council to vote to represent the people.

Kyle Comer asked the Mayor if he made the facebook post. He stated that he did.

Consent Agenda

1. Accounts Payable August 16-31, 2023 Ck Numbers 52403-52441 totaling \$38,190.52

A motion was made by Councilmember Huff, seconded by Councilmember Dahl and passed to approve the agenda as written.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

Updates

2. Staff Reports - Police, Finance, Public Works, Light & Power and Fire

Fire Captain Andrew Pittman provided additional information on the Fire Department Staff Report. He provided fire call statistics, updates on retirements, and the need for more volunteers. He thanked Councilmember Huff for setting up the National Night Out event in August. He stated there were three suspicious fires in the past week and asked citizens to be vigilant. He discussed life flights and the ability for citizens to get insurance to help with the costs. He asked the Mayor for a meeting to discuss staffing, contracts, equipment and facilities. There was discussion on the burn ban and the permitting process through ORCAA that is available on the City Website.

New Business

3. Interagency Reimbursement Agreement between AOC and City of McCleary. Attorney Chris Coker provided a report on the agreement, noting Grays Harbor District Court would manage the payments from the agreement as the City's court agency.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen to approve the Interagency Agreement.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

4. Council Meeting Schedule Through December 2023. Jenna Amsbury, Clerk-Treasurer, provided a calendar of upcoming holidays and meeting dates, noting November 22, 2023 is the day before Thanksgiving and December 27 is near Christmas. The council discussed meeting dates and schedules.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to cancel the regular city council meetings scheduled for November 22, 2023 and December 27, 2023 due to the holidays and add special meetings to November 4 and November 29 for budget meetings.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

5. 2024 Budget Calendar and Hearings. Jenna Amsbury Clerk-Treasurer, presented a calendar of budget meetings and hearings. The dates of October 25, November 8 and November 29 were outlined, and council was in agreement. No motion was necessary, the hearings will be scheduled.

6. Upcoming Grant Applications Discussion. Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works, provided council with information on a new grant opportunity for making improvements at Beerbower Park. He stated the grant would provide \$77,000 with no match requirement for the basketball and pickleball courts as well as sidewalks around the area that are in need of repair.

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Huff to authorize applying for the grant for park upgrades in the amount of \$77,000.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

Old Business

7. Memorandum of Understanding – Amendment to the Current IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement. Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works, explained the request to add a job classification to the IBEW bargaining unit of Program Manager, which includes Network Administration and Urban Planning. He stated the position would not be filled unless the council added it to the 2024 budget. He stated by having an in-house person handle the Network/IT issues there would be cost savings instead of outsourcing. With an in-house position there would be daily operational support for staff and less downtime.

Councilmember Huff stated he does not think we need to approve this now, it should be reviewed after the budget. Councilmember Iversen stated the council would still discuss it at budget, this just adds the position as an option. Councilmember Dahl stated she does not agree with the position and thinks it should be outsourced. Councilmember Ross stated that if the council approves the position, Chad could demonstrate the costs for the position and justify the cost during the budget process. The council could then make the decision on whether to fill it or not. Mr. Bedlington stated he can provide estimates for the cost difference. There was discussion on the pay range selected and comparable jobs. No decision or motion was made.

Ordinances and Resolutions

8. Resolution to assign authorized persons for Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). Jenna Amsbury, Clerk-Treasurer, stated this is an authorization to add herself as the new Clerk-Treasurer to the account and remove the prior Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Huff to approve Resolution No. 756 adding Jenna Amsbury, Clerk Treasurer to the LGIP account.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

Public Comment:

Carrie Comer stated the definition of new business in the handbook states no decisions will be made, but tonight decisions were made under new business. She stated she is trying to learn the process, so she is prepared for action items. Mayor Miller stated it would be reviewed.

Lisa Jo Johnson stated Roberts Rules of Order are not being followed consistently. Mayor you posted from the City of McCleary Facebook Page on McCleary Uncensored regarding budget figures. This is not accurate information, I want to see the audited budget figures. It is not appropriate for information to be shared this way.

Jeff Geer stated he has sat in the council seat and is disappointed in what is happening. He asked to know who the foreman was on the streets job as there was overspray in the catch basins. Would like to know why the council and Mayor is waiting to appoint the vacant council seat there is a person running unopposed for the seat and he should be selected.

Mayor Updates

Mayor Miller provided updates on the industrial park planning with the developer, annexation potential with Mr. Brogan and the Aquifer study.

Council Updates

Councilmember Huff made comments regarding the utility rate increase for 2023. He stated the council went on the staff recommendation of 9% he advocated for 5%. He added that meetings need to be ran consistently.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen