



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Center and Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Councilmember Huff asked for a moment of silence

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons (by phone)

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Keith Klimek

ABSENT

Mayor Chris Miller

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to accept the agenda.

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

Special Presentations

None

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

Carri Comer spoke about the Social Media Policy mentioned in Jenna Amsbury's Staff Report. Carri wants to know who has access and asked about the use of comments. She asked where City business will be posted. Councilmembers Klimek & Simmons received Jenna's Social Media Draft Policy, but they do not have an update at this time as they have not met on it.

Consent Agenda

Chantal Segó made a comment regarding the minutes accuracy for how the Civic Renewal was founded and asked for them to be updated.

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to accept the consent agenda with the revision of the minutes to be made.

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

1. Accounts Payable Aug 16-31 Ck Numbers 53681-53712 Including EFT's Totaling \$71,851.46
2. Meeting Minutes - August 28, 2024

Updates

3. Staff Reports - Light & Power, Finance, Fire, Police, Water & Wastewater, Public Works Director

Councilmember Dahl asked about the grant for inflow and infiltration. Chad Bedlington stated October 15th is the due date and he plans to submit a grant application.

Councilmember Huff asked about the Police Explorer needing to be sold as surplus. Huff also asked about the

attorney RFP's.

There will be a budget workshop meeting on September 17th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Chad Bedlington said the RFP's for IT Services are due September 19th. He did a walk through with a couple companies that were interested in applying.

Councilmember Simmons asked if the Mayor will be present at the Budget Workshop. He said it is unacceptable to spend time at extra meetings when the Mayor won't show up at any meetings.

Chad Bedlington gave an update on the Maple Street Project. It is a 3-year project from the award to completion, and we are in the billable stage now. Next Spring will be the construction stage.

New Business - None

Old Business

4. Fraternal Order of Police – Memorandum of Understanding for the 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Jenna Amsbury stated that since the adoption of the Collective Bargaining Agreement the shift times has changed from 6:00 to 6:00 to the new schedule of 7:00 to 7:00. This MOU changes the shift differential to match shift times for the full evening shift. It also details that the shift differential will not be retroactive, but start on September 1.

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Huff to accept the MOU for the 2024-2026 Police contract.

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

5. Washington Department of Enterprise Services Energy Services Authorization/Agreement

Chad Bedlington spoke about the Solar Project. This is the 5th conversation on this topic. It is revenue generating and will offset Bonneville charges 100,000-160,000, we will find out during this process. In addition for maintenance, Ameresco is willing to provide a 25-year maintenance agreement to alleviate concerns. The project can also provide \$30,000 in sales tax revenue to the General Fund from the purchases of the equipment and panels.

Councilmember Klimek asked what the maintenance contract entailed. Brian Solan from Ameresco said it's an O&M agreement. He believes there is a way for it to be funded through the grant at the average of 10-20% of the cost of power generated. The structure agreement would need the cost upfront as part of the agreement. Councilmember Klimek doesn't want to pay this out of the City Funds. There is no guarantee there will be a 25-year service contract if Ameresco were to not be in business over the whole period. Brian Solan said Ameresco has been in business over 20 years already and has a strong business presence.

Councilmember Simmons said he reached out to Department of Commerce to get more information. He wants a response from Department of Commerce before voting.

Councilmember Huff wants to table this until the next meeting. The consensus was to table the item for next meeting.

6. McCleary Civic Renewal Council regarding City Partnership

Carri Comer said the Civic Renewal Council didn't request a letter of support from the City for the grant. They have already submitted a grant for \$4,800 in additional funding to purchase more décor for the park.

She explained a year ago the City was looking for an arts/parks committee. The scope is not clear what the city is wanting to be involved in. She wants the City to partner with the Civic Renewal to do the volunteer work for the Christmas event. Councilmember Klimek talked about the Liability Insurance. Councilmember Huff said he has helped with events in the past and it's hard to say what someone might sue for.

Civic Renewal Group would like to start with the Christmas Event, decorating of the park and lights over the pickleball court and then discuss other partnerships. Councilmember Klimek said that the Civic Renewal Group does a good job. There will be more discussion with Chad and Jenna to see if an MOU can be drafted.

Ordinances and Resolutions - None

Public Comment - City Business Only

Dan Baskins stated other cities have used a volunteer application process for events and said that is something the city could review for the civic renewal council.

Executive Session - None

Council Comments

Councilmember Huff said September is suicide awareness month, the phone number for help is 988. Huff reminded everyone that the City Wide Garage sale is September 20-22, 2024.

Councilmember Dahl said Council Position #3 has been vacated and it is open for applications.

Mayor Comments

None

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek