



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Center & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Max Ross

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Keith Klimek

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

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

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

Public Hearings

No Public Hearings

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

No Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

1. Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2024
2. Accounts Payable April 1-15, 2024 Ck Numbers 53201-53267 Including EFT's Totaling \$222,551.70
3. Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2024

Updates

4. Policy Committee Updates-
Camera Policy Discussion

Councilmember Simmons said it is his understanding that the City does not have an adopted camera policy and would like an understanding on what guidance we are using. Director of Public Works Chad Bedlington stated there is no adopted policy. He has access to the surveillance system but would prefer to not have access. He stated he needs to train the Chief on how to utilize the camera system so he can take over. They have used the cameras for safety investigations and crime. Mr. Bedlington would like to see a policy in place. The system is on a 3rd party site, Verkada. Legal counsel has been contacted regarding the release of information for PIR's.

Councilmember Ross said most cities have cameras somewhere in their city, does MRSC have any sample policy's that we could look at? Chad Bedlington said we do have a draft policy that has been

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sitting dormant.

Simmons asked who is overseeing the authority and policy? Bedlington stated it should be the Chief. It's a matter of getting him trained.

Councilmember Dahl asked who all has access to the cameras? Bedlington stated himself, the Mayor, the Chief, all the police officers and the police clerk.

Mayor Miller asked if the Council wanted to work on this policy and fix it or make a motion and stop the cameras all-together?

Councilmember Huff suggested we shut the cameras down now since we do not have a policy and the Chief needs to be up to speed on how they work. Huff would like to see an audit to see how frequently it's being used, what it's being used for, and which cameras are being accessed to help direct the Policy Committee. We spent a lot of money on the cameras and I don't want to scrap them.

City Attorney Chris Coker spoke on what the City can and cannot release for Public Records.

Councilmember Klimek said he wants to stop the cameras until we have a set policy in place.

Councilmember Ross doesn't like shutting them down when they are used for safety.

Councilmember Dahl asked if there is a policy in place for the Police Department's body cameras and who oversees them? Mayor Miller said it is the Chief. Klimek asked how the Chief can oversee the body cameras when he doesn't understand our surveillance cameras.

The Policy Committee will meet this Friday.

Motion made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Huff to stop the cameras for the next 2-weeks to get a policy in place. (Just surveillance cameras, not police body cameras)

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

New Business

5. Sign Ordinance

Mayor Miller said there are no changes from the last time. Clerk-Treasurer Jenna Amsbury explained that we are bringing this forward again because we are trying to get something in place as this is an election year and there will more than likely be signs. The Public Hearing will be on the 8th of May, this is just just for discussion tonight if you have any questions before the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Simmons has a few changes he would like to see in this policy.

Chris Coker stated this is a content neutral sign ordinance and if you don't like it, you do not have to vote it in.

Council would like to table this. Policy Committee will look at this on Friday.

6. Updated Public Records Ordinance

Jenna Amsbury explained that this is an updated Public Records Policy. The last Ordinance was adopted in 1997 and the Public Records Act has changed a lot since then. This Ordinance follows RCW. There will be a Public Hearing on this on May 8th.

Old Business

7. Bid Award — Overhead Electric Distribution Transformers

Chad Bedlington said General Pacific was the low bidder at \$66,140.42 and this was an anticipated expense for this year. Paul Nott stated this was a competitive bid process and right now we have a supply issue, manufacturing is difficult. We had two suppliers that we got and there was a huge discrepancy in the bids. Councilmember Simmons asked why are we only purchasing 20? Paul Nott stated he wanted to keep his budget in line.

Motion made by Councilmember Simmons, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to approve the Bid Award to General Pacific.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember

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Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Ordinances and Resolutions

Public Comment - City Business Only

Kyle Comer asked Mayor Miller and Chad Bedlington if they have logged in to view cameras in real time? Steve Sleasman stated he is concerned about the welfare of McCleary. The Police Department is absent tonight, and the Chief is not trained on the cameras, that is a concern. Mayor, I ask of you to please resign and I ask for the termination of the Police Chief.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Council Comments

Councilmember Simmons thanked the Staff for their work on the City-Wide Clean-up. He thanked Jenna Amsbury for her quick responses. Simmons asked Chad Bedlington to provide how far back in time the logs are available for the cameras.

Councilmember Dahl stated it seemed like it went well, but traffic control needs to be done next year near Rainbow Apartments and the VFW. Dahl also asked about the Police Contract status.

Councilmember Klimek thanked the City for the City-Wide Clean-up, and appreciated that we keep the City as clean as possible.

Paul Nott said the Clean-Up has been going on for a long time, and we have a really good process now. This is a good thing that the City does.

Councilmember Dahl asked about the concerns from last meeting about the alley and the smell from the Treatment Plant. Bedlington said we have very limited budget in the Streets Fund for alley work. For the treatment plant, there is an additive we can add that will help with the smell that has been ordered.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Miller said his meeting with the Grays Harbor Transit Station went well, and they asked if we wanted them to acquire it, or if we wanted to maintain ownership of the station. That is something we need to think about and can discuss at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Ross to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm. Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

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