



McCleary City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 – 6:30 PM
McCleary Community Center & WebEx Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Mayor Orffer called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Presentation of First Responder Awards

Councilman Huff presented Chief Blumer with the 2021 First Responder of the year award. Voters said Chief is a real straight shooter, has great leadership and budgeting knowledge, and has demonstrated great police protection. Congratulations Chief Blumer.

Chief Blumer thanked everyone and credited his staff and surrounding agencies for the great support they provide, he said he could not do it without them.

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

There were no modifications to the agenda.

Motion to accept the agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Heller.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen

Public Comment

Bob Pringle wanted to follow up on the VFW noise complaint he spoke about at the last Council meeting to see if the Chief had any information. Bob then asked how he could protect himself from a dog. He said two dogs came after him and the dogs almost got shot. He called the police, but no one responded.

Chief Blumer explained what Mr., Pringle could do to protect himself, shooting the dogs is not an option. Chief mentioned contacting Grays Harbor County's Animal Control Officer.

Angela Rittinger commented that when she was bit by a dog last year, the city claimed it was her fault, and they did not do much about it. Chief Blumer shared that he had contacted the County per Ms. Rittinger's request to follow up with her regarding the dog bite. Ms. Rittinger said that was not true.

Mayor Orffer suggested Chief Blumer, and Ms. Rittinger continue their conversation offline, and she moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Public Hearing

Mayor Orffer opened the Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget Proposed Expenditures at 6:46PM

There were no Public Comments.

Mayor Orffer closed the Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget Proposed Expenditures at 6:46PM

Consent Agenda

2. Accounts Payable October 1st -15th

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3. Accounts Payable October 16th -31st
4. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes October 27, 2021

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Heller.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen

Updates

5. Finance and Administration Staff Report
6. Police Incident Report
7. Public Works Staff Report
8. Water/Wastewater Staff Report

There were no updates to the Staff reports

Chris Coker provided a Legal Update: The City had a public disclosure request for video on our new cameras, the video did not get disclosed. The city apologized for it, and it was never hidden that it was a mistake. The city received a notice of a lawsuit for the alleged violation. There is not ongoing damages, looks like attorney fees. Chris Coker had talked to the Mr. Damerow in the Attorney General's office about this and advised him of our response which he was in agreeance on. This did not stop the lawsuit. The lawsuit has been forwarded on to our insurance provider, WCIA to see if we have coverage, if we do not have coverage, the city will have to pay for the defense, at least the deductible.

New Business

9. Rate increase discussion

Discussion took place regarding the rates

Motion to approve Resolution allowing flexibility this year only to deter away from the ordinance setting rates at 3% plus CPI

Motion made by Councilmember Heller, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen

10. Potential Uses for American Rescue Plan Funds

Councilmember Huff shared some ideas. He had talked with Kevin at the Treatment Plant. There are some upgrades needed: industrial stairway for access s to make it easier to process the PH levels, upgrades to the electrical, and the digester. Councilmember Huff would like to designate \$185,000 to the Treatment Plant to assist with some of the improvements.

Councilmember Huff also suggested purchasing gift cards for police to distribute to citizens to reward good behavior. Councilmember Amsbury said she wanted to see the details on the gift cards because it sounds like a gift of public funds.

11. Police body worn cameras and in car video discussion

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Chief Blumer discussed the potential purchase of body cams and vehicle video surveillance. There is enough money remaining in the Police Budget to purchase the cameras and surveillance equipment this year. We do not need a vote on it, as we do not yet have prices on install. If Council would like to move forward with this, Chief Blumer will get a quote for the equipment, install, and maintenance agreements, so this can be revisited at the December 8th Council Meeting. Council was in favor of this.

12. November Council Meeting Schedule - Discussion

Motion to cancel the November 24th Council Meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen

13. Proposed 2022 Attorney Fees

Motion to accept the proposed 2022 Attorney Fees effective January 1, 2022.

Motion made by Councilmember Heller, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen

Old Business

14. Summit Site Inert Waste Pile Work Plan Extension

Mayor Orffer discussed the County approved Summit Site Inert Waste Pile Work Plan Extension. We have until April 15, 2022, to complete the project. Once we start work, we have to complete it within a two-week period. This delay was prompted by Quigg Bros., Inc. not being able to get us on their work schedule as originally planned. There will be no increase in costs due to the extension.

15. Ordinance 865 - Adopt Zero Increase in Property Tax

Although Council approved a ZERO percent increase in Property Tax for 2022, we need to adopt an ordinance reflecting the decision.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 865 for a Zero percent increase in Property Tax for 2022.

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen

Updates

Mayor Orffer congratulated Councilmember Miller on his election to Mayor. Mayor Orffer offered help to Councilmember Miller so he can have a smooth transition from Councilmember to Mayor.

Mayor Orffer also congratulated Councilmember Iversen, and newly elected Councilmembers Andrea Dahl and Max Ross to the 2022 City Council.

Mayor Orffer shared we are still working on funding for the DTF property, when we get answers, we will share that information. The County is not interested in a lease to purchase option or carrying a contract.

Discussion took place regarding the budget and the allocation of managerial funds.

Public Comment

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Bob Pringle asked again if the Police ever reported on the VFW noise complaint. Chief explained that the Police did respond, and the music was turned down upon their arrival. Mr. Pringle asked if the officer sat outside the VFW to observe, and if any citations were issued.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28PM Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff. Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen.

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