



# McCleary Special City Council Meeting

Monday, December 23, 2024 – 6:30 PM

McCleary City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom Virtual Meeting

## Minutes

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

Meeting began at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted along with roll call.

#### PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons  
Councilmember Brycen Huff (Mayor Pro Tem)  
Councilmember Brent Schiller  
Councilmember Andrea Dahl  
Councilmember Keith Klimek (Via Internet)

#### ABSENT

Mayor Chris Miller

### Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Mayor Pro Tem Huff asked if there were any modifications to the agenda; there were not.

A motion was therefore made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Simmons, to accept the agenda as written.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek.

Motion passed.

### Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

Jeff Geer shared his frustration and dissatisfaction with Mayor Miller for vetoing the 2025 budget. He was displeased that a special council meeting had to be called tonight, in response to the veto.

Mayor Pro Tem Huff responded to public comment, by reviewing the sequence of events that led up to tonight's meeting. He shared his own surprise and frustration that the budget had been vetoed, and Mayor Miller's reasoning for doing so.

City Administrator Martin provided a point of clarification on the sequence of events outlined by Mayor Pro Tem Huff; regarding electric rate changes in the initial letter that was sent out to the public.

### New Business

#### 1. Discussion of the Budget Veto

Councilmember Simmons thanked Mayor Pro Tem Huff and Administrator Martin for clarifying statements that were made in an email. Simmons then clarified his own statements in response to the email. He then pointed to recent interactions with the Department of Ecology, regarding issues with storm water and sewer back ups. Simmons stated that council needs review the data that reflects the issues brought up by state officials.

Councilmember Dahl thanked her fellow councilmembers for their hard work and efforts to create the 2025 budget, and said she felt proud of the work they had done. She expressed her own frustration

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with the Mayor's decision to veto the budget, and her hope that the city will be able to move forward, in spite of this action.

Councilmember Klimek also thanked fellow council members for their efforts to come up with a budget for 2025.

Councilmember Schiller expressed hope that council and city staff will be able to continue to work together in the future, so the city can move forward.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **2. 2025 Budget Ordinance**

Mayor Pro Tem Huff asked if there was any further discussion regarding Ordinance 894; the 2025 Budget. As there was not, a motion was made by Councilmember Simmons, Seconded by Councilmember Schiller to override the veto of the budget by Mayor Chris Miller.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek.

Motion to override the veto and reapprove the 2025 Budget passed.

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

Jeff Geer thanked council and city staff for their work this evening. He spoke of the number of staff that have quit under Mayor Miller's tenure, because of what Jeff perceives to be some of the worst working conditions created, by any mayor in his lifetime. He again called for Mayor Miller's resignation.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Councilmember Schiller, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to adjourn the meeting. Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek.

Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

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