



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Community Center & Zoom Meeting

Minutes

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Meeting ID: 787 855 3789

(253) 215-8782

Mayor Huff

Councilmember Simmons

Councilmember Schiller

Councilmember Dahl, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Klimek

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Announcements: Planning Commission; Seats Open & Council Position 2; Seat Open

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl to accept the Agenda, which was seconded by Councilmember Klimek. Motion was approved.

Mayor Huff announced that there are open seats on the Planning Commission. If anyone is interested, they are to submit a letter of interest to City Hall.

Mayor Huff announced that Council Position #2 is vacant. If anyone is interested in this position, they are to submit a letter of interest to City Hall within two weeks of the meeting date.

Mayor Huff introduced and welcomed McCleary Police Departments newest officer, Officer Ed Owen.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

1. Public comment is limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. Please refrain from interrupting the speaker. Your comments should be respectful and courteous. Please note that this is for comment only, and the council or staff cannot engage in conversations with the public.

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

2. Claims Agenda:

i. Approval of checks/vouchers/disbursements numbers 55269-55357 including EFTs dated 12/01/25-12/31/25 in the amount of \$445,320.86

ii. Approval of payroll disbursement for January 5th, 2026, in the amount of \$92,943.50 (Period: 12/16/25-12/31/25)

Councilmember Schiller made a motion to approve the consent agendas. Councilmember Klimek seconded.

Motion is approved.

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Updates

3. Staff Reports: Building Dept., Finance & Administration, Light & Power, Police Dept, Public Works, and Water & Wastewater
Mayor Huff reported that Officer Ed Owen is performing well in the Field Training Officer (FTO) program. Mayor Huff also announced that the purchase of new firearms for the Police Department has been approved.
Councilmember Dahl, asked whether firearm holsters were included in the approved purchase amount. Police Chief Miskell confirmed that holsters were not included.
Councilmember Dahl asked City Administrator Martin questions regarding recent flooding.
Councilmember Dahl also asked Light and Power Department Head Paul Nott for clarification on line items included in his report.

New Business

4. Professional Services Contract:
Request to continue agreement for Certified Public Accountant- professional services with Tara Dunford, CPA for 2026, not to exceed \$24,600.
Mayor Huff read the request to continue the agreement for CPA Tara Dunford.
Councilmember Klimek made a motion to approve the continuance of agreement with CPA Tara Dunford. Councilmember Dahl, seconded that motion.
Motion approved.
5. Police Department Firearm Purchase:
Request for purchase approval confirmation per attached estimate from Oregon Rifleworks, in the amount of \$5,580.04
Mayor Huff explained the request for the Police Department firearm purchase.
Councilmember Dahl, Mayor Pro Tem, asked Police Chief Miskell about the disposition of the firearms currently in use. Chief Miskell explained that the firearms will be purchased by a distributor, allowing the Police Department to receive a store credit.
Councilmember Simmons made a motion to approve the purchase. Councilmember Dahl seconded.
Motion approved.
6. Professional Services Contract:
Request for approval for Loomis Armored Truck Services for 2026
Mayor Huff described the reinstatement of Loomis Armored Truck Services.

Council Comments

Councilmember Simmons recognized Police Chief Miskell for his management and distribution of overtime. Councilmember Simmons asked City Administrator Martin and City Attorney Pleasant a question regarding deadlines related to a change in government. City Attorney Pleasant responded by offering to provide Councilmember Simmons with a copy of an email that fully explains the matter.

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Resident Cindy expressed frustration regarding odors from the water treatment plant and asked what actions could be taken to address the issue. She also stated that the alley near her home is in poor condition and expressed concern that children riding the bus could be affected.

Executive Session

8. Per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation.

Per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations.

Executive session called at 6:47 pm to last 45 minutes. The executive session was set to end at 7:32.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:32.

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