



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 09, 2022 – 6:30 PM

McCleary City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilmember Jenna Amsbury

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Joy Iversen

ABSENT

Councilmember Max Ross - Motion made by Councilmember Iversen to excuse Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Mayor Miller said Paul Nott is going to give an update on the power outage. Also to include Teamsters in the MOU discussion under New Business.

Special Presentations

1. Energy Conservation Presentation - Apollo

Scott Lewis and Tori Benson from Apollo Solutions Group gave a presentation on Energy Conservation. They spoke in regards to what their company does and how they can help reduce energy consumption and look for additional funding opportunities to help with the project.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

No Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

2. Staff Reports - Director of Public Works, Light & Power, Public Works, Police, Water and Wastewater, Finance
3. Accounts Payable Oct 15-31 Check Numbers 51242-51282 including EFT's totaling \$57,951.15

Updates

Paul Nott gave an update on the power outage from the storm on Friday. He explained the process of working on power lines and spoke in regards to the process of what happens when power is restored. The outage was the line from Elma that feeds McCleary and our Light and Power was able to get McCleary's work completed before Grays Harbor PUD was ready to restore power to the line that feeds McCleary. Councilmember Iversen thanked the Power Crew for all their work.

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Chad Bedlington gave a quick update on our new Daupler system. It's an after-hours call out system, 24 hours a day, 7-days a week, call center which will help us dispatch more effectively. There will be a phone number that people will call. You will also be able to call to get ETA's for outages.

New Business

4. Interlocal Agreement with Department of Enterprise - Energy Program Services

Chad Bedlington stated this is a non-monetary agreement that allows us to enter into an agreement with Department of Enterprise to seek Project Management Services.

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

5. MOU between the City and Olympic Mountain Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 23

Mayor Miller stated the FOP contract with the police is a 4% increase for 2023. When they compared that to Elma, the gap is 14.5% & they are going to get another massive jump. We are not trying to be Elma, but we don't want to get too far behind. We want to offer an additional 3%. With the Teamsters, next year they only get 2% and with the inflation at 9.6% they are getting further behind, and are the lowest paid employees at the City. With the additional 3%, that would bring them to 5% for next year. Councilmember Dahl asked if the IBEW contract on the table tonight, did we calculate the inflation into that, or is that just to catch them up to their comparables? Miller said it was a little of both.

Councilmember Amsbury asked for FOP, did they use any other comps other than Elma? Chief Patrick stated there were others, but Elma was closest and in the same County. Councilmember Amsbury stated she knows we need to pay Police Officers more and would like to see a wage scale. She knows the Police are hard to keep, but would like to see comparables for Teamsters as well. Miller stated we are just bringing this up tonight, we are not voting on it. Councilmember Dahl's biggest issue is we are doing this for two bargaining units and not the other one. If we are going to hand Police and Teamsters more money based on inflation, then we need to be doing it for IBEW also. Councilmember Amsbury said they agreed to their contract. Normally we don't do this out of cycle, but she is more concerned about the other two unions, especially keeping police comparable because we have plenty of applicants for the Public Works Crew, but not for Police. Councilmember Huff asked if we are still planning on hiring a sixth Police Officer next year, what our numbers will look like. They will discuss that at the next budget workshop. Councilmember Dahl said, we have two MOU's in front of us, back in May she asked for a MOU on the police working from home, we still haven't seen that. These got to us really fast, but is still waiting for the on-call MOU which she doesn't think is right to be paying our Police time and a half to work from home. Miller stated the on-call time is going to end come December because our 5th officer starts on Monday.

6. November & December Meeting Cancellation Discussion

Mayor Miller stated the second meeting in November is the day before Thanksgiving and we typically cancel it. We want to cancel that meeting and tentatively cancel the second meeting in December assuming we pass the budget at the first meeting of December. Councilmember Iversen would like to see us lay out all the meetings for the year in January of every year.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

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7. **Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW**

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

Old Business

Ordinances and Resolutions

Updates

Councilmember Huff likes the new City Website and thinks it's a lot more user-friendly. Chad Bedlington said there are still things that need to be worked out and things added, but we are getting there. Councilmember Dahl thanked him and said it looks great.

Public Comment - City Business Only

No Public Comment

Executive Session

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

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