



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 6:30 PM

McCleary City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Councilmember Ross asked to add under New Business, a City Administrator discussion.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

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

Special Presentations

1. Bear Festival Royalty pinning Council Members

Bear Fest Royalty gave Councilmembers Bear Fest pins for the upcoming event.

2. FCS Rate Study Presentation

Paul Quinn & Angie Sanchez gave a presentation on the Utility Rate Study. They gave an overview of the rate study process and gave the results of the four utilities. Councilmember Amsbury asked what the increases would be if we looked at a 5-year outlook rather than 3-years. Paul Quinn stated we could look at that extension and follow up with us on that. Chad Bedlington said this is just our first introduction to this, we have lots of options to look at.

Public Hearing

3. 6 Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

Chad Bedlington stated that every year by July 1st, we are required to adopt a 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan. This hasn't changed much since last year.

Public Hearing opened at 7:50pm and closed at 7:50pm.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Huff

4. Accounts Payable May 1-15 Check Numbers 52055-52107 including EFT's totaling \$295,359.63
Accounts Payable May 16-31 Check Numbers 52109-52142 including EFT's totaling \$78,090.02

5. May 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Updates

6. Light & Power, Police, Water, Wastewater, Public Works, Public Works Director

Councilmember Huff had questions about the Insight invoices. Chad Bedlington will get back to Brycen on these Invoices. We entered into a contract with Insight and some of our equipment has already arrived.

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Chief Patrick introduced our newest officer, Officer Sneed. She is interested in our K9 program. Councilmember Huff asked what was going on at the Wells this weekend? Why are we paying employees overtime for this? Was Grays Harbor Environmental Health notified beings they were the lead investigators on this? Chad Bedlington said we wanted to do test holes first to see if they could find material present. Mayor Miller said they reached out to Ecology first. April Wright asked if the City knows if the asphalt out there was from the paving project or if it could be from another project. Mayor Miller stated we don't know.

Councilmember Iversen spoke on behalf of the McCleary Museum and they do not wish to move forward on asking the City to help out with their utility bills.

New Business

Councilmember Ross spoke about a City Administrator position and the goal is to have a full-time person here to run the day to day operations of the City. We'd be looking at a reallocation of funds to pay for this position. Councilmember Iversen said this does not require a vote to the voters because we are not changing the form of government. Councilmember Huff spoke in regards to a City Manager verses City Administrator. He'd like to reach out to Westport and Hoquiam for their opinion of this. Councilmember Dahl said this person is still reporting to the Mayor, that is accomplishing what we're trying to do.

Old Business

Ordinances and Resolutions

7. 6 Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) Resolution

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.

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

Public Comment - City Business Only

April Wright asked how there is not any Old Business on the Agenda. We have no answers to any of the questions we have been asking. She asked if there are any applicants for the Clerk-Treasurer position and asked when Ann Marie's last day was. Mayor Miller stated Monday or Tuesday; she's still on the books, but not here. Missy Olsen asked why the records requests are taking so long to get and asked who is fulfilling them? Mayor Miller said nobody is at this time, we need a new Clerk-Treasurer. Missy said she is concerned about the employee turnover at the City.

Heidi asked the Mayor if he was the one that made the Facebook post about Dani Smith. Mayor Miller said, yes, he was.

Carri Comer is concerned about no public records being fulfilled right now because she thought we had to. Chris Coker explained our circumstance where staffing issues are involved, is something that can come into consideration. Carri also asked what the community benefit was about the Facebook post that was made about Dani Smith. Mayor Miller said that multiple people kept asking about it and they just set the record straight.

Executive Session

8. RCW 42.30.110(1)(f)

Executive Session started at 8:49pm not to exceed 10 minutes. Executive Session ended at 8:59pm.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.

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

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