



# McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

## Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

### Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury.

### Special Presentations

1. Derek Kilmer gave a Presentation on The Build Back Better Program.

### Consent Agenda

Joy asked to not approve the Consent Agenda because she didn't have a copy of the Accounts Payable in her packet. We will add this to the next Council Agenda.

2. Accounts Payable Jan 1-15 Ck #50145-50196 including EFT's totaling \$408,309.89

### Public Comment

Chris Miller stated Public Comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

Suzanna Winstedt - Thanked Public Works for filling in pot holes, asking for hole to be filled by her house. Is there a policy for the City to assign Email addresses?

Monica Reeves - Submitted Records Request and still have not received anything yet. Is the City planning on any additional layoffs? Is there a previous McCleary officer that is coming back to work here? Why are we trying to purchase a multi-million dollar piece of property if we need to trim the budget? Hirings and Firings should go through Council, Mayor Miller, you have authority to make these decisions, but you made it very clear you wanted transparency and issues to come through Council, and your actions are contradicting that. Would like to see Council involved in these decisions.

Kim Heller - Interlocal Agreement, page 3 address is incorrect. Ord 867 page 10 Dani Smith is listed as City Clerk, who is going to sign since she no longer works here? Coker Stated we do not have a City Clerk. You said you would have a new Chief within 1 week of firing Chief Blumer, that is this Friday Jan 28th, will that happen?

Amelie - Utility work was done near Ash in Alley and there are pot holes, how can we get them filled in?

Angela Ritter - There is division in town, and people want to undermine you. Saw unprofessionalism with Huff, need to work on what's best for our community. Iverson has lack of objectivity. Wants to start working together. I am still waiting on PIR's as well. Can Public Works pick up the pile of weeds at Lindsey's park?

Steve Slesman - I sent an Email this morning, when will I get a response? Want an ETA on Records Requests? Been over a week and a half. How many meetings have you had with Todd Baun? How many weeks will we be with a part time Police Dept? You froze Budget for tracking, but council approves purchases, can you explain that?

### New Business

3. Police Department Wages - MOU

Contract was correct, but calculations on wage table were incorrect, is that correct Lindsay? Yes, that is correct. This only effects 1 officer.

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

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

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Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

4. Elma Interlocal Agreement

Agreement between City of McCleary and City of Elma. Amsbury asked Coker about insurance section. Dahl asked if this was an agreement for coverage or for a supervisor. Miller stated, supervisory assistance, not coverage. Elma will respond for emergency situations. Iversen asked if Civil Service was involved in this? Miller said no. Iversen asked why do we need this if you have someone ready to come on as Supervisor? Miller said no. Ross asked if this was new or a continuation or an existing agreement. Iversen said its new. Huff stated, there hasn't been any communication on this and we are playing catch up now. We need to have more discussions on this. Amsbury said we can cancel in 30 days if we want to.

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

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

**Old Business**

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

5. Aquifer Zoning Moratorium Ordinance 867

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Iversen

Voting Nay: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl

Emergency Motion has failed.

This motion is to pass as a regular ordinance.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Huff

Motion passes with language of Emergency being remove.

**Updates**

Councilmember Iversen made a statement in regards to the City Finances. Councilmember Huff commented that Chief Blumer was involved in the community, mentioned all that he brought to the City of McCleary and all the community events he supported. Councilmember Dahl thanked the councilmembers and staff for their hard work. Councilmember Ross thanked the staff and Council for their hard work as well. Councilmember Amsbury thanked the Mayor for looking at the purchasing and policies. Mayor Miller stated we are inundated with complex records requests, they will take some time and we do not have anyone trained in that right now. He's concerned that some people are getting their news from Facebook. He made comments on the DTF property. He is still working on an Interim Chief/Supervisor position and the coverage and police clerk position. I am not going to discuss personnel decisions, nothing has been decided yet. If anyone has questions, they can reach out to him.

**Public Comment**

Shelly Rabe - I'm happy to have the transparency. Its frustrating to see the venting on Facebook. I'm confused with the Public Records Requests, we filed one with the County in November and still haven't gotten it yet, and people are complaining about not receiving theirs yet and its been a week.

Jaron Heller - We (the council) previously set up funds for emergency situations, so that might want to be

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discussed again. Is the MOU with Squaxin Island still in effect?

Bob Pringle - Coker, Is there any more info on the pending lawsuit, and how will that be paid, out of general fund or through an insurance? Coker stated it was not covered by insurance. Mr. Pringle had comments about Mr. Sleasman and Councilmember Huff. I'd like to thank you Mayor for your service.

Steve Sleasman – The word transparency is getting floated a lot, until it's asking you questions. Councilmember Huff is getting bashed for asking questions for transparency. I would like to see the Council adopt a resolution that if anyone has an active lawsuit with the City of McCleary, their only contact is with the City Attorney.

Gary Atkins - The division started in this town when it was the Police against the Fire Department. The police were upset because they weren't getting new uniforms, the Fire Department was getting new uniforms. We voted twice to do something different with our Police Department. He had comments about the the police and what they are doing. How many houses can our aquifer hold? Why did we buy cameras with audio that cost more? Nobody does research, everyone just does what they want to do.

Councilmember Huff - Chief Blumer did patrol, he worked on getting grants for the City. Chief Crumb & Chief Blumer have two different styles of policing. Chief Blumer did cover shifts.

Bob Pringle - Mr. Sleasman is not a resident of McCleary so why does he have anything pertaining to the City of McCleary?

Paul Nott - Regarding the conversation with Mr Atkins, I would rather have a discussion in regards to the Fire Department and the Police Department, between you and I, as Fire Chief.

### **Executive Session**

6. Litigation not to exceed 10 minutes - RCW 42.30.110 (1) (H) (I)

### **Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury.

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

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