



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Center & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

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Mayor Brycen Huff

Councilmember Jacob Simmons

Councilmember Don Kuismi

Councilmember Brent Schiller

Councilmember Andrea Dahl, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Keith Klimek

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Councilmember Dahl motioned to move agenda item 8 to follow item 5, and to add an additional item following item 10. Councilmember Klimek seconded.

Motion approved.

Presentations/Announcements

Planning Commission appointment

Fred Martin, who submitted a letter of interest to be on the Planning Commission, expressed his interest to council.

Councilmember Klimek made a motion to approve Fred Martin to the planning commission. Councilmember Dahl seconded.

Motion approved.

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.

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No public comment.

Consent Agenda

2. Claims Agenda

The following items are distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and review, and the recommended action will be accepted in a single motion.

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Any item may be removed for further discussion if requested by a Councilmember.

i. Approval of checks/vouchers/disbursements numbers 55600 to 55640 including EFT's dated 03/07/26-03/20/26 in the amount of \$271,503.47

Councilmember Dahl had a question regarding an invoice, followed by a question regarding utility poles.

Claims agenda was approved.

New Business

3. Reduce Water Rates; a discussion

Council discussed potential water rate changes.

Councilmember Simmons proposed a decrease in water rates due to the million plus available in the water funds and no projects being implemented to use the funds.

Other Council provided their reasoning for not decreasing water rates, with a consensus that the City needs to move forward with projects to make use of water funds.

4. Proposed Utility Rates for Electricity

Council discussed potential utility rate increases including a meter fee increase.

5. Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Official; action needed.

Mayor Huff provided an overview of the current status regarding the City of McCleary's Building Official position.

Motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement for Building Official was approved.

6. Per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) to discuss 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, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Regarding IBEW contract, possible action to be taken afterwards.

Session started at 6:52pm to 7:03pm. No action was taken.

Council Comments

Councilmember Klimek made a comment regarding not voting on the IBEW contract as Council needed more time to review the complete proposed contract.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Huff made a comment regarding upcoming training.

He also mentioned that the City is aware that ordinances haven't been posted on the City website since August 2024 and that the City is working on getting them posted.

Deputy Clerk Nakisha Pryor reminded the audience that all refunds for water fees have been issued.

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No public comments were made.

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 regarding Mason Co. Fire District #13.
Executive session started at 7:06pm, ended at 7:12pm. No action taken.

9. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) allows a governing body to hold an executive session to consider the selection or acquisition of real estate when public knowledge could increase the price. Regarding Fire Department annexation.
Session began at 7:12pm, ended at 7:19pm. No action taken.
Executive session added.
RCW Per RCW 42.30.110(g) allows a governing body to hold an executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.
Session began at 7:19pm, ended at 7:31pm. No action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

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