



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 08, 2026 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Center & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Mayor Brycen Huff, Councilmember Jacob Simmons, Councilmember Don Kuismi, Councilmember Brent Schiller, Councilmember Andrea Dahl, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmember Keith Klimek

Mayor and full Council present.

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Councilmember Simmons requested Agenda modifications to add an executive session to review employment qualifications. Councilmember Dahl made a motion to accept the Agenda modification, Councilmember Klimek seconded.

Motion approved.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

1. **Danielle Haywood**, Public Affairs Specialist with the US Small Business Administrator, wanted to let council and citizens know that due to the 2025 winter storms that there are federal relief disaster funds available.

Consent Agenda

2. Councilmember Kuisimi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Klimek seconded.
Motion was approved.
3. March 2026 Minutes
Meeting Minutes 03.11.26
Meeting Minutes 03.25.26

Updates

4. Staff Reports; all departments.
Councilmember Schiller asked why the code enforcement officer was told not to pursue her duties. Per City Attorney, Madison Pleasant, the code enforcement was told by Jon (previous City Administrator) to not reach out her, the City Attorney, which she was not made aware of previously. She mentioned a nuisance violation that went to court and there is an upcoming hearing, so she reached out the City and was made aware of the issue.
Councilmember Dahl mentioned that she would like to schedule time with Light & Power to review rate fees. She also had the same question regarding the code enforcement officer.
City Attorney Pleasant stated that she is in regular contact with that person now.
Deputy City Clerk, Nakisha Pryor, said that she wanted to add to her staff report and noted the instructions available to process payroll when she returned to work, which were hand-written on scraps of paper. She noted that the admin staff was working to improve the format of policies and procedures.

New Business

5. SCJ Zoning; a discussion

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Mayor Huff said that SCJ Zoning provided a bid for a development of a Master Plan for the Rognlin's 455-acre property. He discussed SCJ Zoning giving options for the Struder Annexation and possible costs.

Councilmember Schiller asked if we had spoken with any other companies, to which Mayor Huff said we had not.

Councilmember Dahl asked if the plan was "all or nothing" or if the City could structure it for what is needed.

Councilmember Schiller and Mayor Huff discussed waiting on the new City Administrator position to be filled to get their input.

Old Business

6. IBEW Contract; to vote

Councilmember Dahl discussed revisions of the agreement and stated that some editing needs to be done for formatting the agreement and grammatical corrections.

Mayor Huff stated that once that is be done, the Union will provide a finalized copy for review and signatures.

Councilmember Simmons asked if there would be a budget modification coming for meter rates.

Councilmember Dahl stated that there was a draft resolution for increased meter rates that would be presented at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Schiller said that he had not previously ever voted on a contract that was not complete.

Councilmember Klimek made a motion to accept the IBEW contract, Councilmember Dahl seconded.

Motion approved.

Council Comments

Councilmember Dahl asked about the status of the annexation.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Huff discussed extending the bidding process for the janitorial contract. He then confirmed that there will be an interview next Friday for the Clerk-Treasurer position.

Regarding the Struder Annexation, he heard back from the County and that required forms have been submitted.

Mayor Huff introduced Darrin Raines as his selection for the City Administrator position and that he will be working on a temporary basis as a consultant until he is able to accept the full-time position. He provided his work experience and background.

Darrin Raines introduced himself as the current CEO of Greater Grays Harbor with a passion for public works, city administration and community development.

Public Comment - City Business Only

7. Mark Vessey, McCleary resident, said the planning commission was ready to get started.

Paul Nott, McCleary resident and City employee, thanked Council and Councilmember Dahl for assistance on the IBEW negotiations. He welcomed Darrin Raines aboard.

Teri Franklin, Elma resident, asked how much is owed to back pay for Paid Family Medical Leave. She asked if the City was aware that there is planning under DMA and the City is not a DMA county or city and if the City could look at that.

Executive Session

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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. This is to discuss the Fire Department litigation.

First executive session to discuss litigation began at 7:04pm and is expected to last 5 minutes, it was extended 5 minutes and ended at 7:15pm with no action taken.

The second executive session to discuss employment qualifications began at 7:15pm and is expected to last 10 minutes, it ended at 7:25pm with no action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

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