

McCleary City Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 6:30 PM McCleary City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

PRESENT

Councilmember Jenna Amsbury

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Max Ross

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Joy Iversen

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Mayor Miller asked to add the Ad Valorem Ordinance

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl.

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

Special Presentations

1. Lynette Buffington - Greater Grays Harbor

Lynette Buffington gave a presentation on what Greater Grays Harbor does for Grays Harbor County and McCleary.

Public Hearing

2. 2023 Budget

Public Hearing opened at approximately 7:03pm Public Hearing closed at approximately 7:04pm

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

No Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

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

- 3. Minutes May 11, 2022
- 4. Minutes June 8, 2022
- 5. Minutes July 13, 2022
- 6. Minutes October 26, 2022
- 7. Minutes November 9, 2022
- 8. Accounts Payable Nov 1-15 Ck #'s 51315 & 51317-51383 including EFT's totaling \$218,580.14
- 9. Accounts Payable Nov 16-30 Ck #'s 51384-51408 & 51413-51438 including EFT's totaling \$205.074.44

Updates

10. Staff Reports - Water & Wastewater, Public Works, Public Works Director, Police, Light & Power

Councilmember Iversen asked for more information on the IT Company we are looking to hire. Public Works Director Chad Bedlington stated we went through a request for proposal process and we selected Aktivov. They selected them based off of what they offer and how they've served us with the work order software we are working on. There will be an initial assessment charge of around \$6600, after that it's an on-call service with an hourly rate. Initially this is a 1-year contract. Councilmember Amsbury asked if there was travel time involved too. Chad stated, yes, but travel time is a different hourly rate. Councilmember Amsbury wants to see what the charges for upgrades are going to be after the assessment, so we have an option to cancel.

New Business

11. A2Z 2023 Agreement

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff. Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

12. I.T. Services - Aktivov Professional Services Agreement

Chad Bedlington stated the training is going great with staff on the work order training with Aktivov. Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury. Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

13. 2023 Council Meeting Calendar

Mayor Miller stated we already do one meeting a month for half the year. If anything pressing comes up we can schedule a Special Meeting at that time. Councilmember Amsbury asked about keeping two meetings a month in September and October for Budget Workshops. Mayor Miller stated we can lock down dates for that starting around May. The Council will plan on scheduling the Budget Workshops on the 4th Wednesday of September and October.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury. Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

Old Business

14. MOU between the City and Olympic Mountain FOP & Teamsters

Miller asked to move this discussion with the Budget discussion later on.

15. Greater Grays Harbor Agreement

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

16. Dog Ordinance - 875

Mayor Miller stated the biggest changes were we increased the fees and added the additional rates. A senior rate, a 3-year rate and a lifetime rate. Councilmember Ross mentioned with documentation, making service dogs free of charge.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Ross to approve the Dog Ordinance with the change on not charging a service dog with proper certification.

Roll Call Vote

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

Iversen

Voting Nay: Councilmember Huff

17. Ad Valorem Ordinance - 877

Roll Call Vote

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

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

2023 Budget Ordinance - 876

Chad Bedlington stated this includes the rate increases. Councilmember Iversen asked, these MOU's do not effect the budget, correct? Mayor Miller stated that is correct.

With the change to move the \$20,000 for the motorcycle to training and equipment.

Roll Call Vote

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

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

MOU between the City and Olympic Mountain FOP & Teamsters

Chad Bedlington stated the objective of the MOU's is to keep up with the cost of living.

Councilmember Amsbury doesn't like the idea of opening up contracts during mid-contract, but I do understand the reasoning behind it. Councilmember Huff agrees, he'd rather wait and negotiate a better rate during negotiations. Councilmember Dahl has a hard time with this not being equal with all of our labor here. It started out with just Police being offered this, then Teamsters was added and IBEW isn't included because we just had negotiations with them. I have a hard time with that. Councilmember Ross stated he'd like to pay our employees. Clerk Treasurer Ann-Marie Zuniga stated the increase for Teamsters is approximately \$17,000 and Mayor Miller stated the increase for FOP is approximately \$18,000. Councilmember Ross echos Councilmember Dahl's comments on this should be across the board. But he doesn't think that 5% will hurt the City if we do go into a recession, he'd like to retain employees. Ann-Marie Zuniga stated our new Public Works Employees are making between \$3300 and \$3700, that's really hard to pay rent, gas and food. These are our lowest paid employees and these guys need to live too.

Vote for FOP

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Iversen

Voting Nay: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl

Motion Failed

Vote for Teamsters

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Iversen

Voting Nay: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl

Motion Failed

Please turn off Cell Phones- Thank you

Mayor Miller wanted to mention that Brent Schiller is retiring from the Fire Department and thanked him for his 2.5 decades of service to the City and personally wanted to thank him for showing up to his house when his house got hit by lightening.

Executive Session

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury.

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