



# McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 6:30 PM

McCleary VFW & WebEx Virtual Meeting

## Minutes

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

Mayor Orffer called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

PRESENT: Councilmembers Amsbury, Huff, Heller, Miller, and Iversen, and Mayor Orffer.

### Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

There were no modification to the agenda

**Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.**

**Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen**

### Public Hearing – Port Blakely Annexation Request Opened at 6:34PM

#### Public Comment

Teri Franklin is here today to say she is against this annexation. She references several documents and agreements and stressed to the Council the importance of reviewing the documents.

Suzannah Windstedt is against the annexation and has a few questions. Have we looked at the potential growth to the water facility? Will our current aquifer handle the growth, or will we need a new one?

Angela Rittinger is against the annexation. Where are we on our allotment at the treatment plant? How soon are we going to push that capacity? What kind of affect will adding more homes have on Wildcat Creek? Encourages the citizens to look at the interlocal agreement between the City and County and see what they agreed to. Did the City adhere to anything in the agreement? Are the people appointed to these positions doing anything? Has the agreement been honored at all?

Nick Willoughby is against the annexation. The school will be directly affected. We need to keep McCleary small.

Rick Rowe, we need to protect the resources that we have.

Peggy Utesch had questions on the water studies. She proposes that before any decisions are made, the City pay for a new water study. Emergency services, increase in schools, traffic, how are these issues going to be addressed?

John Hinton from Gray & Osborne thinks it is a great idea to do another study with the County to see what can be done about the aquifer. There are concerns. It is Council's decision; we have the capacity in the aquifer to annexation. They do chlorination at the well site; water is really good. City has been monitoring well levels. We

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don't even have a proposal on the annexation regarding number of homes. An additional 700 Single Family Residents can be supported.

Public Works Director Todd Baun explained the annexation we received from Port Blakely. We do not have any idea yet what the plans are. Studies and impacts would have to be done. The difference between the land being annexed and not annexed is who controls it.

Mayor Orffer said what is being considered by Council is an annexation of property. Council is not deciding on development, Council is not giving permission for any other thing to happen on that property. Does the Council want the property inside City limits and have control, or does the Council not want to annex the property into City limits and leave it in the control of the County?

Teri Franklin said that McCleary's recharge area is a critical area, there is things that we can do with the County. Council should really think about this annexation, look what has happened already.

Angela Rittinger, the City signed an interlocal agreement regarding the aquifer. She read the interlocal agreement.

Bob Pringle asked if the City Council decides this or the citizens of the City.

Peggy Utesch is highly concerned about the additional cars and traffic.

Jim Wright has seen a lot of changes over the years. Heard that our water system can handle the annexation, it can't. Any decision you make in this room will affect generation after generation. We need to protect our water.

What is the difference between the County and the City. Mayor Orffer said the difference is the number of homes versus County code versus City code. If property is outside City limits, our light and power would provide the power, and very likely they would connect to city water. Within the City they would be hooked up to our systems.

When you start making bigger communities, property values go down.

Local neighbors are talking about sump pumps. Very concerned about the aquifer.

### **Public Hearing – Port Blakely Annexation Request Opened at 7:10PM**

Mayor Orffer said that we can open up to accept written comments through August 20, 2021, to give time to those who couldn't speak. Council can schedule a second Public Hearing. We had to have a meeting within 60 days. We do not have to have a decision in 60 days. We will have another Public Hearing at our September 8<sup>th</sup> meetings. All written comments will be added to the packet. No action taken.

Councilmember Amsbury has to recuse herself from the annexation vote as she works with the County Boundary Review Board.

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Councilmember Huff thanked people for attending and speaking up with their concerns.

### **Public Comment**

Teri Franklin wants to know when the City will uphold their interlocal agreement.

Suzannah Windstedt will email questions regarding the annexation. All water facets are broken at the cemetery. When will the website be ready? PW Director anticipates September.

Angela Rittinger regarding the Bear Sculptures to we have any estimates for the install. Why didn't the Clerk-Treasury sign the check? Why did the Deputy Clerk sign instead? Mayor Orffer said checks require 2 signatures.

Ryan Pedon moved here in October. Chose the area off 4<sup>th</sup> because of the wooded tree area. He would be very disappointed if the trees near his home were cut down.

### **Consent Agenda**

2. Accounts Payable July 1-15 – Ck Numbers 49428-49501
3. Accounts Payable July 16-31 – Ck Numbers 49502-49538

#### **Approve the Consent Agenda**

**Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.**

**Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen**

### **Updates**

4. Staff Reports - Finance & Administration, Building & Planning, Police, Light & Power, Public Works  
Councilmember Huff asked for a status update on the large document scanner.  
Councilmember Amsbury requested that the Council Policies be on the next agenda.

### **New Business**

5. Dog Ordinance Review  
Brycen is in favor of allowing dogs in the park, city would need to put in a waste station. A trial period for a year would be beneficial to the community. Waste station prices vary from \$100 to \$250.  
Councilmember Heller asked what a sunset clause for this would look like. Chris Coker said it could be reviewed, not a sunset clause, just keep it on the radar.  
Councilmember Amsbury is willing to give it a try.  
Councilmember Heller said there is a cost associated with the ordinance, and since that is the case should we look at updating any other components.  
Look at Section 21 and 22 as well.  
Councilmember Iversen wants staff to gather comments for review.
6. Fireworks Discussion  
Councilmember Miller needs more time to review.

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7. State Auditor's Office Agreement  
**Approve the State Auditor's Agreement**  
**Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.**  
**Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen**
  
8. Cell Site Lease Renewal  
Informational only. No action.
  
9. Shoreline Master Program Update Grant  
**Accept the Master Program Update Grant**  
**Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff**  
**Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen**
  
10. Bucket Truck Change Order  
**Approve the Bucket Truck Change Order for additional equipment for an additional \$7000, it is in the budget.**  
**Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Heller**  
**Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen**

**Old Business**

11. Verkada License Renewal  
**Approve the Verkada License Renewal for one year**  
**Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Huff**  
**Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen**
  
12. DTF Land Purchase Update  
Mayor Orffer talked with the County; they are ready to move forward. Until a decision is made by the Council, no funding can be secured. We have researched financing options, and one option is approximately 2.11% for 20 years. The cost of the property is \$3.25 million, County is not willing to reduce the price. It is appraised at \$5.1 million. Council discussion took place.  
Councilmember Amsbury is in favor of purchasing the property.  
Councilmember Huff is not in favor of the purchase. It is a substantial piece of property.  
Councilmember Heller would like to have a plan prior to purchasing.  
**Authorize Mayor to enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement dependent on securing funding**  
**Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Miller**  
**Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen Voting Nay: Councilmember Huff**

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## Ordinances and Resolutions

### Updates

#### 13. Councilmembers

Councilmember Heller reported that the trash clean up went well, it did get very warm toward the end. The next clean up day is August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Councilmember Huff announced there will be a virtual Safety Academy at the Community Center from 9:00AM to 1:00PM on August 21<sup>st</sup>, for ages 3-5. Seatbelt safety and poison control will be presented.

Councilmember Miller announced we have our next Market on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 2PM and Movie Night will start at Dusk.

#### 14. Mayor

Cooling Center set up at the Community Center open today, tomorrow, and Friday, hours are 12:00PM to 7:00PM

Burn Ban in affect.

Thank s to Police Department and volunteers that assisted with National Night Out. Thank you to the Fire Department for providing hotdogs and thank you to all the volunteers and community who participated.

Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins has accepted a new position, we are working hard to fill her position. We have done one round of interviews. From those interviews we have 2 strong candidates that will be attending a second interview tomorrow.

COVID update, positive cases are rising. Governor introduced a mandate that all state workers need to be vaccinated by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please be careful, thoughtful, and mindful.

### Public Comment

On the property the city is anticipating purchasing, please review the wetland delineations what were done.

Suzannah Winstedt wanted Council to know that for future Council Meetings held at this venue (VFW) Council needs to Mic up, it is very difficult to hear so if there is a way to get the microphone turned up that would be helpful.

### Executive Session

### Adjourn

**To Adjourn at 8:19PM. The next City Council meeting will be at 6:30PM on September 8, 2021.**

**Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.**

**Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen**

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