



McCleary City Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 08, 2023 – 6:30 PM

McCleary City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting Called to order at 6:30pm

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

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

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

Special Presentations

None

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

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

1. Accounts Payable December 31, 2022
2. Accounts Payable January 1-15
3. Accounts Payable January 16-31
4. Minutes - January 11, 2023

Updates

5. Staff Reports - Water & Wastewater, Police, Public Works, Director of Public Works, Light & Power
Councilmember Iversen asked if there was a different phone number for Daupler. Public Works Director Chad Bedlington said, yes there is, but if you call City Hall after hours, there is an option to press for Daupler. We haven't had any calls on it yet. We did have a couple outages over the weekend, so we need to get people in the habit of not calling Paul Nott, and to call Daupler.
Chad Bedlington gave an update on the first Planning Commission Meeting and said it went well. Andrea is Chair and Suzannah is Vice-Chair. They talked about the Shoreline Management Plan and there will be a Public Hearing on that next month. Bob Pringle asked what the Shoreline Management Plan was. Councilmember Iversen said it's for the pond across the freeway.
Councilmember Amsbury wanted to thank Public Works for filling the pot-holes by the school. She also would like to hold a joint Council Meeting with the School Board once or twice a year to talk about things we can work on together.

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Councilmember Huff asked if we are going to sell the K9 vehicle outright or if it's going to be like the others that are used as an EVOC car? Mayor Miller stated we aren't sure yet.

Councilmember Huff said the Public Works did a good job with the Police remodel, it looks really nice. Councilmember Amsbury asked about the archiving software we purchased a couple years ago, are we using it? Clerk-Treasurer Ann-Maria Zuniga said we're getting ready to move forward, that's probably what Nellie is going to do because she's done that at a different job.

Mayor Miller wanted to talk about the Dog Ordinance again. He is asking that we repeal the Service Dog section due to some issues we have had. We printed off some information and we can map out what everything will look like, and we can put it back in once we have a better plan. We thought this was a good idea, but didn't realize the issues that have come up. So Service Dogs would now fall under Senior and Disabled Rates. We need to figure out what we can and cannot ask, and what they are required to give us.

Roll Call vote to repeal the Service Dog Section of the Dog Ordinance with new Ordinance Number 879

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

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

New Business

6. Parks Planning Update

Chad Bedlington talked about the Dog Park we budgeted for. A couple of the possible locations are the West side of the Cemetery, North of the Community Center and the back side of Beerbower Park. We want to have a Public Participation Plan to get input on a location and design.

One of the locations for the Community Garden is just West of the Community Center, so we need to discuss that location too, along with another Community Garden at the Northeast corner of the Park near Rainbow Apartments.

We are also working on land acquisition for the Simpson Parcel, the Port Blakely Property and the property just East of the Treatment Plant off of 7th Street. The 7th Street Property would be ideal if we ever needed to expand the Treatment Plant, this may be our only opportunity to buy land adjacent to it, and also it's very centrally located. So I want to bring this up for discussion tonight. This isn't something that is budgeted for, so it would require a budget amendment.

Councilmember Amsbury mentioned for the Community Gardens, Public Health has funding for Community Gardens and also WSU has the Master Gardeners and sometimes they have resources for funding. Councilmember Ross added that USDA also has funding for this.

Chad Bedlington said the question is if the Council wants to move forward on the purchase of the 7th Street Property, to put an offer in. They discussed budget options for this and if studies would be done on what the property can and cannot be used for. Councilmember Ross mentioned that if multiple studies are done, that cost can really add up fast.

Councilmember Huff asked if this 7th St. property purchase would replace one of the other property purchases because this money isn't budgeted. We were told that the funds were tight. So if we can replace this with something that makes more sense, like this 7th Street Property, I'd rather look at that than trying to add on another \$200,000 debt to the City. Mayor Miller said the budget was tight because we were trying to keep within the revenues that we were expecting to come in, not take away from beginning balances and surpluses. The money is there, this is just an opportunity that came up that we weren't expecting. Councilmember Ross agrees with councilmember Huff.

Chad Bedlington is asking for a motion from Council to allow us to put an offer together to move forward on this property. Council wants to make sure studies are done before we purchase and want to see the financial side of this before we commit.

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Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury to put a contingent offer on the 7th Street Property and come back to Council with a plan
Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Iversen

7. East Grays Harbor - EMS Availability Agreement

Mayor Miller said the biggest thing we are trying to solve is the lift assist calls. The more expensive option is with District 5 covering everything and the cheaper option is we would be taking on the lift assist calls.

Councilmember Iversen asked about our staff's training. She wants them to have the training so they don't injure themselves or someone else. Mayor Miller is looking into an Ordinance that Tacoma passed where the facility would have to pay a fee for simple assistance calls.

Councilmember Iversen asked which option our Fire Department likes. Miller stated they are good with the cheaper option and are OK with lift assist calls.

Councilmember Amsbury asked about merging with East Grays Harbor in the future in case we don't have enough volunteers down the road.

The table is incorrect on the Agreement so we will get an updated one. Council will vote on this next meeting, but they are good with going with the lower option.

Mayor Miller asked for a vote for the lower option, with getting a copy of the updated agreement and voting for the Agreement as a whole at the March Meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Huff.

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

Old Business

8. Council Committee Assignments Discussion

2023 Council Committee Members are: Public Works/Parks, Councilmembers Ross and Amsbury. Policy, Councilmembers Iversen and Ross. Communications, Councilmembers Huff and Iversen. Finance, Councilmembers Huff and Dahl. Chehalis Basin Partnership, Councilmember Dahl.

Ordinances and Resolutions

9. Credit Card Ordinance

Councilmember Iversen asked why the section that stated we have two credit cards was removed. Mayor Miller said this was written so long ago, they only allowed two credit cards before and that included gas cards. Roll Call Vote

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury.

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

10. Police Department Ordinance

Will vote next meeting

11. Signs Ordinance

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Councilmember Iversen asked if we decided if political signs can be on City Property. Mayor Miller said yes, he will add that into the Ordinance. Councilmember Amsbury asked about City discrepancy, what are we going to do in different situations? Mayor Miller said we will get more input on this and add this to the March agenda.

Executive Session

None

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

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

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