



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 09, 2025 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Building & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

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Meeting ID: 834 1086 9062

(253) 205-0468

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by City/Clerk Treasurer Jamie Vinyard.

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons

Councilmember Brycen Huff, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Brent Schiller (via Zoom)

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Keith Klimek

ABSENT

Mayor Chris Miller

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

A motion was made by Councilmember Klimek and seconded by Councilmember Dahl, to accept the agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Motion passed.

Special Presentations

1. McCleary Historical Society - Park improvement presentation: presented by Karen & Sue
Discussion around maintaining and improving train and parks.
Obtaining funding through grants was discussed.
It was suggested for the Public Works committee to discuss these ideas.
City Administrator Jon Martin mentioned two related grants to be discussed in further conversations.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

2. *Public comment is limited to a maximum of three minutes per person.
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Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, read Public Comment section and mentioned that the council was aware of the ethics charges brought against Mayor Miller and confirmed that discussions have been had with legal.

Cindy Nott, McCleary resident, commented on a social media post made that slanders employees. She feels that the town needs to stand up against such actions.

Consent Agenda

3. Claims Approval:

The following items are distributed to Councilmember in advance for study and review, and the recommended action will be accepted in a single motion. Any item may be removed for further discussion if requested by councilmember.

i. Approval of checks/vouchers/disbursements numbers 54440 to 54460 including EFT's in the amount of \$54,016.38.

ii. Approval of payroll disbursement for March 2025 in the amount of \$171,612.59

(Period: 03/01/25-03/15/25 \$90,522.05 for 03/20/25 payroll. Period 03/16/25-03/31/25 \$81,090.54 for 04/04/25 payroll).

Councilmember Brycen Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, read the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Simmons and seconded by Councilmember Klimek to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl.

Motion approved.

Updates

4. Staff Reports - Building Dept., Finance & Administration, Light & Power, Police Dept., Public Works, Water & Wastewater

Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, asked if there were any questions regarding the staff reports.

Councilmember Simmons asked what the status on hiring for the Public Works position.

Administrator Martin stated that an offer had been made for the position, and a response is pending.

Old Business

5. Public Records Policy: presented by attorney Madison Pleasant

City Attorney Madison Pleasant did a third reading of Public Records Policy that was put up for Public Records due to fee changes.

New Business

6. Discussion - Change of government: presented by Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Dahl met with City Attorney Pleasant regarding change of government from Mayor-Council to Council-Manager.

Timeline is May 2nd, 2025, to have item submitted to State Auditor's office in order to appear on November ballot as a special election.

Carry over to next meeting to continue discussion on having a special election.

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7. Discussion - West Maple St. sidewalk bids: presented by City Administrator Jon Martin
Administrator Martin confirmed the city received ten bids for this project.
Dominick Miller with Grays & Osborne Engineers, confirmed reviewing the two lowest bids for supplemental bidder criteria and mandatory reference check.
Project funded by Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) with 95% of cost paid by grant, TIB has to approve award.
8. Discussion - Requesting Civil Service rule update: presented by Chief Miskell
Police Chief Ryan Miskell discussed Civil Service previous lateral rules versus new lateral moves. Which allows an increase in the pool of law enforcement officers available.
Chief Miskell answered Council's questions regarding Civil Service.

Ordinances and Resolutions

9. Public Records Resolution: presented by Mayor Pro Tem Brycen Huff
Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, asked if there were any further comments or discussion on Resolution 776, Public Records Resolution; there were none.
A motion was made by Councilmember Dahl and seconded by Councilmember Klimek, to pass the resolution. Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmember Schiller. Motion approved.

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Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, read Public Comment section, asked for anyone that had any comments on city business.
Monica, McCleary resident, readdressed the ethics charges against Mayor Miller and requested that he not be allowed to represent the City of McCleary while the city looks into mishandling of city information and documents.
Jeff, McCleary resident, brought up intimidating a public servant and signing up for something.
Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, mentioned the city is taking steps to safeguard city property and city documents.

Executive Session

11. *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.*
Council broke for an executive session at 7:23pm, to discuss agency enforcement actions, litigation, and potential litigation with City Attorney Pleasant.
Meeting was reconvened at 7:54pm, no decisions or action was taken during the executive session.

Council Comments

No comments.

City Administrator Comments

No comments.

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Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Klimek, seconded by Councilmember Dahl.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmember Schiller.
Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

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