

City of McCleary Special Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2023



Present:

Mayor: Chris Miller

Councilmembers: Jacob Simmons, Brycen Huff, Andrea Dahl and Joy Iversen (Max Ross asked to be excused due to illness)

Staff: Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works and Jenna Amsbury, Clerk-Treasurer

Facilitator: Karen Meyer, Athena Group

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Call to Order:

Mayor Miller welcomed the council, staff and Karen Meyer to the meeting. Karen Meyer, Facilitator, provided an overview of the agenda and roles for the day. Throughout the day sticky notes will be used for each person to provide their input on the item of discussion. Then the group will vote on their favorites for each topic to come up with the decisions. All agreed to the process.

Working Agreements:

Ms. Meyer discussed working agreements; guidelines that the council, mayor, and staff can all agree with and adhere to, in this meeting and moving forward. The working agreements agreed upon are as follows:

1. Be solution focused.
2. Assume the best intentions.
3. Appreciate diverse ideas.
4. Prioritize teamwork.
5. Active and continuous communication.

Strategic Vision/Values:

Ms. Meyer provided an overview of what a strategic vision encompasses and core values. Each group member provided words or ideas on values they want for the future of McCleary. Prior strategic planning in 2020 values were discussed as well. The strategic vision was to be purpose driven with the goal of providing unity and uniqueness. The group discussed values and strategic vision statements from the idea board:

Core Values:

1. Engagement
2. Civility
3. Stewardship
4. Integrity
5. Safety

Draft Strategic Vision Statement:

The City of McCleary strives to become a safe, self-sufficient community that is welcoming and accessible to all.

A recess was called from 10:38 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Priorities (3-5 years):

The group determined three areas of priority: economic development, fiscal sustainability, and infrastructure improvement. Beneath each of these topics five priorities were identified from the list of ideas:

Economic Development	Fiscal Sustainability	Infrastructure Improvement
Recreational Opportunities	Employee development/retention	Sidewalks
Grants / Childcare		

2024 Budget Wish list:

Within the same priority areas budget items were identified for 2024.

Economic Development	Fiscal Sustainability/ Safety	Infrastructure Improvement
Charging Stations (if grant is secured)	Matching funds for projects/grants	Sidewalks – summit and arterials
Reader Board	Fire Dept. Growth	Alleyway improvements
	Reserve Officers	City hall updates – space need
	Police Vehicle/K-9	Police secondary exit
		Beerbower Park updates
		Dump Truck/Plow

A recess was called from 12:15 to 12:40 p.m. for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Goals and Objectives- Decide and Refine:

Ms. Meyer provided an overview of goals and objectives. She stated the objectives should be able to be completed within a year and should be reevaluated often. Priorities should lead to goals that should lead to objectives and action. Each group member identified goals and objectives and voting was done to come up with three goals for each priority.

Economic Development	Fiscal Sustainability/ Safety	Infrastructure Improvement
Add events and recreation opportunities	Staff Development	Maple Street project complete – sidewalks etc.
Develop and recruit business to the city	Cost Allocation Plan / reserve fund increases	Space Needs Study complete for City Hall to include updates to bathrooms and police exits
Complete the Comprehensive Plan	Technology advancement	Crosswalk repainting completion

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.