



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Center & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons
Councilmember Brycen Huff
Councilmember Max Ross
Councilmember Andrea Dahl
Councilmember Keith Klimek

ABSENT

Mayor Chris Miller

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to accept the Agenda.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Special Presentations

1. Bear Festival Button Pinning

Bear Festival Royalty presented their annual button pinning of the Councilmembers.

2. Decarbonization Grant Award Presentation

Joel Hanson gave a presentation on the Decarbonization Grant Award. They require \$50,000 in-kind match from the City in labor over 2-3 years. Maximum received is \$2.75 Million. This is a project that could help keep power rates down for the people in McCleary. This is a way for the City to produce power that we do not have to pay for. The solar panels have a 25-year warranty and are very low maintenance. Council gave the go-ahead to move forward with this plan.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

No Public Comment

Consent Agenda

3. Accounts Payable June 16-30, 2024 Check Numbers 53458-53488 Including EFT's totaling \$185,513.96

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Simmons to approve the consent agenda.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Updates

4. Staff Reports - Finance, Public Works, Water and Wastewater, Police Activity, Public Works Director
Councilmember Klimek said with the water issues we just had, he is appalled with the Staff Report form Kevin just saying everything is OK. That is not acceptable to him. He hasn't even been to a

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meeting. Public Works Director Chad Bedlington said he will work with Kevin for more information. Councilmember Dahl would still like a Staff Report from Police Chief Patrick with some updates. Mayor Pro-Tem Huff wanted to Thank City Attorney Chris Coker for his time at the City and appreciates his guidance over the years.

Councilmember Simmons thanked Chris Coker for all his work and said he was not aware that the City put out an RFQ for attorney services, that was another surprise, and none of the Council was aware of that. Councilmember Ross said an Email would have been nice, he doesn't like receiving new information in front of an audience.

5. Investigation Closure

Chris Coker said he didn't investigate. The Sheriff and Prosecutor made the decisions.

New Business

6. City Council External Counsel Discussion with Chris Coker

Mayor Pro-Tem Huff spoke with Chris Coker about how the Council can contract counsel for them. The main focus is the camera logs. I know your job is to protect the City. Coker said....

Councilmember Dahl asked is the City was violating any RCW with not providing anything. What are we hiding from? Are you live streaming, watching City Employees work? If you don't have anything to hide, why don't you just show us?

Old Business

7. Amendment 1 to Consultant Agreement – SCJ Alliance Development Code Update – Phase 1

This is a code update for new zoning. Cost is \$8700 across all funds. Chad Bedlington is asking for council to approve the amendment. All phases are included in the scope of work.

Councilmember Dahl would like to remove this from the comprehensive plan until the developer comes in with a plan.

Bedlington said that is putting the cart before the horse. It is nice to have this welcome map in place and is an important feature for us to negotiate utilities and infrastructure for developers to want to come to McCleary.

Councilmember Ross sees both sides of this. \$8700 isn't absurd to update the code. Ross thinks it's better to move forward with this.

Councilmember Huff said we have had other developers come in with a vision asking for a boundary line to be moved and we had an understanding of what was going to happen. Spending money with no understanding of what is being talked about is hard for me to do.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Simmons to accept the amendment for the Development Code Update.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ross

Voting Nay: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

8. Daupler Service Contract Renewal

Councilmember Huff said this is a renewal for our after hours service.

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to accept the Daupler Contract Renewal.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

9. Itron Master Sales Agreement (MSA) Renewal

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Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Ross to accept the Itron Renewal.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution Number 762.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Proclamations

Councilmember Ross would like to amend the proclamations to have Brycen's name at the bottom instead of the Mayor's because he's the one doing these. Councilmember Klimek agreed.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to change the name on the proclamations to Brycen Huff.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

11. Proclamation Honoring the Memory of Lindsey Jo Baum

12. Proclamation Honoring the 65th Anniversary of the McCleary Bear Festival

13. National Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

14. Disability Pride Month Proclamation

Public Comment - City Business Only

Carri Comer thanked Chad for cover sheets on his agenda items. She said it Bear Festival Week and enjoyed having the royalty here. Carri thanked Andrea and Brycen and others for their planning of Bear Fest. She asked why the Mayor is not here. It's better without him here, but I wanted to tell him why it's important to be present at the meetings, in his role. I read in the packet about what a slime-ball he is and how dangerous he is, so I'm thankful he's not here. How can we be protected from him permanently because he is a danger and he is not mentally well. There are people in an environment that can't tell if they are being monitored without their knowledge on the cameras and feel threatened with an active shooter risk. That is serious. There has to be something that protects people in this public place. What can we do? He has withheld so much from you guys. He authorized a well dig, reassigning staff to use their time differently, he approved a salary commission decision that wasn't approved. The Email he sent was threatening. The camera policy, the Chief is only going to listen to him. Don't think that his flower donation was a kind gesture, he's just a loser and a user. If there is a way to keep him away from Bear Fest, I would really appreciate it.

Missy Olson said people have HOA's. I'm not sure what the ordinance is on un-mowed grass and it being a fire concern, I don't know if anything can be done, but I'm concerned about it. The old camper was removed from my neighbors house, but not they brought in a different trailer that is now parked in front of the house. She doesn't know the rules on that, if people can live in it. She's concerned about drug activity. Councilmember Huff said there is a nuisance form at City Hall she can fill out. Missy said I'm not disappointed that the Mayor isn't here, but he's an elected person representing our City and he's not here to answer questions, it's very disheartening. He's not representing our City with the best interests. Missy thanked the Council for being the City's representatives.

Bob Dahl asked for a salary reduction for the Mayor.

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Executive Session

Council Comments

Councilmember Huff last year City Hall door was left unlocked at Bear Fest and police didn't have a key to lock it. Has that been resolved? Chad Bedlington said City Hall would be closed this year. City Hall will be monitored.

Councilmember Huff thanked Bear Festival for all their work putting this together.

Councilmember Dahl said there was a district 12 meeting last night and said Olympic Ambulance gave a presentation about possibly providing services to District 12. The meeting was very informative. They offered to give a presentation to the Council as well. Councilmember Huff thinks it would be beneficial to hear the presentation.

Councilmember Klimek said on Monday at food bank and someone said the Mayor was around. So I invited him over and he came and listened.

Councilmember Simmons asked Council to look at the budget packet. There are going to be some tough discussions coming up, so please in advance, take a look at where we are at. He thanked Jenna and Chad for all their help and information and answering questions. He thanked the Police Chief for keeping the police overtime down. He asked Chad for a project schedule.

Councilmember Ross thanked Andrea for her work on Bear Fest. He's looking forward to it.

Mayor Comments

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Ross to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

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