



McCleary City Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Center

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Huff

Present:

Councilmember Jacob Simmons
Councilmember Brycen Huff (Mayor Pro-Tem)
Councilmember Max Ross
Councilmember Andrea Dahl
Councilmember Keith Klimek

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. Summit Pacific – Josh Martin, CEO: Mr. Martin presented information on the remodel project, which will double the size of the facility in Elma. This project is completely funded through revenue bonds and no additional taxing to the district. He stated it was a huge undertaking and the district is proud to not have to ask the community for additional taxes to pay for the expansion. The project cost is 60 million. There was discussion on increased services and providers. Councilmember Ross asked about the wait times for scheduling appointments. Mr. Martin explained more employees have been hired and the switchover to the new electronic medical charting system is now in place and will soon have scheduling capabilities as well. Mr. Martin also discussed community partnerships and events.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

Kyle Comer made comments regarding the IBEW position, and he thinks the employee can currently do the work without the description revision. He stated there is a lack of trust and mutual respect between the council and mayor.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Ross to approve the consent agenda as listed.

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

2. Accounts Payable February 1-15, 2024 – Check Numbers 53011-53064 including EFT's totaling \$223,064.89
3. Minutes – August 23, 2023

4. Minutes – September 13, 2023

Updates

None

New Business

None

Old Business

5. Municipal Contract with Connections

The council stated this contract has been in place for many years and had no questions.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to approve the contract with Connections for the Police Department.

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

6. IT Project update – IBEW Memorandum of Understanding:

Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works, stated this proposal provides consistency and cost savings for the City. In-house services will provide for law enforcement needs as well. He explained the Spillman Software for the Police Department has a required update that is unable to be done and some systems are unusable because of it. There are a lot of regulatory requirements for the police side and Tyson is the only one certified to work on the system. Aktivov will not be able to work on Police systems. He explained the purpose of the MOU is to detail the work being done and provide compensation for the type of skills the position requires. The MOU would sunset in 2025 so this is a trial period to see if this would work. Right now there is \$54,000 allotted in the budget for IT Services. It would cost approximately \$11,000 for in-house part time IT services. Aktivov is now quoting \$88,000 and that does not include the police department needs. The City would see substantial savings by having an in-house person do the work.

Councilmember Klimek stated the salary is over \$100,000 total and feels he was lied to about the salary amount the employee would be making. Jenna Amsbury, Clerk-Treasurer, stated the difference between the hourly rate of pay from the bottom step to the top step is approximately \$7.00 an hour. She stated there was a need to change the language in the MOU to better fit payroll practices to specify what rate of pay every employee would receive when working out of class. The MOU states employees in the IBEW contract (outside of light and power) would move to the same step in the scale of the new range when working out of class. She explained all the figures in the spreadsheet show that calculation. She stated finance committee reports can be provided for transparency in the number of hours and

Councilmember Klimek asked about other agencies that could help with the police side. Chad explained that the person must have clearance. Councilmember Klimek stated he supports the police but thinks there should be more resources available to assist with IT Services.

Councilmember Dahl stated there is a contractor in place for service that should be utilized and the council has not seen updated proposals for cost. She stated if Aktivov won't work, do a new RFP.

Councilmember Ross stated the City has someone that is cleared why does the council have a problem utilizing what we already have in place. It is less money and seems to be in the best interest of the City.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl for discussion.

Councilmember Klimek stated he is saying no because he felt lied to and can't vote to approve this now.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ross

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

Motion fails.

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Public Comment

Kathy Elofson provided comments on junk vehicles and eye sores around town. She stated there needs to be more gravel on the alley to the school as there are big potholes. She stated it is nice to see the police at the school in the mornings, but asked that they get out and interact with the kids. She asked why Hemlock did not get a asphalt overlay as the road is very bad and narrow.

Carri Comer stated she recently learned the Mayor has expressed interest in the city doing their own festival. As someone that runs a community group, she wants to learn more, as volunteers currently do the events and are unpaid. What kind of support would the city provide for a festival? She asked for support of the current events and festivals and to invite the public to collaborate on new ideas.

Dan Baskins provided information on what another city does for tagging vehicles that are in the right of way.

Executive Session

None

Council Comments

Councilmember Dahl asked about the asphalt cleanup article in the newsletter and the comment that the city was looking to put in an orchard by the well site. It was noted to ask the Mayor about the article, as he wrote it. Councilmember Klimek stated he had been told the food could go to the food bank if it were to be done by the Mayor.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Motion made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

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