



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – 6:30 PM

McCleary City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl, to excuse Councilmember Simmons from tonight's meeting. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Roll call was then completed for remaining councilmembers.

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Mayor Pro Tem Huff asked if there were any modifications to the agenda or a motion to accept the agenda as presented. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Councilmember Schiller, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl. Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek.

Special Presentations

None.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

Mayor Pro Tem Huff acknowledged problems with internet access this evening, limiting public attendance at tonight's meeting to in person only. No citizens in attendance made public comments.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to accept the consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Agenda approved.

1. Accounts Payable Dec 24 - Jan 15, 2025 Ck Numbers 54148-54195 Including EFT's Totaling \$614,486.75
2. Accounts Payable 13th Month - Ck Numbers 54205-54241 Totaling \$78,156.05
3. December Payroll Ck Numbers 54196-54202 Including EFT's Totaling \$200,539.67
4. Meeting Minutes - December 23, 2024

Updates

Mayor Pro Tem Huff announced that he and Councilmember Simmons recently attended a meet and greet with employees of the Public Works department. Huff enjoyed getting to know several new employees he had not yet had the opportunity to met.

During the event, employees discussed upcoming projects, ideas, goals, challenges and day to day operations with councilmembers. Additionally, options were presented for street improvements to damaged alleyways, utilizing ARPA funds. One idea presented was to grind down the pavement and redistribute it to fill potholes. It was noted that the chip seal was failing. There is a vehicle attachment that can be purchased to accomplish this task. It is estimated this option will cost \$5,300. Huff believes the price is reasonable, and such a purchase could be beneficial going forward, noting the public needs to see city workers fixing the damaged streets.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Ordinances and Resolutions

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5. Surplus Vehicles Resolution

Mayor Pro Tem Huff asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the resolution to surplus vehicles.

Councilmember Schiller expressed his opinion about surplus city automobiles. This began a discussion of vehicle values, how they're utilized by the city, mechanical issues, auction fees associated with sales, and funding for new vehicles. A motion was then made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl, to approve the Surplus Vehicles Resolution. Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Resolution approved.

Public Comment - City Business Only

None.

Executive Session

None.

Council Comments

None.

City Administrator Comments

City Administrator Martin provided council with the following updates:

The state audit is still ongoing, but nearing completion.

Two individuals have been interviewed for the position of Police Clerk, with another interview scheduled for tomorrow. It is Martin's hope that a selection will be made by the end of the week.

Martin admonished councilmembers to revisit the idea of a solar micro grid, noting a lot of misinformation was presented during the initial discussion. He has had ongoing conversations with commerce regarding this topic.

Funding is still available at this time, should the city chose to move forward with this option, but it will not be available much longer. The next step in the process would be to do a feasibility survey, at no cost to the city.

Martin reminded councilmembers that power is the number one source of revenue for the city and a solar farm would generate energy that could go into city grids. Martin urged councilmembers to reconsider the solar grant conversation, at least to the point where the city can find out what the recommendations would be from a feasibility survey.

After a brief discussion between councilmembers and the City Administrator, where clarification on this topic was provided, most councilmembers were still skeptical, because of poor experiences they had with the Ameresco, when they presented the concept to council some time ago.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek.

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