



McCleary Special City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2023 – 9:00am
Zoom Virtual Meeting & Community Center

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by Mayor Miller

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Max Ross

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Mayor Chris Miller

Director of Public Works Chad Bedlington

Clerk-Treasurer Jenna Amsbury

Police Chief Sam Patrick

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **2024 Preliminary Budget Discussion:** Jenna Amsbury and Chad Bedlington provided an overview of how the budget was crafted, the purpose of each fund and cost allocation process. Mr. Bedlington provided a spreadsheet with the wish list of projects, purchases and needs in 2024. The Council was given time to review the material and ask questions. Mr. Bedlington stated the reader board, bunker gear and drone is slated for purchase this year, but may run into 2024. He stated the budget for 2024 includes removing two vacant public works utility maintenance positions.

Council asked about the increases put forth from the salary commission for council and the mayor. There was consensus that the council did not want to have the increases included in the budget. They asked for a path forward to deny the increases. There was discussion on the number of staff and increases in staffing over the last two years.

Capital outlay line items were detailed by Mr. Bedlington for the Utility Funds. Councilmember Huff stated he would like to see all rate increases held off until after the rate study is complete. Council asked to see the Utility budgets with a 0% increase for 2024.

A recess was called from 12:16pm to 12:26 p.m.

There was further discussion on the 0% increase to utilities and what that means to the budget. Mr. Bedlington stated it would reduce the number of projects that are completed, and the Capital program would suffer. There was a discussion on the new Program Manager position and outsourced IT services.

Councilmember Simmons asked for a current organization chart and asked for a list of prioritized projects.

Ms. Amsbury will provide an updated organization chart and rerun revenue figures for the next budget meeting.

ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm