



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting & City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Miller

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Max Ross

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Keith Klimek

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

A motion was made by Councilmember Dahl and seconded by Councilmember Huff to approve the agenda.

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

Public Comment – Agenda items: None

Consent Agenda

1. Accounts Payable March 1-15, 2024 Ck Numbers 53112-53154 Including EFT's Totaling \$194,049.67
2. Accounts Payable March 16-21, 2024 Ck Numbers 53155-53191 Including EFT's Totaling \$66,017.00
3. Meeting Minutes - November 29, 2023
4. Meeting Minutes - December 21, 2023
5. Meeting Minutes - February 28, 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross, seconded by Councilmember Klimek to approve the consent agenda as written.

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

Old Business:

6. Fire Chief Appointment, Andrew Pittman:

A motion was made by Councilmember Huff and seconded by Councilmember Dahl to appoint Andrew Pittman as the Fire Chief for the City.

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

Mr. Pittman expressed his gratitude to the citizens, mayor and council for the support and appointment.

7. Appoint Public Safety Committee:

Jenna Amsbury, Clerk-Treasurer, explained this committee would represent the council at meetings regarding the fire department or police issues. The committee could then report back to the whole so that there are not issues with a quorum in the future. Councilmember Dahl and Huff asked to be on the committee. They stated they went to the Fire District 12 meeting last week and would like to continue to serve in that capacity. Councilmember Ross stated he would like to be an alternate if they are not available. All council agreed, no motion necessary.

8. Professional Services Agreement - Space Needs Assessment Phase 1:

Director of Public Works Chad Bedlington provided an update that the space needs study was listed in two parts in the budget, only the first phase was funded. This contract represents the paired down version of the study that was included for funding in 2024. This would be a preliminary assessment that would put the city in a position to be able to apply for grants in the future.

Councilmember Simmons stated item 36 on the budget sheet states the funding is for phase 2, and he argues that it is not included in the approved budget.

Councilmember Huff stated his opinion has not changed and with the low projection of growth to the town, he does see the need for an expansion or remodel right now. There is no urgency.

Councilmember Ross agreed that it is not a priority right now.

Councilmember Klimek stated he doesn't think the City can afford this right now.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dahl and seconded by Councilmember Klimek to deny the professional services agreement for space needs.

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

9. Professional Services Agreement - Right! Systems Inc. IT Support Services:

Director of Public Works Chad Bedlington provided a staff report. He explained Right Systems is on the OMNIA Partnership Cooperative, which the City is a member of. This allows the city to use their RFQ from the partnership for this contract to save time and still be within the law. There is an imminent need to get the IT infrastructure up to date and complete the project, as well as support staff members when problems arise. The Contract is for 12 months at a cost of approximately \$57,000 which is very close to the budget that was approved for the project.

Councilmember Ross asked about the location and staffing levels of the company. Chad explained that the company is located in Lacey and has 37 employees. They have multiple employees that are certified to work on the police department equipment.

Councilmember Dahl asked if this is the company that was the second lowest bidder from the first RFP. Chad stated they were the second lowest bidder from the prior RFP process over a year ago, but the city is using the OMNIA Partnership for the vetting.

Councilmember Dahl stated she is happy to have a proposal to review but would be more comfortable with a six month contract to allow a new RFP process to be completed.

Councilmember Huff stated he likes the six-month idea. He would like to look at other local vendors that were provided to the City through an RFP process.

Councilmember Ross stated he is in favor of either the twelve- or six-month option for the contract.

Councilmember Simmons stated he doesn't understand why the process was not followed through to go to RFP for this contract as the council wanted. He was frustrated with the lack of follow through.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross and seconded by Councilmember Klimek to approve a modified contract with Right Systems Inc. for a six month term.

Councilmember Dahl stated she wanted it clear that an RFP needs to be done before the contract ends to ensure there is competitive bidding for the continued services.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Simmons.

Public Comment on City Business: None

Council Updates:

Councilmember Huff congratulated Andrew Pittman for the appointment.

Councilmember Ross thanked Mr. Pittman for his willingness to serve.

Mayor Updates:

Mayor Miller stated he met with Senator Wilson today to discuss future partnerships and funding options for the City.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

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