

McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 6:30 PM McCleary Community Center & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm PRESENT Councilmember Brycen Huff Councilmember Max Ross Councilmember Andrea Dahl Councilmember Joy Iversen

ABSENT

Councilmember Jenna Amsbury

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen to excuse Councilmember Amsbury Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Councilmember Huff asked about the 30-minute limit combined public comment

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Ross. Voting Yea: Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen Voting Nay: Councilmember Huff

Special Presentations

1. Council Meeting Code of Conduct

Councilmember Ross gave a presentation on bringing control back to the Council Meetings. He knows people are here because they have questions they want answered, but we need to have more structure and professionalism.

Councilmember Huff wants to get rid of the 30-minuite combined public comment limit.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

April Wright asked about follow up items being placed on the agenda and if Tyson's position was the Assistant to the Public Works Director, because the position was taken off the website.

Jacob Simons asked about getting a timer for the meetings. He asked if a single person was doing the IT work. He asked if the Comprehensive Plan was from 2018 and asked about different types of signs and flags and the possible issues with the proposed Sign Ordinance.

Carri Comer asked how Council tracks the business that is coming through the Council Meetings. She would like the Council to come up with a way for the Community to see what business is being conducted.

Gary Atkins asked Council to make notes and give the public information on the next meeting, it has never been done.

Keith Klimek asked if we could accommodate the people that are visually impaired and asked for the agenda in a larger font size.

Monica Reeves spoke about the Code of Conduct. She said we need this opportunity to talk, the Council Meetings are a place for the Community to have access to the Public Officials. She asked for a Financial Report.

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Consent Agenda

Councilmember Ross asked for an itemized list of the IT expenses. Chad Bedlington said he would get one for the next meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Iversen

Voting Nay: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl

2. Accounts Payable June 16-30, 2023 Ck Numbers 52210-52247 totaling \$103,666.27

Updates

Councilmember Huff wanted to mention that the two Summer Help guys are doing great and working hard. He asked that the Officers have a key to City Hall to be able to lock or unlock City Hall door.

Councilmember Dahl thanked Chad Bedlington and the Public Works crew for the work they did helping get Bear Fest set up.

3. Staff Reports: Police, Water/Wastewater, Public Works, Public Works Director, Building/IT

New Business

4. Greenhouse Gas Policies & Procedures

Chad Bedlington said we are required to have a Greenhouse Gas Policy in place for us to be eligible for a lot of our federal and state grant opportunities. This one encourages conservation and energy efficient buildings.

Old Business

5. City Administrator Discussion

Councilmember Huff spoke in regards to how we want to move forward as a City Government. If we want to stay with what we have, or change direction and go with a City Administrator or City Manager. What we have isn't working. Councilmember Ross supports having a full-time person here running the City while still moving forward with re-structuring the government.

6. Sign Ordinance Discussion

Councilmember Huff stated we need to have a Public Hearing before we adopt this. Councilmember lverson wants to address some of the items that Jacob Simmons brought up earlier in the meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

7. Sign Ordinance

Council is not voting on this tonight

8. Green House Gas Resolution

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to adopt Resolution number 756

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

Public Comment - City Business Only

Kyle Comer asked why the City is not fulfilling Public Records.

Monica Reeves is asking for her Public Records requests that she turned in in April. If Ann-Marie is still on payroll, could she do these Public Records requests?

Gary Atkins said the City Council's job is to help the City. He said some of the councilmembers are disrupting the the work of Chad and every employee at the City.

April Wright thanked everyone that attended the revealing of Allardin Alley. She spoke in regards to the City being a family.

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodation is Provided Upon Request. The City of McCleary is an equal opportunity provider and employer. La ciudad de McCleary as un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades y el empleador. Carri Comer said the public has a right to view the public records. She spoke in regards to the City Clerk bringing her personal computer into work and encourages the City to look at what's on that computer. Andrew Pittman said he's been trying to set up a meeting with the Mayor for a while and haven't had any luck. Councilmember Huff asked what we do about the checks not being approved tonight. He also asked about whether or not we have a clerk-treasurer, he wants an honest answer and wants to know what her salary is if her duties are divvied out to other people.

Executive Session

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Huff. Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

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