



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 6:30 PM

McCleary Community Building & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

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Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was conducted by City/Clerk Treasurer Jamie Vinyard.

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons

Councilmember Brycen Huff, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Schiller

Councilmember Andrea Dahl (via Zoom)

Councilmember Keith Klimek

ABSENT

Mayor Chris Miller

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

A motion was made by Councilmember Simmons and seconded by Councilmember Schiller to accept the agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Motion passed.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

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Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem confirmed no members of the public had comments regarding agenda items.

Councilmember Schiller asked to make a public comment prior to the Executive Session, regarding a change to the structure of city government.

Consent Agenda

1. Claims Approval:

The following items are distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and review, and the recommended actions will be accepted in a single motion. Any item may be removed for further

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i Approval of checks/vouchers/disbursements numbers 54372 to 54431 Including EFTs in the amount of \$120,883.57

Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem read the consent agenda.

Councilmember Simmons inquired about reviewing the services Cintas provides to the city, and seeing if any could be eliminated, to help cut back on costs.

City Administrator Jon Martin reported he has been reviewing vendor spending with each department head to eliminate unnecessary services and reduce costs. He agreed to review the Cintas invoices.

As there were no other comments, a motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilmember Klimek and seconded by Councilmember Schiller.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Motion passed.

Public Hearing

2. A Public Hearing before the City Council of the City of McCleary, Washington, to Hear Testimony For or Against the rate increase associated with the public records resolution and policy update

Presented by: Pro-Tem Mayor, Brycen Huff

Public Comment

Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem opened the floor for public comment on this matter at 6:38pm.

Councilmember Simmons summarized the rate increase.

Drew Helms, McCleary resident, commented that the price for PR requests should be capped, and any increased costs should be warranted. He asked council for more details regarding the proposed increase in the resolution.

City Attorney Madison Pleasant outlined the reasons behind the decision to charge more and gave the percentage of increase to both documents and police camera footage.

As there were no other public comments on this matter, the hearing on the first read was closed at 6:42pm.

Old Business

3. Confirmation of City Administrator: Jon Martin

Jon Martin was appointed to the position of Interim City Administrator by Mayor Miller approximately 6 months ago. Council has been pleased with his performance and wishes to confirm him to the position permanently.

City Administrator Martin indicated that while sometimes challenging, the last six months have been an enjoyable experience and expressed his appreciation to city staff for their support. He also noted Mayor Miller's intent to repost the position.

City Attorney Madison Pleasant stated she had spoken to both Mayor Miller and Administrator Martin regarding this matter. From a legal standpoint, council can proceed with their wish to confirm him, however, such action will only count as a vote of confidence, rather than an actual confirmation (according to code).

All councilmembers offered individual comments in support and appreciation of the work that Administrator Martin has achieved in the time that he has been in the position.

A motion to confirm Jon Martin as City Administrator was made by Councilmember Simmons and seconded by Councilmember Klimek.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek. Motion passed.

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Updates

4. Finance summary report attached and open for discussion.

City/Clerk Treasurer Jamie Vinyard had no additional information to add to the report.

Councilmember Simmons expressed his opinion that the report looks much better than before and expressed his appreciation to administration for their work to improve city funds.

Administrator Jon Martin provided a quick overview of the report and expressed his intention of providing council with monthly financial updates going forward. He expects cost allocations to be finalized soon and to be able to present that report to council next month.

Ordinances and Resolutions

5. Public Records Policy & Resolution

As tonight was the first reading of this resolution and open to public hearing, no action was taken by council during tonight's meeting regarding this matter.

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Jeff Geer, McCleary resident, commented his dissatisfaction with the Mayor Miller's most recent actions, and declared his support to Jon Martin as the City Administrator.

Drew Helms, McCleary resident, commented in support and appreciation for Jon's leadership as City Administrator. He also shared frustrations with not being able to reach Mayor Miller and so few people in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Paul Nott, McCleary resident and City of McCleary employee, commented about his experience working with Jon as City Administrator. He thanks council for supporting Jon and confirming at tonight's meeting.

Executive Session

Per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation.

The Council suspended the meeting at 7:23pm for an executive session to discuss agency enforcement actions and/or potential litigation with City Attorney Pleasant.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:54pm.

Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, stated no decisions or actions were made by the council during their session.

Council Comments

Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, announced this year's city-wide cleanup was scheduled for April 26th this year.

Councilmember Klimek shared additional comments regarding his thoughts about Mayor Miller's actions this week.

Councilmember Dahl commented about her frustration with Mayor Miller's actions around the county and dealing with staffing issues.

Councilmember Schiller talked about the cycle of problems that occur with the shifting ideology changes every time a new mayor is elected. He suggested council consider changing the city's government to a council-led structure.

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Following Councilmember Schiller's comments, remaining council members discussed this idea with the city attorney and what steps would need to be taken to make this occur.

Councilmember Simmons talked about his focus being on capital improvements, both for the short and long term of the city.

City Administrator Comments

Councilmember Dahl asked Administrator Martin for an update on the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position posting and the status of temporary employees.

Administrator Martin indicated the city is currently in negotiations with the union as the job description has been altered, to be more up to date with the city's needs.

He mentioned the status of the two temporary employees working for the city.

Adjourn

As there were no other comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Klimek and seconded by Councilmember Simmons.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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