



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – 6:30 PM

McCleary City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

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Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting began at 6:32pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted along with roll call.

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Brent Schiller

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Keith Klimek

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

A motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Simmons to accept tonight's agenda as written.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Public Hearing

1. Final 2025 Budget

Councilmember Huff opened the hearing at 6:33pm, to take public testimony regarding the proposed 2025 budget, and invited the public to take the opportunity to express their suggestions and opinions regarding this issue.

No comments made; public hearing closed at 6:34pm.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to accept Consent Agenda.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Updates

None.

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New Business

None.

Old Business

2. Right! Systems Agreement

Right Systems is the city's current IT provider. There was a brief discussion regarding the work this agency has done for the city and the customer service they have provided. All comments made by the City Administrator Martin, Councilmember Schiller and Police Sgt. Bunch were of a positive nature.

A motion was made by Councilmember Simmons, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to accept the new contract offered by Right Systems, to continue utilizing their services as the city's IT provider.

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

3. Refund Levy To Recover Taxes That Were Refunded and/or Canceled During The Last Twelve Months

City Administrator Martin explained this is a reoccurring action that occurs annually. It refers to accounts that are left with the county, that they haven't collected. The city has three options:

- 1) Return the refund (\$1,523.88)
- 2) Turn the money over to the county to do with as they will
- 3) Leave a portion of the funds in the account for future use

Due to the small amount of funds, Jon recommended the money be sent back to the city. When the money comes back, it simply goes back in the general fund.

After a brief discussion, a motion made by Councilmember Schiller, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to accept the refund levy.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

4. LGIP Resolution

City Administrator Martin explained that this resolution authorizes all interest revenue to be credited to the current expense fund. So long as the city maintains a minimum balance of \$3 million in the Local Government Investment Pool, at least a 2% interest rate, this account will generate \$60,000 in revenue.

Councilmember Simmons asked Jon if he could show council what the budget would look like, if the salary of Clerk Treasurer is removed. He would like to see what the impact would be on each account. Jon acknowledged this is something that can be prepared (given the request), but reminded council that not filling said position would create a significant gap in the city's ability to function. A discussion ensued regarding what positions are union and non-union positions, how this impacts the city's budget, whether this would leave Jon's position as the only one in city administration, and how this could hinder future union negotiations.

Council discussed the idea of combining and re-defining the duties of some positions to cover gaps that would be created by not filling the position of Clerk Treasurer. Jon reminded council that union positions are clearly defined in what their duties are, and asking employees to complete work outside of that would result in the city having to negotiate out of class pay, for when a union employee performs additional duties. It was clarified for council that Jon is the acting HR person for the time being.

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Council continued to engage in discussions regarding various city positions, wages, pay cuts, employee performance, and how these issues impact the budget, for several minutes. As such, council decided to push back voting on any resolutions until after the budget workshop with the city's CPA, on Dec. 11.

5. Rates In Relation To The Storm Water Utility Resolution - Repealing Resolution 545

Pushed back until after Budget Workshop.

6. Transfer of Interest Income To Current Expense Resolution

Pushed back until after Budget Workshop.

Public Comment - City Business Only

None.

Executive Session

None.

Council Comments

Councilmember Klimek thanked Light and Power for all their hard work after the recent storm and responding to various power outages. Paul Nott (Light and Power) thanked Keith for his acknowledgement of employee's efforts to keep the power on for McCleary's residents.

Councilmember Huff wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving next Thursday.

Councilmember Simmons thanked Administrator Martin for his excellent communication and responsiveness to the needs and requests of the council. He also thanked City CPA Tara Dunford for her attendance and assistance in helping council with budget matters.

Councilmember Schiller also thanked Light and Power for their recent performance during the storm, for responding to outages that occurred. He's looking forward having Fire Chief Pittman providing Council with information on the ambulance issue for the city. He also expressed thanks to all for their help and patience with him as the newest councilmember, as he integrates into the team.

City Administrator Martin thanked Council for their questions and collaboration, which has helped him work through issues and drive the budget forward.

Mayor Comments

N/A

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Klimek, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Schiller, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

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