

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 8, 2021

MCCRORY, ARKANSAS

The City Council of McCrory met in regular session on March 8, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by prayer.

Mayor Doyle Fowler opened and presided over the meeting.

Roll call was given by City Clerk Karen Harrison and answered by members of the Council, Shaun Peebles, Amanda Austin, Ronnie Massanelli, Mary Whitlock, Lou Dallas, and Travis Taylor.

Council Member Peebles made a motion to approve the minutes for the February meeting as presented. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Mayor Fowler next made his comments. He stated the City finances are doing astronomically well during the pandemic. Projects have been started and finished. During the recent snow/ice storms the Water Department survived well. The Department fixed all the leaks around town. The Mayor stated he really appreciates the Water Department for doing such a great job.

Next was Chief of Police Brad Bevills with his monthly report. The Chief stated that court collections were \$19,914.32. The Department had 79 misdemeanor's and 1 felony to work. The new Police Vehicle is here. Brad got quotes on radars and body cameras. He also stated the department needs new cameras for the car. He stated the ones in the cars are outdated and he can't get parts for them. He is looking at a USDA grant that is a 75%-25%. The total for the computer system needed is 22,000.00. He has spoken with Judge Boyce about taking the money, for the 25%, out of the court automation fund. The Chief stated since the department doesn't need a new car this year, he wants to purchase this equipment. Council Member Dallas stated that the Police need the protection. Council Member Whitlock stated that it is the City's responsibility to make sure the department has the necessary equipment. Council Member Austin made a motion to go forward with the grant. Council Member Peebles gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Chief Bevills asked the council what they want to do with the 2013 Dodge Charger. The new vehicle is to replace the charger. Council Member Peebles made a motion to put the car in Cain's Auction. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Next was the discussion on City Ordinance 308. Mayor Fowler stated Brad is doing a good job on enforcement of Ordinance 308. All the Chief is able to do is issue a citation. It is then up to the Judge to handle it from there. Council Member Whitlock then asked the Chief about Jake brakes on Hwy 64 & 64B. The Chief didn't know if we have an Ordinance for it but he will look into it.

Next up was Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Harrison. Jim stated the department has been working on leaks, the ton truck has a dump bed on it and most of the street signs are up. Mayor Fowler stated he is proud of the Ellis St. drainage project but they now need 50 more feet of pipe to drain properly. Council Member Peebles made a motion to go ahead and add the extra 50 ft. of pipe at the cost of \$3,000.00. Council Member Whitlock gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. The clarifier is advertised for open bids on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021. Mayor Fowler stated we need to add an end date to the contract. Council Member Dallas stated that everyone in McCrory appreciates the Water

Department for all the hard work. Citizen James Jackson thanked the Mayor and Council for the ditch/sewer project. Jim stated Mitch Ragan is scheduled this month for class.

Fire Department Chief Joe Slocum III stated the department had 2 fires.

No one was available for Parks & Tourism.

Next was Animal Control Officer April Wagner. April stated she has 3 dogs in the shelter for adoption. She also has 1 dog from a subject that went to jail. She expects this dog to leave when the owner gets out of jail. The Council, April, and the Mayor next discussed a new lay out for new shelter. Council Member Dallas also submitted a new plan. Council Member Austin made a motion to have the architect do up plans with an estimate. Council Member Peebles gave a second. Motion carries.

In new business Mayor Fowler stated that Mark Killingsworth want to get City sewer to his business. Coach Massanelli stated that we need more information. Council Member Peebles asked if Mark was going to pay for this service. Council Member Massanelli made a motion to research the situation. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Council Member Austin made a motion to pay the bills. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Council Member Austin made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Peebles gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.