

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MCCRORY, ARKANSAS

MAY 9, 2022

The City Council of McCrory met in regular session on May 9, 2022.

Mayor Doyle Fowler opened and presided over the meeting.

Next was Pledge of Allegiance, then prayer led by Council Member Mary Whitlock.

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

Council Member Shawn Peebles made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries

Mayor Fowler began the meeting by stating things are great and getting better in McCrory. The auditor is here working on the 2020 & 2021 years.

First up was guest Lance Powell with Civil Engineers. He gave an update on the progress of the water clarifier. All material is in and making progress like it should. There is a problem with a cone but the manufacturers are to be here tomorrow. Lance thinks it will be finished on time.

Next was the discussion on the sewer plant rebuilt. Mayor Fowler stated we need to pass a resolution to accept Big Creek as the contractors. The mayor stated that another thing Lance has worked on is the sidewalks. After a lot of discussion by the council, a discussion wasn't made on the sidewalks.

Next guest was former Lt. Governor Bill Halter. Mr. Halter spoke to the council about Solar Energy. After much discussion by the council and the mayor no discussion was made.

Next was Animal Control Officer. April was absent so Jim Harrison gave her report. There are currently 7 dogs in the pound. Two of the dogs are going to NEA on Wednesday.

Next up was Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Harrison. Jim stated the beaver dams on 4th St are causing problems but they have to wait for the water to dry up from the rain. The employees have been keeping up with the mowing.

Chief Brad Bevills was next on the agenda. Brad reports 18, 200.50 in court collections, with 135 misdemeanors and 2 felony cases for the month. The chief discussed with the council the problem he is having getting a new patrol car. His only option is a Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup. Council Member Peebles made a motion to allow the chief to purchase a vehicle now. Council Member Massanelli gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Council Member Massanelli asked the chief about automatic defibrillators in the police cars. Chief Bevills advised the department does not have them, but all the full-time officers are certified. Council Member Massanelli asked the chief to check into this.

Next was Fire Chief Joe Slocum III. Joe reports that they have not had many calls. The fire dept. fish fry was during Mosquito Fest. Joe advised that a bill is coming in for the new nozzles.

Coach/Council Member Ronnie Massanelli gave an update that the girls softball did well but got beat today. The girls will travel to state Thursday. Both the Mayor and Council Member Dallas stated the guys have done well on the mowing of the parks.

The council next discussed new business. Council Member Whitlock made a motion to accept Resolution #2022-03. Council Member Peebles gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries

No discussion was made on TxtmyGov.com website.

Next was the discussion on Water Clerk Jennifer Whitby's raise. After a lot of discussion Council Member Peebles made a motion to table until the office girls get their 2nd course. Council Member Dallas gave a second. 5 voted yeah, 1 opposed. Motion carries

Mayor Fowler asked the council about a debit card reader for the city. Council Member _____ made a motion to get card readers xs 2 with a cost of up to \$275.00 apiece. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

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

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