

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MCCRORY, ARKANSAS

JUNE 13, 2022

The City Council of McCrory met in regular session on June 13, 2022

Mayor Doyle Fowler opened and presided over the meeting.

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

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

Council Member Austin made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, with the change to state " Council Member Whitlock had made the motion to get the card readers for the city." Council Member Whitlock gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries

Next was the mayor's comments. Reni Wallis held a 3 on 3 basketball tournament which turned out well. The farmers market didn't have a lot of vegetables as yet, but people were out and about. The police car and the firetrucks were there for the children. The next farmer's market is July 9th. See attached for the rest. In talking about the animal shelter, Council Member Dallas made a motion to table project at the present until we get more information. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. As far as the bid on the animal shelter Council Member Whitlock wanted it on record that she doesn't think its ethical that Bill Crawford gets the lowest bid due to the fact that he is on the quorum court and gave the estimate.

Next was Animal Control. Jim Harrison gave the report because April Wagner was absent. The shelter has 6 dogs. One of the dogs was taken to manilla due to parvo. At the present time the shelter has been bleached and all the dogs were given a shot.

Next was Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Harrison. Jim stated the station by Amandas has to be cleaned up a lot. It seems to clog up 8 xs more than the others. Eradicator is working so far. The crew has been cutting up limbs on the roadways. The mosquito spraying will start soon. Jim asked the council when he should start. Council Member Dallas stated we should leave it up to Jim. Council Member Taylor stated maybe in a couple of weeks. Jim stated he will start the mosquito spraying at the end of June.

Next was Police Chief Brad Bevills with his report. Brad reported \$17,337.50 with 216 misdemeanors and 1 felony case. He also reports he received the Narcan that the department has been waiting on, 5 for the police and 10 for the fire department. The chief next reported on the vehicle situation. He called Dodge and the estimate was \$6,000.00 more than before. After a lot of discussion from the council it was decided to forgo getting a truck this year and switch the grant to AED's (Automated External Defibrillator). Council Member Austin made a motion that instead of a truck grant use for AED's. Council Member Whitlock gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Fire Chief Joe Slocum III reported a hose testing done at the end of May.

Mayor Fowler gave an update to Parks. Mike Tubbs has been appointed to commissioner. Mike reported to the mayor that everything is going great.

New Business was next.

- A. First, Council Member Whitlock made a motion to pass resolution #22-004, which recognizes the significance of Juneteenth in the history of the USA. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.
- B. Next was to vote on the city signing on with Scenic Hill Solar for Electricity. Council Member Taylor made a motion to table until all council members are present. Council Member Dallas gave a second. All voted yeah.
- C. Voting on Jennifer Whitby getting her raise from the 90 days that she should have gotten. Council Member Whitlock made a motion to give Jennifer her .50c an hour raise retroactive until her 90 days. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Mayor Fowler stated that employee Karen Harrison should be given a raise to at least be making the same an hour as Jennifer, because Karen has been with the city a few years longer. Council Member Whitlock made a motion to give Karen Harrison a .20c an hour raise to be with Jennifer Whitby. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Mayor Fowler stated this will take care of raises for the rest of the year.

Next was the passing of Resolution #2022-05 to apply for the Fun Grant for the parks. Council Member Taylor made a motion to accept resolution #2022-05. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next Council Member Austin made a motion to pay council for 6 months. Council Member Whitlock gave a second. All voted yeah and the motion carries.

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

Council Member Austin made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah and the motion carries. Meeting adjourned.