

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MCCRORY, ARKANSAS

JULY 11, 2022

The City Council of McCrory met in regular session on July 11, 2022

Mayor Doyle Fowler opened and presided over the meeting.

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

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

Council Member Whitlock made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries

When Council Peebles officially resigns at the end of the meeting his position will be filled. Majority vote from council to fill that position.

Mayor Fowler decided to forgo any comments except to say all of the projects are inching along, finances are good, and the clarifier project is making progress.

Council Member Austin made a motion to accept Council Member Shawn Peebles resignation. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Animal Control Officer April Wagner gave her report. She stated she has 4 dogs in the rescue. One dog is to go to Jonesboro this week.

Chief Of Police Brad Bevills gave his report. He stated that \$18,675.00 was the court collections for the month, with 165 misdemeanors and 2 felony cases. Brad stated he is trying to get some of the city ordinances put in the new car computers and noticed that Ordinance #272 was not signed by former City Clerk Sue Pegg. It is not a legal ordinance until it is signed. Mayor Fowler stated we need to update the ordinance. Council Member Whitlock made a motion to approve Ordinance #272 with the correction to section #2 to read "Except on designated days as set by the council in June of each respective year". Council Member Dallas gave a second. The council vote was 5 for and 1 against. Motion carries. Council Member Dallas made a motion to forgo the 3 readings of the ordinance. Council Member Whitlock gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next was Fire Chief Joe Slocum III. Joe reported 2 grass fires. The department will be testing hoses. Joe will let Jennifer Whitby know the date, so she can put it on the city website.

Next was Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Harrison. Jim said FEMA called today and advised the flood plain maps are not certified because a levy at White River wasn't on the map. Jim updated the council about the clarifier project. The way the clarifier is now he is unable to get water samples. The contractors advised they can build a wood or steel platform. Council Member Whitlock asked why the engineer is not taking care of the problem. After a lot of discussion Council Member Massanelli made a motion to have the mayor get with the engineer to build a ladder and platform with the engineer paying the cost. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next was parks and tourism. Mayor Fowler advised that Reni Wallis is taking care of the parks and doing a great job. April Wagner has kept the trash under control. The city and council need to give them credit. Council Member Massanelli stated that Reni Wallis and April Wagner have done an outstanding job.

Next the mayor needed a yes or no on the signing with Scenic Hill Solar. All of the council members voted no on the project. Council Member Whitlock made a motion to vote no on Scenic Hill Solar project. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next was discussing the deactivation of the grant for the Animal Shelter. Betty Searcy can get the city another grant from USDA, but the city would still have to come up with \$40,000.00. Council Member Massanelli stated that the mayor didn't fail at this project, prices just went up. Council Member Dallas made a motion to not deactivate the grant. Council Member Whitlock gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Mayor Fowler made Council Member Dallas the chair person. Mayor suggested readvertising the bid. Council Member Dallas will write up the advertisement.

Next was new business. Council Member Austin made a motion to allow Devall's Bluff to have one water filter out of the old building and replace the hole with an overhead door. Council Member Massanelli gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next was the passing of resolution #2022-06, which authorized the Mayor of McCrory to expend matching funds for DRA (Delta Regional Authority) project. Council Member Whitlock made a motion to pass resolution #2022-06. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

The donation of Lot #13-angelo subdivision was next. Cheryl Calendar wants to purchase the land for \$1,200.00. Council Member Austin made a motion to accept \$1,200.00 for Lot #13-angelo division with Ms. Calendar paying closing cost. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Mayor Flower next told the council that his salary (\$1,200.00 a month) and Ladonna Poindexter's (\$18.32 an hour) salary has to have an amount in the minutes per the auditor.

Next Treasurer Bobby Trotter talked about the finances.

Council Member Austin made a motion to go into executive session. Council Member Whitlock gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Council Member Dallas made a motion to come out of executive session. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Council Member Austin made a motion to have Ryan Hollowell fill the vacant council position. Council Member Whitlock gave a second. Motion carries.

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

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