

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MCCRORY, ARKANSAS

DECEMBER 12, 2022

The City Council of McCrory met in regular session on December 12, 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, Ronnie Massanelli, and Amanda Austin. Council Member Ryan Hollowell was absent.

Council Member Austin made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, and the special meeting. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

First was Mayor Fowler with his comments-see attached.

Next to address the council was Animal Control officer April Rouse. April reported 17 dogs at the pound.

Next was Police Chief Brad Bevills. Brad reported \$26, 955.65 in collections with 106 misdemeanors and 5 felony cases. Of the 5 felony cases 4 of those were drug related. The Chief asked the council if his department could go to bi-weekly pay and work schedule. Council Member Dallas made a motion to allow the chief to rearrange the schedule to bi-weekly. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Brad asked the council if the employees of the city could carry over their max vacation days. The departments have all had problems taking these vacation days. Council Member Massanelli stated that we expect the police and water department to be there for the public so they should be compensated. Council Member Massanelli made a motion to allow carry over of max vacation days for all city employees, and get paid for the extra for the 2022 year. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Fire Chief Joe Slocum III was the next department head to speak. Joe stated the department has had a few fires and some assists to other agencies.

Next was Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Harrison. Jim reports the clarifier works. He also reports a lightning strike to some of the city parts.

In Parks the mayor told the council that the city has received the Fun Park grant for Raney Park. Mayor Fowler appointed a special committee of Star Killingsworth, Jennifer Whitby and Earline Fowler. This committee will look at things for the park and bring it to the council to approve.

Next was Tammy Brewster to talk about the ARCARE food bank. She reported that the rodent is still in the civic center. Terminix, live traps, etc. has not fixed the problem. She reported that if the problem keeps on, they will have to move everything back to Augusta. Council Member Taylor offered his personal game cam so maybe we will know what we are dealing with.

In New Business Council Member Dallas made a motion to approve the 2023 budget as written. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

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

Council Member Austin made a motion to go in to executive session to discuss an employee issue. Council Member Massanelli gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

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

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