

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MCCRORY, ARKANSAS

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The City Council of McCrory met in regular session on February 14, 2022.

Mayor Doyle Fowler presided over the meeting.

Pledge of Alliance, then prayer led by Council Member Amanda Austin.

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

Council Member Whitlock made a motion to accept the minutes from January 10, 2022 with a change to Chief Bevills has a key for the safe room. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Justice of the peace Frank Swanson approached the council about the need for affordable housing in McCrory. He stated that people moving in to McCrory have no options for housing. He would like to see the City use grants from Woodruff County to help with this problem. Frank spoke about the money available from Woodruff County to help with putting houses on city property. The money would help with laying water and sewer lines in the city. The lots would be available for people to build affordable houses. Council Member Dallas asked Swanson if for some reason the City needs any other help will Woodruff County help. Swanson stated yes they would, because they know what problem housing is in McCrory. Council Member Whitlock stated she has a problem with using the City land. She would like input from Municipal League on this. Council Member Massanelli agreed with Whitlock. Council Member Peebles stated he is for this if the houses are affordable for school teachers, etc.

Animal Control Officer April Wagner was next on the agenda. April has 6 dogs at the present. Two of the dogs will be going to TAPS, 1 is going to Newport to meet rescue, and 1 is getting adopted.

Chief Brad Bevills was next. Brad stated the court collections were \$14,578.02, with 156 misdemeanors and 1 felony case. The tornado sirens have been updated. The grant for the radios, cameras and computers is almost done. Chief Bevills asked the council to allow the officers to use Verizon for the computers in the patrol cars. Council Member Dallas made a motion to get new hotspots from Verizon for the cars. Council Member Whitlock gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next was Fire Chief Joe Slocum III with the monthly fire report. Joe stated the department had 2 house fires, a field fire, a vehicle fire, and training for the new guys. Joe reported that the new radios are still getting programmed. The department is also working with Red Cross on getting free smoke detectors for residents.

Water & Superintendent Jim Harrison reported next. Council Member Massanelli began by thanking Jim and his crew for getting rid of the ice by the school. Jim stated the department has had a lot of leaks but they are fixed. A lot of lines have been hit from people digging. Most of the older water & sewer lines do not show up on the maps. Mayor Fowler said he asked SKY-FY Net to help with the cost of repairs on

the lines that they tore up. The owner of SKY-FY advised he would help on the ones they did break. Jim went on to state that the sewer lines have to be replaced on Reeves St.

In new business Mayor Fowler stated that World Wide needs another door due to a new contract with Nike. The estimate of the work needed is \$165,000.00. Quorum Member Frank Swanson stated that Woodruff County will look into helping the City with costs. Council Member Whitlock made a motion to give the Mayor authority to get bids on the doors for World Wide. Council Member Massanelli gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

The Mayor next brought up the trash pickup in McCrory. The sanitation crew with Waste Pro will not pick up any trash cans but will pick up the trash in bags.

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

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