

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MCCRORY, ARKANSAS

MARCH 14, 2022

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

Mayor Doyle Fowler opened and presided over the meeting.

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

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

Council Member Dallas made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 14, 2022 meeting. Council Member Massanelli gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Mayor Fowler began the meeting by thanking the council for all working together to do what is best for the City of McCrory. The Animal Shelter is still at a standstill, federally approved but not state. The clarifier panels are ready but not painted. The sewer project has to have bids. The mayor reminded the council about the loading dock at the World-Wide Label factory. The bids on the work for the factory are March 29, 2022. Financial Advisor Bobby Trotter asked for a working meeting to go over the city finances.

Next was Animal Control Officer April Wagner. April reported she has 2 dogs in the shelter. NEA rescue has been full and unable to take any of our dogs. April and Chief of Police Brad Bevills recently completed another school for euthanasian. Council Member Dallas reported that she and Rhondine have submitted a 501c. Council Member Peebles made a motion to give April Wagner .50c an hour raise for completing the class and getting a certificate. Council Member Massanelli gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next was Chief of Police Brad Bevills. Brad reported \$24,485.00 collected for the court, with 127 misdemeanors and 1 felony case. Brad went over the facts concerning the medication to be used on the dogs. Brad stated that both certificates were required. The medication for the dogs has to be stored at the police department. Brad told the council it's a pretty big deal when dealing with these medications. He reports that within 1-2 weeks the grant will be finalized. The Chief will start on a car grant. Mayor Fowler and Chief Bevills reported that Amber Gonzales has left employment of the city.

Fire Chief Joe Slocum III gave his report. Joe reported that the new radios are in. The Department now has 20 of 21 radios. The department responded to 4 structure fires and 2 duck club fires. The recent fundraiser the fireman had raised \$8,500.00.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Harrison gave a report. Jim stated everything is going as usual, with some water and sewer problems. Jim wants to promote Billy Rouse to assistant street supervisor and give him a \$1.00 per hour raise. Council Member Dallas made a motion to move Billy Rouse to assistant street supervisor and give him \$1.00 an hour raise. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Council Member Dallas thanked the city workers for all the work during the cold weather.

Next Council Member Dallas reported on Parks & Tourism. She reported a water leak at the field the high school plays on. There are a lot of things to be repaired. The back stop is loose again and the bathrooms are in terrible shape. Council Member Massanelli said that the school will provide a cleaning lady for the high school. It was stated that the Youth Program has done a lot of work at the fields. It was decided that one of the city workers would pick up trash and keep the bathrooms clean when the school is not using the fields. Council Member Massanelli stated that Cyle Tiner and his crew did a great job on the fields. Kyle stated that the fields still need some dirt work. Mayor Fowler said we need to spread dirt more evenly. Council Member Dallas stated she appreciates everyone who has helped. Mayor Fowler stated the bathrooms need to be locked after ball season.

In new business Mayor Fowler told the council that city hall needs a new copier. Council Member Massanelli made a motion to get a new color printer for the office. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Council Member Dallas stated she would have liked more bids.

Mayor Fowler gave an update to the sewer project that will extend to Deltark. This project will retain 22 jobs. The amount of the project is \$66,821.00 with the city paying \$6,600.00. Council Member Dallas asked the mayor why the city is paying all of this and wondered why Deltark is not paying some. Council Member Massanelli stated he can talk to Mark and see if they can pay ½. Council Member Dallas made a motion to pass Resolution # 2022-02, so the sewer project can be done, with the contingency that Mark Killingsworth be asked to pay ½. Council Member Massanelli stated he will not ask Mark Killingsworth to pay ½ if the bid is more. Council Member Massanelli stated he withdraws talking to Mark. Council Member Dallas asked if we could leave out the \$6,600.00. The mayor said he would have to check on that. Council Member Dallas stated she withdrew her motion.

Next was amending the Flood Plan ordinance. FEMA asked the city to update the old ordinance and revise the plan. Council Members want to see new maps before doing anything. The mayor stated it has to be passed before July 19th. Council Member Massanelli wants to see the new maps before passing.

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

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