

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MCCRORY, ARKANSAS

APRIL 11, 2022

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

Mayor Doyle Fowler opened and presided over the meeting.

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

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

Council Member Whitlock made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 regular meeting, and the March 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 working meeting. Council Member Taylor gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Mayor Fowler gave updates for the city projects. The clarifier is supposed to get parts in for this Wednesday, Bids opened on the sewer plant on April 20, 2022, the animal shelter is still waiting on Rural Development. Mayor Fowler stated that Council Members Whitlock and Dallas attended the winter conference offered by Arkansas Municipal League. Dallas and Whitlock spoke about the classes they attended. Mayor Fowler and Council Member Dallas also attended an advisory meeting this week.

Mayor Fowler next stated that citizen Jeff McDonald didn't make it to the meeting but Council Member Austin told the council about the problems he is having. McDonald is having problems with drainage in his area, and trash from his next-door neighbor. Mayor Fowler stated he will try and visit with Jeff, and that he has spoken with the land owner Angela Williams. Mayor Fowler asked the council to give Angela Williams a week to get something done on her property. Council Member Austin asked about getting Williams a certified copy of the ordinance on clean up. Council Member Austin asked about home owner Teresa Wallis's property. Mayor Fowler stated the city really needs to enforce the ordinance. No further action was taken.

Next Jim Harrison gave a report on the animal shelter. One dog has gone to NEA rescue. Brad Bevills is still fostering the Great Dane dog that was owner surrendered. Council Member Dallas stated she and Rondine have gotten the 501c.

Next up was Police Chief Brad Bevills. Brad reported \$19,871.46 in court collection, with 119 misdemeanors and 1 felony case. Everything is in on the equipment grant with everything installed in the police cars. The Chief is waiting on ACIC for approval. He will then close out the equipment grant. Brad asked the council for approval to start a grant for a new police car. Chief Bevills stated it is taking about a year to get vehicles. Council Member Dallas made a motion for Chief Bevills to submit paperwork for a grant for a Police car. Council Member Massanelli gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Brad reminded everyone that drug take back day is April 30<sup>th</sup>. The city also has a drop box at city hall.

Next was Fire Chief Joe Slocum III. Joe reported 3 grass fires and 2 structure fires. One was a house fire and the other was an assist to the Hunter and Cotton Plant Fire Departments with a fire at a Church at

Cotton Plant. Joe stated he has gotten act 833 filed and sent off. Joe reminded everyone about the fish fry on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Next was Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Harrison. Jim stated that they had a big problem at the lift station by Manor apartments but Entergy resolved the problem. Jim told the council that Billy Rouse has passed his waste water one and got a certificate. Council Member Austin made a motion to give Rouse a .50c an hour raise for getting his waste water certificate. Council Member Peebles gave a second. All voted yea. Motion carries. The council next discussed the unfairness to the ladies at the office that don't have an opportunity to get a license to receive a raise. Council Member Massanelli is going to look in to it.

Next up was Baily Tubbs and Tasha Cornelius to give an update on the ball program and the parks. New officers have been elected, with some new faces. Council Member Massanelli asked about having enough coaches for the ball program. Bailey told Massanelli that some high school ball players and some parents that don't even have children in the program have volunteered. Council Member Dallas asked about the concessions. Bailey stated she is going to run it and the program will get the money. Baily stated that the park is functional. She is looking into grants for improvements and was wondering if the city is on board to do grants? She will do all the grants and bring them to the city council. Council Member Austin stated that she is glad someone is taking an interest to do this. Mayor Fowler stated he has installed a new commode at the park. Council Member Dallas stated that April can pick up the trash at the ball field. Baily stated the first game is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Fowler asked if Bailey had a contract because he would like to see it. Mayor Fowler told Bailey to call him if she needed anything. Mayor Fowler told Bailey and Tasha that he sure appreciates them.

Next was to revise the FEMA flood study. Council Member Taylor told the council that everything is in the 500-year stage. Council Member Austin made a motion to pass Ordinance # 211. Council Member Dallas gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries. Council Member Austin made a motion to forgo the 3 readings of the ordinance. Council Member Peebles gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next the Mayor spoke about the need of construction on the World-Wide Label factory. He and Army Ward went to the quorum court meeting to try and get funding to build. The mayor told the council that only one bid was submitted for \$187,000.00. Council Member Peebles suggested to ask Delta Regional for the funding. Council Member Peebles made a motion to talk to Delta Regional to see what the city can do. Council Member Austin gave a second. All voted yeah. Motion carries.

Next Mayor Fowler asked City Treasurer Bobby Trotter to give a report on the finances of the Water Department. Trotter suggested a possible raise on the water rates. After a lot of discussion by the council it was decided to get the clarifier done and to get more information first.

Council Member Austin made a motion to pay the bills. Council Member Peebles 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.