

Unofficial Minutes  
McCrorry City Council  
July 10, 2023

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Massanelli said the opening prayer.

Clerk Kendrick was not in attendance. Council member Austin recorded the meeting and took notes in her absence.

Council member Austin called roll. All council members were in attendance.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Council member Dallas second. All members voted to approve the minutes.

**Mayor Remarks:**

- The ambulance board was supposed to meet on July 6. Only 3 members replied that they would be able to make it to the meeting, so the County Judge said that he would reschedule the meeting.
- The topic of voting by wards will not be pushed at this time.
- Ordinance 269 pertaining to livestock and barnyard fowl in the city limits. Something needs to be decided on this ordinance; whether to change it or start enforcing it.

**Guest speaker:**

- Mike Tubbs was over the Youth Program this year and he came to the meeting to give an overview for this summer. There were 135 kids signed up, 28 coaches and 11 teams. Each of the older teams had around 20 games and the T-ball teams played around 8 games. The Youth Program did their best to use local umpires, including several High School students. McCrorry hosted the 16U girls tournament on June 26 and 27 even though we did not have a team in the tournament. The Ozark League entry fees will be going up next year to \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. One major concern is that there are 12 field lights out that need to be replaced. Mike has been in contact with Woodruff Electric and they are willing to come out and change the bulbs, we may just have to purchase them. Lots of the bulbs on the scoreboards are having to be changed weekly. This could be because the scoreboards are over 20 years old. Council member Massanelli asked if Mike had spoken with anyone from Coke or Pepsi about getting new scoreboards. He said that there may be a 3 year contract to use their product, but that they would usually provide scoreboards and maintain them during that contract. Mike stated that he would check to see what he could find out. Mike stated that the Youth Program would have everything of theirs cleaned up by the end of the month and that he would like a walk through inspection with someone before turning in the keys.

**Police Report:**

- Court collections for June was \$13,008.96
- Total court cases: 132 misdemeanor and 3 felony
- The new vehicle is at MJ communications awaiting equipment installation.
- There is a vehicle down at this time. Not exactly sure what is wrong with it. Either a head gasket blew or the head is cracked. It has been taken to the Ford place to have it checked and to see how much it will cost to have it fixed. Currently waiting for the Ford place to get back with him with an estimate. Was hoping to have an estimate by tonight. This is the vehicle that the new one will replace. It had been brought up previously that this vehicle could be used as an Animal Control vehicle once we got the new police vehicle. If so, we will want to get the estimate for getting it fixed, if not we can leave it as is and put it up for auction.
- Council member Massanelli asked about the drug circulation in town. Chief Bevills said that it was hard to tell because when they take care of one person, two more pop up in their place. There has been quite a bit of Fentanyl show up in McCrory lately. The biggest problem is that the offenders are charged and put in jail for a couple of days, but don't have a court case for a year.

**Water & Sewer Report:**

- Mosquito spray was ordered after the June meeting. It was delivered on June 13th and put in the truck to begin spraying. On June 14th when Jim arrived at work, most of the chemical was on the ground. Upon investigation, the tote had been cut in two places. What chemical that could be salvaged was placed in a 55 gallon drum and that got the remaining chemical in the tote below the cuts. Shane Grady came in and pumped the remaining chemical in the tote over into a new tote and gave the city 110 gallons, roughly what was lost, at cost. It cost \$7,800.00 for the chemical.
- July 3rd the clarifier motor went out. Have contacted Tonka, but have not been able to speak with anyone. On July 6, Big Creek had an electrician come check it. He disconnected an overload sensor and it worked. Need to know from the company if the part that is going out is under warranty. Jim has attempted contacting the company through phone calls, emails, and texts. Council member Massanelli feels like we should have the city attorney make contact with them to put some pressure on them.
- The automatic gate for the water plant will be done in a couple of weeks.
- Haven't heard anything on the supports for the staircase.

**Fire Report:**

- Mistake on May report, 4 firemen went to assist Jackson County with a fire because they did not have anyone responding.
- Waiting on Act 833 money

**Animal Control:**

- 15 dogs currently at the dog pound
- 3 dogs with fosters, 2 of which will be adopted after their vet visit.
- The third dog that is being fostered is pregnant.

- The bids for the new animal shelter should be getting started soon.
- Will look to see what can be done for some type of roofing for the kennels that currently have boards and plywood on them.
- Council member Austin asked about the city purchasing cat food. April stated that it was for City Hall, not the pound. Council member Austin's concern is that there has been complaints about the feeding of stray cats so why is the city paying for food to feed them. This is causing more wild animals to come around.

**Parks Report:**

- The playground equipment has been ordered a month ago and the water department has gotten the trees removed.

**Treasurer Report:**

- Went over balance sheet and comparison sheet comparing 2022 to this year
- Monthly financial report given
- Chemical expense for the water/sewer for the last 8 years.
- Council member Massanelli asked at what point do we start holding the companies accountable. The problems we are having have been going on for too long.

**Old Business:**

- Adding a week of vacation time for employees reaching 30 years.
  - Council member Austin made a motion to add a week of vacation for employees who have reached 30 years. Council member Massanelli second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Vehicle take home policy for employees other than department heads.
  - Council member Massanelli asked about liability on the city. The Municipal League states that the city is liable for the vehicles. At this time there are only 4 employees, other than department heads, that live outside of McCrory city limits. It was decided that employees living outside of the city limits would not be able to drive the city vehicle to their residence.

**New Business:**

- Rina Wallis addressed the council for use of the Civic Center on September 9 at 6:00 for a BINGO event to raise money for the Halloween Parade. She also asked if the parade could start at 5:30 instead of 5:00.
- Hiring a 5th person for the Water department. There has only been 1 application turned in for the position. This is not a position that will use the grant money. The job was posted on Facebook and the city website. At this time, Shannon Plummer has been doing the mosquito spraying. The applicant has 3 of his licenses and has been running the Patterson water plant. He has to get his level 2 licenses. Hiring this 5th person will cut down on the overtime.
  - Council member Dallas made a motion for the Water Superintendent to hire Josh Whitworth at \$16.50 with a 90 day trial period. Council member Massanelli second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Council Remarks:**

- Kids day and Day of Sharing/Caring will be held August 5 along with the Farmer's Market. There will be bounce houses and food. School supplies will be handed out on this day.
- Council member Massanelli asked about improvements to the Civic Center. Best option is to get a contractor to come in and give estimates on things that need to be fixed. Some of the problem is a moisture problem coming from the outside. Mayor Jackson will get with a couple of people and see if he can get some estimates.
- Farm to Table is planned for October 7th.
- Mayor Jackson has drawn up a statement that if he is absent, council member Dallas will be able to sign papers in his absence.

Council member Austin made a motion to pay the bills. Council member Dallas second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn. Council member Massanelli second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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