

Unofficial Minutes  
McCrary City Council Meeting  
August 14, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson at 7:00pm

Mayor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council member Austin opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk Kendrick called roll. All members present but Coach Massanelli.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve July minutes. Council member Taylor second. All members present voted in favor to approve July minutes. Motion carried.

**Mayor Remarks**

- The City has had some good months and have missed several very severe storms but we do have some mechanical problems that will be addressed during the department reports.

**Police Department:**

- Total court collections for July: \$14,874.00
- 111 total cases.
- The motor blew up in the oldest police car a couple of weeks ago. This is the vehicle that is being replaced with the new one that is currently at MJ communications. Delta Auto has given an estimate to replace the motor for \$3,500 plus tax. The other option is to not replace the motor and put it up for auction. In the current condition, it would probably only bring between \$500 and \$1,000 at auction. Not sure how many miles the motor from Delta Auto has on it, but it came from a police vehicle from White County. The price on the estimate is very comparable to another used motor. A new motor would be around \$10,000. Council member Taylor made a motion to accept the estimate from Delta Auto for \$3,832.50 to replace the motor in the old vehicle. Council member Austin second the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Since that car was purchased with grant money, and it is now going to be used for Animal Control, there needs to be funds moved from the general fund to the police vehicle maintenance fund. Council member Austin made a motion to move \$1,000 from the general fund to the police vehicle maintenance fund. Council member Taylor second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
- All the police equipment has been removed from the vehicle except for the cage. Once the motor is fixed, it will be used for Animal Control.
- The new police vehicle is still at MJ Communications. Not all of the equipment has come in yet.

**Water/Sewer:**

- The switch for the clarifier has been ordered
- All the drops are in at the sewer plant. Waiting for a delivery that had been delivered somewhere else.
- Jim handed out photos of a used mosquito fogger. Shane Grady found it in his warehouse. It currently has 168 hours on it he wants \$10,000 plus tax and a 90 day warranty. Estimate for a new fogger was included in the council packet. The used one is exactly like the new one. Council member Austin asked if the new or

used one would use less chemical than the one we currently have. Jim was not sure. Council member Dallas made a motion to purchase the used fogger, provided that Jim looks it over to make sure it meets our needs. Council member Austin second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Fire Department:**

- July was quiet other than the tractors that burned on July 7.
- Still waiting on Act 833 money.

**Animal Control:**

- Currently have 17 dogs
- 1 dog is supposed to be adopted this week
- The manager at Sonic will be contacting the Mayor to try to set up an adoption event.
- Did the free adoption for the month. Had a few people ask about getting a dog but that was as far as it went.
- TAPS took the pregnant dog and all the puppies.

**Parks:**

- The playground equipment for Raney Park will not be delivered until December.
- Color of the equipment is orange and black

**Treasurer:**

- Interest accrued on CDs is \$20,000 since last July
- Reviewed balance sheet for July
- Still over about \$1,000 in sanitation. WastePro is charging \$21 per household and the city is only charging \$14. It costs the city \$7 for every residence.

**Old Business:**

- Burnt house on East Raney. The homeowner stated that Sand's apartments had donated the trusses for the roof but they used the ones for the home over at the apartment. The homeowner has someone to work on it and was going to get the materials, but when it was time to get the materials, the homeowner was unable to pay for them. The homeowner was under the impression that the materials were being donated. The homeowner asked for an extension to get the home fixed. Mayor Jackson asked if any of the council members had any questions. No comment or discussion was had.
- Unsure what department the new employee Josh is to be paid from. He was hired to work for the water department. Council member Austin made a motion to charge him from the water department. Council member Carter second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Painting of the Civic Center. Mayor Jackson had several people come look at the building and try to get estimates for fixing it up. Estimates couldn't be given because of the uncertainty of what we were wanting to have done. Work will have to be done on the exterior before doing anything on the interior. Mayor

Jackson will have someone come look at the outside to see what all needs to be done on the exterior.

**New Business:**

- Internet - There should be a representative from the internet company at the September meeting. Mayor Jackson emailed the Arkansas Broadband Commission. It didn't go through, so he tried to call and the number is out of order. Mayor Jackson has emailed the Secretary of Commerce to find out what how the grant works. The city gave permission for the company to do the work, but since they started they company has been sold. Started working on this Wednesday before tonight's meeting, but will continue to look into it.
- Ordinance 308? 209 - The ordinance needs to be changed. The original ordinance was done in 1985. New ordinance was made in 2017. The current ordinance has a \$1,000 cap to bill the homeowner and won't allow the city to place a lien on the property.

**Council Remarks:**

There were over 200 people that attended Kids Day at the Farmer's Market!

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

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn. Council member Carter second. All members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56.

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