

Minutes
McCrary City Council
10-9-2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Jackson and then he led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Massanelli said the opening prayer.

Clerk Kendrick called roll. All council members were in attendance.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council member Dallas second. All members voted to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Mayor Remarks:

- The tornado siren on Calahan is not working at this time. Tried several things to get it fixed but it turns out it is the motor on top of the siren. It is a 2007 model and we will see if we are able to get a new motor for it. If not, we will purchase a new top for the siren.
- The Ambulance board will meet Friday at 9:00 at the courthouse.
- The truck that was voted on to be sold was sold for \$900.00 and that money was deposited in the Street Fund.
- Sherman had surgery last week. He is home and doing better. He will be going back to the doctor in a few weeks.

Police Report:

- Court collections for September \$30,837.75.
- MJ Communications state that the new police vehicle should be ready later this week.
- The vehicle will be picked up when the money is released from USDA.
- The city received approximately \$14,000 from the insurance company for Sherman's car. This money has been placed in the vehicle maintenance fund.
- The Sheriff's Department will be putting a 2017 Dodge truck up for bidding and Mayor Jackson would like for the city to bid on this truck so that the city will have another vehicle right now instead of waiting to apply for the vehicle grant next year. As of right now, the department is down two vehicles and having to double up on using the ones we have. We will apply for the grant as soon as it comes available though. Council member Austin made a motion for Mayor Jackson to bid up to \$10,000 for the purchase of the truck. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Water Report:

- The paving crew has been working on the areas that were previously approved to pave/patch and will be under the \$20,000 that was allocated to do the work.

- Still waiting for the control box for the rake at the water plant. They are having to make the box.
- Should be getting the \$180,000 reimbursement on the water plant soon.
- Billy Rouse and Josh Whitworth presented course completion certificates to the council. Billy had two new licenses and Josh had one. Council member Austin made a motion to give certificate raises to both men. Council member Massanelli second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
 - This brings Billy to \$17.50 an hour and Josh to \$17.00 an hour.
- The hydrant on the corner of 5th and Seaman is still leaking, They are working on it. There is also a leak on Johnson.

Fire Report:

- September was a busy month because everything is so dry.
- Woodruff county is still under a BURN BAN
- Spent around \$4,000 doing maintenance - bills have not come in yet.
- Act 833 money has come in.
- Mayor Jackson asked if the Fire Department was billing for out of town fires. Chief Slocum stated he doesn't know if they do or not. He only knows when an insurance company contacts him for a report.

Animal Control:

- 16 dogs
- One pregnant dog
- Donation of building is still available.
- Mayor Jackson spoke with someone about the current grant paperwork for the dog pound. The grant still hasn't been approved. He asked if the grant was pulled would it cause any future problems for future grants we applied for.
- If the city decides to move forward with the donated building, we would have to get someone to do the ground work - slab, plumbing, electric, putting up the building. It will take 10 to 12 weeks to get the metal once we tell them we want the building. We will have to take bids for the work.
- Council member Austin made a motion to withdraw grant paperwork, accept the building donation, and have Mayor Jackson work up a bid packet for the building/completion of the dog pound. Council member Carter second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- The old police car is now ready to be transformed into the Animal Control vehicle. There will be new lettering added to show it is the Animal Control vehicle and it will have an orange light on top.

Parks Report:

- Still waiting for Raney Park playground equipment.
- Practices should be done in the next couple of weeks.
- After all fall practices, Elizabeth Swanson Park will be winterized.

Treasurer Report:

- Reviewed September financial report.
- Budget will be done next month.
- Sanitation expense continues to increase - really need to look at that trend.
- Reviewed WastePro numbers - they are charging approximately \$12.80 per residence and we are charging \$14.00 per residence.
 - Residential and Commercial Service fee \$19,300
 - City collects a little over \$21,000
- Council member Dallas recommends that the council have a planning meeting for the 2024 budget.

Old Business:

- Internet - Larry with Arrowhead is the new Project Coordinator. They are now doing their own work because the company they had previously doing it was not doing things completely correct. They have had to go back and check everything that had previously been done.
- Painting the outside of the Civic Center - Mayor Jackson stated that he had talked to a couple of people about putting a bid in to do the work on the Civic Center. Have gotten a response from one person and not heard back from a second person. Did not advertise initially but Mayor Jackson will put an add in the paper to see if we can get any additional bids.
- Ordinance on condemning houses/buildings (318 if passed) - The city attorney has reviewed the ordinance and feels that it is the best thing the city can do. This is the ordinance from the Municipal League. It gives proper notice and time frames for the property owner.
 - Council Member Austin made a motion to read the ordinance. Council member Carter second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
 - Clerk Kendrick read the complete ordinance.
 - Council member Austin made a motion to forgo the 3 complete readings of the ordinance. Council member Massanelli second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
 - Council member Austin made a motion to pass the ordinance. Council member Carter second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
 - Ordinance 318 will be published to the city website and will go into effect 91 days from today.

New Business:

- Rina Wallis - Halloween Events - The Halloween Parade will be at 5:30. She asked if the city could block off second street between the Post Office and the Peacock Building, or

somewhere in that area. Mayor Jackson stated he didn't think that would be a problem. She stated that there would be someone there with an industrial cotton candy machine.

- Trick or treating is not just in the area of Wade Street, Kimberly Drive and Reynolds Drive. Trick or Treating will be ALL THROUGH THE CITY – as long as the residence has the light on.
- Sandra Whatley, Lexi Kendrick and Ashley Simons, representatives of MHS EAST Program, addressed the council about the possibility of painting murals on some of the buildings. They would like to paint a mural on the building by Raney Park. They would like for the murals to represent McCrory and Woodruff County. They will need to contact the building owners to get their permission to do murals. They might reach out to the Nazarene preacher; she has done some recent paintings on business windows. Ms. Whatley stated that there are several grants that they are going to look at for getting supplies to do the murals.
- Amanda Dunkin addressed the council for J & L Waste Management and handed out some paperwork for the council review. Mr. Dunkin would like for the city to consider him for sanitation in the future.

Council Remarks:

- Thank you to the Farm to Table committee and MHS Softball girls for the great Farm to Table dinner.
- The KEN Theater street dance was great! Dixon Street really put on a good show.
- Council member Massanelli wanted to make note that the young man that was injured at the junior high football game had to wait two hours for an ambulance to get there. Then once the ambulance got there they had to call for a helicopter that took an additional forty-five minutes to an hour. Mayor Jackson stated again that there was an Ambulance board meeting on Friday at 9:00am in the Courtroom.
 - The contract is not up for another 3 years.

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

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

Mayor

City Clerk