

McCrary City Council
Meeting minutes
January 8, 2024

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Dallas said the opening prayer.

Clerk Kendrick called roll. All council members present.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Remarks:

- DRA got their system back up and running before the end of the year and they did get us a check before the end of the year. The December bill for the World Wide project has been sent to them.

Police Report:

- December court collections \$10,813.00
- 51 misdemeanor cases, no felony cases
- Still looking to add a fifth vehicle at this time. Chief Bevills stated that he found a few on a government online auction site that are still police ready. He asked the council if they would consider giving him a maximum spending limit to prevent him from having to come back to the council each month to ask. Council member Dallas made a motion to allow Chief Bevills and the Mayor a budget of \$12,000 to spend on a vehicle. Council member Austin second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- The cage will be installed in the new vehicle next Monday, weather permitting.

Water Report:

- There is still no information on when the hydrant on the corner of Fifth and Seaman will be fixed. The parts have been ordered.
- The tornado siren on Callahan has not been working and a motor has been ordered. Not sure if the motor can be replaced or if the whole thing needs to be replaced. The city has asked MJ Communications for an estimate for a new motor for the tornado siren on Callahan. We hope to hear something soon.
- The yearly testing was done at the sewer plant last week.

Fire Report:

- Two heater fires in December.
- New hoses were ordered over a month ago. They haven't come in yet.
- The Fire Department steak dinner will be February 24th at 5:00 at the Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$100.00 for 2 people. There will be a silent auction as well.

Animal Control:

- April has sick bank days to get through January 31.
- Council members asked to get a copy of the minutes or any information on the sick bank for the next meeting. Mayor Jackson stated that he would find what he could pertaining to the sick bank.
- Council member Austin noted that there had been a couple of things paid out of the general fund pertaining to animals and asked why it hadn't been paid out of the Animal Control account. Mayor Jackson stated that it should have been and he would make sure to get it taken care of.

Parks:

- Will get bids this month for work at Elizabeth Swanson Park. Mayor Jackson didn't get the bids in the paper in December. Will put ads in the paper to accept bids. The bids will be opened at the February meeting. Council member Austin made a motion to get bids for roofing (metal and shingle) and siding as well as any other repairs that may be needed. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. The ad will be typed up and placed in local and surrounding area papers.
- Raney park equipment will be put together after the weather gets better.

Treasurer:

- December financials reviewed

Business:

- Time and location of meetings and procedural rules: Council member Austin made a motion to use Robert's rules and that meetings be scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center in McCrory. Council member Massanelli second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- City Attorney Myers addressed the council about Ordinance 307 pertaining to mobile homes, trailer parks and RVs. The current ordinance limits the duration of the stay to 30 days, and if it remains longer it must have underpinning placed. He stated that he did reach out to the city of Searcy about the RV park located across from Wal-mart. They informed him that it is not in the city limits, so they do not have any type of ordinance for it. The ordinance that the city has does not prevent Mr. Crawford from proceeding with his RV park. Mr. Myers did state that the city does need to create an ordinance for RV parks. He will contact the Municipal League to see what type of ordinances they may already have. Mayor Jackson stated that he will also contact other cities to see what type of ordinances they have for RV parks.
- Working meeting date and time: Council member Dallas made a motion for the council to meet on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 for a working meeting to work on raises for employees. Council member Austin second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

- Dog Pound Bids: Three bids were received. Clerk Kendrick opened and read each bid. Total Care Roof and Restoration \$47,475.90, Crawford Builders \$28,800.00, Roeder Construction \$72,021.00. Council member Dallas made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Crawford Builders for \$28,000.00 as long as it follows all specifications. Council member Massanelli second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Civic Center Bids: Four bids were received for the Civic Center. Clerk Kendrick opened and read each bid. Total Care Roof and Restoration \$22,146.00, Roeder Construction \$23,507.00, Crawford Builders \$24,600.00, Immel Builders \$14,000.00. A representative from Total Care Roof and Restoration was present to speak with the council about their bid. It was stated that InstaCoat would be used. He explained that it is a silicone membrane that is placed on the wall. It is not a paint and paint will not stick to it. Standard colors are white, gray, and almond. The Total Care bid also stated there would be a 2 year workmanship warranty and 10 year manufacturer warranty. After much discussion with the Total Care representative, a motion was made by council member Carter to accept the bid from Total Care Roof and Restoration for the Civic Center. Council member Austin second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. **The bid from Total Care was partly taken because of the warranty and the finish of the product.**
- Budget Amendment Resolution (match spending): Council member Dallas made a motion to amend the 2023 budget to reflect the actual spending of 2023. Council member Austin second. Clerk Kendrick read the resolution. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Water Rate Increase Ordinance 318: Council member Dallas made a motion to take up Ordinance 318. Council member Carter second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Clerk Kendrick read the ordinance. Council member Taylor made a motion to suspend the three readings of the ordinance. Council member Dallas second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Clerk Kendrick read the beginning of Ordinance 318 again. Council member Taylor made a motion to approve the ordinance. Council member Carter second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Mayor

City Clerk