

McCrary City Council  
Meeting minutes  
February 11, 2024

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening prayer was said by Council member Austin.

Clerk Kendrick called roll. Council members in attendance were Amanda Austin, Lou Dallas and Travis Taylor. Council members not present were Tim Carter, Coach Massanelli, and Diane Powell.

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

RV Park: Mayor Jackson gave each council member a copy of the only ordinance that the Municipal League has pertaining to an RV park. He has gone through the ordinance and made note of certain things and encouraged the council members to read through the ordinance and give him any feedback or suggestions. Council member Dallas made a motion to allow Mayor Jackson and City Attorney Myers to write up an ordinance pertaining to an RV park. Council member Austin second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Jackson and City Attorney Myers will work on the ordinance and present it at the next council meeting.

Dog Pound Bid: Mayor Jackson received a letter from Mr. Crawford that stated he underbid by \$8,000. The Municipal League informed Mayor Jackson that the city is not required to go with the low bid. The options are to go ahead with the current bid, to accept the next bid or to go through the bid process all over again. The concern with bidding again is running the ad and waiting another month before getting started. Council member Austin made a motion to accept the next bid from Total Care Roof and Restoration. Council member Taylor second. Roll call vote requested. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Police Report:**

- January court collections: \$11,830.40, 2 felony, 56 misdemeanor
- Chief Bevills was able to purchase a fully equipped 2013 Ford Taurus for \$7,500.00. The only thing the city had to add to the car was our radio and radar. The car does need a camera system. Chief Bevills presented the council with the cost for a new camera from Martel for \$3,300.00. Council member Taylor made a motion to purchase the camera from Martel for \$3,300.00. Council member Austin second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- There is a camera out right now being repaired. It has been out for about three months at this time. Once this one is repaired, it will be an extra camera.
- The car grant that was used for the Durango is complete. Chief Bevills would like to go ahead and start the process for another car grant. He has gotten word that there may be

some changes to the car grants this time and would like to get the process started before changes are made. Council member Taylor made a motion for Chief Bevills to start the car grant process. Council member Austin second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Water and Sewer Report:**

- The Christmas lights are still up - partly because of the weather and partly because equipment is down. Will get them down as soon as they can.
- Two chemical lines froze and injectors broken during the extreme cold we had in January.
- Water usage went up to 400,000 gallons
- Had to get tires for the rear of the backhoe.

**Fire Report:**

- Firemen are about to start training classes for the year
- There is a Railroad response class on March 4th that some of the fire fighters will be attending.
- Steak dinner on February 24 at 6:00
- There were two calls in January including a stolen side by side.

**Animal Control Report:**

- April will be released to return to work on March 1, 2024.
- The water department guys have been taking care of the dogs and doing a great job.

**Parks:**

- Three bids received for the ballpark. Clerk Kendrick opened and read each bid. Bids were received from Duncan Roofing, Construction by Smokey, and Crawford Builders. Duncan Roofing totals \$21,574.00 for shingle roof and all repairs, \$24,574.00 for metal roof and all repairs. Construction by Smokey \$26,800.00, Crawford Builders \$42,000.00. Smokey was present to answer any questions about his bid. Council member Austin made a motion to accept the bid from Construction by Smokey. Council member Taylor second. Roll call vote was requested. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. The decision to go with Construction by Smokey instead of the lowest bid was because Smokey has done quite a bit of work for the city previously and his quality of work is good and completed in a timely manner.
- Thomas Kendrick and Mike Tubbs are going to meet at the concession stand in the next week or so to clean it out.
- Thomas Kendrick asked again that the swing set and all the rubber mulch be removed from the ballpark. He stated that the men's bathroom door had been opened again and he had to clean pieces of rubber out of the toilet.
- The mulch has been delivered to Raney Park and the company will be in town this week to get started on it.

**Treasurer Report:**

- January financial statement reviewed
- There was no expense for chemicals for the Water Department in January.
- Rate study is going to be done this month. Hopefully it will have it back before the next meeting.
- Question was asked about the Special Project Fund and if any of the funds in it could be used to help with the ballpark bid or the Civic Center bid.

**Business:**

- Insurance update: The city needs to increase the insured amount as suggested by the Municipal League on all McCrory properties. Council member Austin made a motion to increase the insured amounts on all McCrory properties as suggested by the Municipal League. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Sick Leave Policy: The Municipal League and most cities do not allow for employees to contribute to the sick bank until they have days left over at the end of the year and you aren't allowed to use from the sick bank until you have exhausted all of your PTO. FMLA allows for up to twelve weeks off so some cities feel that twelve weeks is a reasonable amount of time that could be used from the sick bank in a twelve month period. Council member Austin made a motion to table the discussion until next month. Council member Dallas second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Street Paving money: there is no definite time to use the funds. It just has to be used on streets for paving or maintenance. A list needs to be started of any streets in the city that need maintenance. Sidewalk and parking lot maintenance on city property can also be paid for out of the street fund.
- Life insurance policy: optional policy for department heads and elected officials. \$1,260.00 per year. Motion made by council member Austin made a motion to continue the insurance policy for department heads and elected officials. Council member Dallas second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Raises: Billy Rouse has received another certificate. Council member Austin made a motion to give Mr. Rouse a \$0.50 raise for certificate pay, bringing him to \$18.00 an hour. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Chief Bevills submitted a new pay scale for the Police Department. The new suggested pay would be Chief Bevills \$24.50, Andrew Gonzales \$20.25, Nick Watson \$19.50, Sherman Cohen \$18.75, Bruce Golden \$18.00 and all part time officers \$18.00. Council member Austin made a motion to approve the new recommended pay increase. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Council member Dallas made a motion to raise Jim Harrison's hourly rate to \$24.50 an hour. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Council member Dallas made a motion to give all other full time employees a \$0.50 per hour raise. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

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Mayor

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City Clerk