

McCrary City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackson.

Council member Taylor led the opening prayer.

Clerk Kendrick called roll. All council members present.

Council member Austin made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Council member Massanelli second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Business:**

- Millage rates for 2025 - same rates as 2024. Clerk Kendrick read the millage. Council member Dallas made a motion to approve the millage as presented. Council member Austin second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Officer Golden - submitted a letter requesting a leave of absence on September 9, 2024. Mr. Golden has been off work for several months due to medical reasons. Council member Massanelli made a motion to accept the formal leave of absence request from Mr. Golden. Council member Austin second.
- Ball Park Grant - Thomas Kendrick addressed the council with the bids he received from Smokey Roberts \$16,500 for concrete and Rainey Electronics \$19,672.77 for scoreboards for the Elizabeth Swanson Park. The total for both bids totaled \$36,172.77. This includes concrete under the bleachers and new scoreboards for three fields. Since the concrete would be added to the baseball field, the question was asked if the school might go in on the cost for that section of the concrete. Thomas said that he would contact Mr. Waymire about seeing if the school might help out with some of the cost. Nothing will be done until we get approved for the grant. Council member Dallas made a motion to apply for the grant using the total cost for both bids. Council member Massanelli second. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Mayor Jackson received a letter from the Highway Department about the study for a stop light at the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 17. The letter stated that there had been two studies previously done and that the city did not qualify for a stop light. Mayor Jackson said that he requested another study.
- Alley behind First Financial Bank - a request has been made to name the alley if possible. It is currently called West Main Alley. Residents that live on the alley have stated that delivery services have some difficulty locating their residence. Mayor Jackson has spoken to the residents and they are okay with changing the name of the alley. Some names were discussed and Mayor Jackson will talk to the Joyner family and the Smith family about naming the alley Smith Joyner Lane. Mayor Jackson will have to notify the Post Office of the change. Council member Austin made a motion to talk to the Smith family and the Joyner family about renaming West Main Alley to Smith Joyner Lane. Council member Carter second.
- Council member Austin made a motion for Clerk Kendrick to read the resolution for Tonka to replace the filters at the Water Treatment Plant. Council member Massanelli second. Clerk Kendrick read the Resolution in full. Council member Dallas made a motion to pass the resolution. Council member Taylor second. Roll call vote requested. Council members voting in favor were Tim Carter, Pam Reynolds, Lou Dallas, and Travis Taylor. Council members voting against were Amanda Austin and Ronnie Massanelli. Motion passed 4-2.

- Water Ordinance - two different versions brought forward. One version had a list of fees for deposits and charges for miscellaneous items and one without the list of fees. There had not been previous discussion of putting the fees in the ordinance. Council member Massanelli made a motion to not include the fee list in the ordinance. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
  - Council member Dallas made a motion to read Ordinance 321. Council member Austin second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Clerk Kendrick read Ordinance 321.
  - Council member Carter made a motion to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 321. Council member Austin second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
  - Council member Austin made a motion to pass Ordinance 321. Council member Reynolds second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Police Department:**

- The new police car has been delivered to Fleet Safety for them to install equipment.
- The police car purchased in Missouri did great for a while but has been having a lot of problems recently. It has a lot of miles on it and it is going to be replaced with the new car. Council member Austin made a motion to sell the Ford at auction. Council member Carter second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. The car will be auctioned at Joey Cain Auction.
- September court report given.
- Drug Take Back is October 26th

#### **Water Department:**

- West Second pump station - after having to do some work at the pump station, it was discovered that there is no floor in that pump station. Estimate from Baldwin for \$8,300. Council member Austin made a motion to fix the floor at the West Second pump station. Council member Dallas second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Bid for filter work - Three bids received. Two bids were over \$200,000. Tonka had given a price of \$119,000 previously. The other two bids were higher because they have to get their materials from Tonka. Mr. Selig recommended we reject the other two bids. It will take 8 to 10 weeks to get materials delivered and 5 days to do the work. Funds for this will come from the Sewer Construction Fund. Motion to reject the higher two bids as suggested by engineer John Selig made by council member Dallas. Council member Taylor. Roll call vote requested. Motion carried 5-1; Council member Massanelli voted against the motion. All other members voted in favor.
- Billy and Josh have passed their Level 2 training. Council member Austin made a motion to give both men their certificate pay raise. Council member Massanelli second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- Council member Austin asked how many fire hydrants were in need of repair. Jim stated that the only one he knew of was one. Council member Austin stated that there is a class that can be taken to learn how to replace the hydrants.
- Force main - the force main at the Mad Butcher lift station can be moved to the same manhole that the Manor pump station goes to to get it away from the Ninth Street businesses to prevent flooding.
- Mr. Creasey is waiting on some rain before cleaning out the ditches because he needs there to be some water in them.

**Fire Department:**

- September was a busy month
- The county is currently under a burn ban
- Looking at federal grants for turnouts. Regina Burkett is going to see what kind of grants she can find.
- The AC unit in the South Station has been completed
- Cotton Plant has one active fire fighter on the department at this time.

**Animal Control:**

- Currently have 10 dogs
- TAPS came and picked up a great dane.
- Ridout gave a quote for blocks and mortar for the kennel walls at the dog pound. Will have more information next month.
- Talked to Fair Oaks Manufacturing and Randy Odom about gates for the kennels at the dog pound.

**Treasurer:**

- Monthly financials reviewed.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

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Mayor

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City Clerk