

McCrorry City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2025

Prior to the meeting being called to order Clerk Kendrick swore in the council members that did not attend the swearing in at the courthouse.

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

Council member Dallas said the opening prayer.

Clerk Kendrick called roll. All members present except council member Massanelli.

Council member Dallas made a motion to approve the minutes of the December council meeting. Council member Carter second. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Council member Dallas made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Mayor Remarks**

- Mayor Jackson welcomed everyone to the new year and welcomed the two new council members Dawn Odom and Terry Kittrell.

#### **Business**

- Setting the time and place for council meetings and the use of Robert's Rules of Order. Council member Dallas made a motion to have the council meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the McCrorry Civic Center and to use Robert's Rules of Order. Council member Carter second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- Resolution to amend 2024 budget to match funds spent. Council member Carter made a motion to take up the Budget Amendment Resolution. Council member Dallas second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0. Clerk Kendrick read Resolution 2025-01. Council member Dallas made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01. Council member Odom second. Roll call vote requested. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- Resolution to set new 2025 budget. Treasurer Bobby Trotter went over the 2025 budget. The budget figures include a raise for employees. Before approving the budget, the council must approve the raises that are figured into the budget. The council discussed the best option for raises at this time. Council member Dallas made a motion to give all full and part time employees a \$1.00 an hour raise. Council member Kittrell second. Roll call vote requested. Motion carried 5-0. Council member Dallas made a motion to take up Resolution 2025-02 - A Resolution Providing for the Adoption of a Budget for the City of McCrorry for 2025. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0. Clerk Kendrick read Resolution 2025-02. Council member Carter made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-02. Council member Taylor second. Roll call vote requested. Council members Carter, Kittrell, Dallas and Taylor voted in favor. Council member Odom voted no. Motion carried 4-1

- Appoint board for Employee Sick Bank - Mayor Jackson appoints Council member Dallas, Karen Harrison and Josh Whitworth to the board.
- Included in the council packet was an email from Rick Elumbaugh, Chairman of the Arkansas State Aid Street Committee, stating that the city of McCrory was not approved for the Street Aid Grant. The grant request will remain active and will be voted on in December 2025.

### **Police**

- December court collections \$10,695
- 38 misdemeanor cases, no felony cases
- Talked to Fleet Safety about the progress of the car. The parts have been shipped and are supposed to be delivered by January 16.
- The new street lights on East Raney have really helped a lot. Most of the new lights are on the North side of the street.
- There have been 2 applicants for the police officer listing.
- Most of the police department used all their vacation for 2024.

### **Fire**

- The department helped Augusta and Cotton Plant during December
- New elected officials for 2025:
  - Chief - Joe Slocum III
  - Assistant Chief - Matt Cain
  - Secretary/Treasurer - Faith Austin
  - Captains - Blake Whitby and Brian Austin
  - Lieutenants - Grant Duncan, Tanner Slocum, Andrew Gonzales and Dillon Runyon
- Steak Dinner will be February 22nd. Tickets available from any fire fighter or can be purchased at Smith Auto and Tire.

### **Water/Sewer**

- The new filters have been delivered and will be replaced the week of February 3-7.
- Talked to the Health Department about the quality of the water when we use the bypass system while the filters are being replaced. The water will be discolored but safe. DO NOT USE BLEACH for laundry. Will be putting announcements on Facebook and in the newspaper to notify the citizens of what is going on. The water will be chlorinated and disinfected but will look dirty.
- The awning at the library fell during the snow. It has been moved out from in front of the library.
- Mayor Jackson thanked the water department for their work to prepare for the cold weather.

### **Animal Control**

- April not present at the meeting
- Mayor Jackson gave an update that 4 dogs were picked up by TAPS, April has since picked up 7 dogs and now has 10 total.
- The electricity has been completed at the dog pound.
- The interior blocks for the dog kennels will be done in the next couple of weeks.

**Treasurer**

- Briefly discussed the 2025 budget, including employee raises.
- The county sales tax is now going to the General Fund.
- Still waiting to hear back on the most recent rate study and will have to do another one in a few months.

Council member Dallas made a motion to pay the bills. Council member Taylor second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Council member Carter made a motion to adjourn. Council member Dallas second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

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Mayor

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City Clerk