

McCrorry City Council
Minutes
Meeting February 10,2025

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

Council member Odom said the opening prayer.

Clerk Kendrick called roll. All council members were present except council member Massanelli. He arrived later during the meeting.

Council member Carter made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Council member Odom second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Remarks

- The yearly audit has been completed and the report will be returned to us as soon as it is ready. Everything was good on the audit.
- The traffic study has been completed at the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 17. ARDOT sent a letter explaining that the study did not meet the requirements to place a stop light at the intersection. Another study will be done sometime between July 4th and Labor Day. A letter was enclosed in each council packet with the explanation.
- Water filter project - The city was not notified that they would not be able to be here on the day they were supposed to be. Mayor Jackson sent an email inquiring as to why no one had shown up and the response he was given was that they had gotten backed up on some jobs and were not sure when they would be able to get here. They will notify us when they are ready to reschedule.
- Mad Butcher lift station - Had the engineers do a study and give a quote to see how much it would cost to move the water line from behind Crafty Corner up to the manhole on North Jackson. The quote given is \$76,790.96. The quote is more than the city can pay. Mayor Jackson would like to look for grant money that would assist the city with the project. Council member Odom made a motion to allow Mayor Jackson to seek out a grant for the sewer project. Council member Carter second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Jackson will start looking for a grant.
- Dog Pound update - The block walls have been completed for the kennels at the pound. They have to dry for thirty days before they can be painted. Mayor Jackson presented a quote from Sherwin Williams for paint and sealer. The quote given is \$3,012.22. The gates for the kennels will be around \$200.00 a gate. There will be 14 gates needed. At this time there is \$3,000.00 in donations to use for the dog pound. The floors will have to be sealed before the dog pound begins use. Mayor Jackson will speak with Minor Gibson about the floor sealing. Council member Dallas made a motion to purchase paint for the dog kennels from Sherwin Williams. Council member Odom second. Roll call vote requested. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- Mike Creasey cleaned out ditches prior to duck season. He started back today on the ditch behind Mad Butcher. Mayor Jackson had asked him to give a quote to clean out the drainage ditch on the North side of the railroad tracks that runs East to the ditch/creek on Hwy 64B. Mr. Creasey stated that to clean out that ditch would cost between \$7,500 and \$8,000. The council discussed whether or not they wanted to move forward at this time and decided to table the decision until the March meeting.

Police

- Court collections for January \$5,250.33
- 117 misdemeanor and 1 felony drug cases
- Fleet safety is 25% done with the installation of all the equipment. Hopefully it can be picked up within the next week or so.
- One applicant is coming in tomorrow to interview for the police officer job.

Water/Sewer

- The pump went down at the lift station at the Water Plant. It has been replaced.
- The lift station at the City Shop got stopped up during the heavy rains. All three pumps stopped up at the same time. One of the pumps was leaking oil and had to be repaired. All the pumps are working properly now. The pumps were stopped up because wipes and other non-flushable items are being put in the sewer system. When all of these items get piled up together, the pumps and grinders are unable to work properly. Please be conscious of what you are flushing.
- The rear tire on the backhoe had to be replaced.

Fire

- Only had one call for the month.
- Three firefighters recently went to a Wildland Forest Fire class in Beebe.
- All the steak dinner tickets have been sold.

Animal Control

- Currently have 13 dogs.
- TAPS is coming to get some of the dogs later this week.

Parks

- The water will be turned back on the first week of March.
- Security plates will be placed on all the doors on the concession stand to help prevent people from breaking in.

Treasurer

- January financials reviewed.
- There will be another rate study done in a few months.
- The council discussed the amount of overtime that there was during January. We are hopeful that when the filters are replaced that it will help with the amount of overtime. A question was brought up of whether hiring another person to work part time would help or how do we cut out the overtime. Mayor Jackson and Water Superintendent Jim Harrison will talk and see if there is a solution to cut down on the overtime hours.

Council Remarks

- Council member Massanelli stated that a citizen gave him a piece of mail from the National Police Association in Stafford, Texas soliciting money. He requested that the City Attorney look at it and report it. Mayor Jackson will notify the Municipal League that people are getting this solicitation.
- Council member Massanelli asked if the filters could be replaced during Spring Break. Mayor Jackson said that he would send an email and see if that would be possible.

Council member Massanelli made a motion to pay the bills. Council member Dallas second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Odom made a motion to adjourn. Council member Carter second. All members voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk