

McCrary City Council
Meeting minutes
April 14, 2025

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 were present but council member Taylor.

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

Mayor Remarks

- McCrary has been very fortunate over the last month with all the storms that have come through. We have had minimal damage.
- There was some flooding during the torrential rainfall but the water drained off pretty quickly. The areas affected were parts of West Second Street, Raymond Circle Drive and the Elementary School.

Business

- A representative from MAYPA was supposed to be present at the meeting to discuss the city helping with Mosquitofest again this year. No one was present from MAYPA, but the council discussed what was done last year. That was to allow up to \$3,000 to help with dumpsters and port-a-potties. Council member Massanelli made a motion to help MAYPA with Mosquitofest by allowing up to \$3,000 for dumpsters and port-a-potties. Council member Kittrell second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0. The bills for the dumpsters and port-a-potties will be sent directly to the city for payment.
- Sewer Grant for Mad Butcher Lift Station - the grant cannot be applied for until the city gets the water rates to the state requirement. That should be in June or July.
- Update on Water Plant payment - the city received a bill for half of the supplies that have been received for the project to replace the filters. The city has not received all of the supplies and the council does not feel comfortable paying the portion of the bill until all the supplies have been received. Council member Kittrell made a motion to not pay the supply bill until all of the supplies have been received. Council member Massanelli second. Roll call vote requested. Council members Carter, Kittrell, Massanelli and Odom voted in favor. Council member Dallas abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.
- Recycle Grant - a copy of the Notice of Opening of the 2025 Recycling Grant enclosed in the council packet. The grant is a 75-25 grant for projects that address recycling, waste reduction, and waste diversion needs. At this time the city pays over \$700 a month in overage for the landfill because of all the cardboard that is being taken. Mayor Jackson recommends that the city purchase more of the plastic recycle tubs for citizens to use. The recycle truck/trailer is picked up on Tuesdays. Boxes for recycling should be broken down flat to make more room in the trailer. Items that can be recycled are cardboard, paper, tin cans, and plastic. Council member Dallas made a motion to purchase 200 16 gallon tote bins with the recycle grant. Council member Odom second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0. Once the totes come in, if anyone would like to get some, they will be available at City Hall.

Police

- Court collections for March \$13,750.75
- 81 misdemeanor cases and 2 felony drug arrests.
- The new car has been lettered and the windows have been tinted.
- Car grant process will be started again in a few months.
- The police officer job has been offered to an individual. He has to talk to his wife and will be getting back with Chief Bevills in a couple of days.
- Mayor Jackson expressed his appreciation for the Police Department for all their hard work during the recent storms and flooding.

Water/Sewer

- During the recent flooding, the city ran out of road cones.
- The Angelo lift station ran for 22 hours straight during the recent flooding and high water.
- A manhole by the Angelo lift station appears to have been damaged by the Highway Department when they mowed around it.
- The Water Department was very proactive in making sure that everything was working during the recent storms to prevent the city from having to go under a boil order.
- Limbs will start to be picked up next week.

Fire

- 11 fires and 2 drills in March
- Firefighters helped fill sandbags at Pumpkin Bend last Friday.
- Hwy 269 from the bridge to Hwy 37 is closed due to flooding.
- Annual Fish Fry will be May 30. Tickets will go on sale as soon as they are ready.
- Chief Slocum and Regina Burkett have found a First Responder Outreach Grant that he would like to apply for to get new turnouts. A set of turnouts costs around \$3,000 and the department needs 13 sets. Council member Dallas made a motion to allow Chief Slocum to apply for the First Responder Outreach Grant. Council member Kittrell second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
- There needs to be maintenance done and tires replaced on some of the fire trucks. Chief Slocum has already replaced a set of tires on one of the tanker trucks.
- Mayor Jackson expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department for all of their help during the flooding.

Animal Control

- Council members Carter and Dallas recently toured the new dog pound.
- The dogs will be moved from the current kennels to the new pound this week.
- There are currently 8 dogs and 5 puppies at the pound.
- The floor at the pound has not been sealed. It will cost \$8,000 - \$10,000 to do that and right now the city is not able to afford to do it.

Parks

- Lots of work has been done at the ballpark to get it ready for the upcoming season.
- Mayor Jackson expressed his appreciation to Thomas Kendrick Mike Tubbs and the Water Department for all their hard work to get everything ready at the ballpark.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Bobby Trotter was not present.
- Monthly financial reports were handed out and looked over.

Council Remarks

- Council member Massanelli asked if the people working on the BP store could get another dumpster and clean up the mess in the parking lot. Mayor Jackson stated that a dumpster had been delivered today.
- The trailer on East Second that has been torn down still needs to be cleaned up. Mayor Jackson stated that the people working on it have had to stop because of the weather, but as soon as the weather is better they will get back to working on it.
- Chief Bevills will start handing out notices to property owners that need to clean up their property in the next month or so. Mayor Jackson requested that the council members drive around and note any properties that may need to be condemned. The Municipal League is giving cities more power on condemning properties.

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

Council member Massanelli made a motion to adjourn. Council member Odom second. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0/

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Mayor

City Clerk