

CITY OF MCINTYRE

Minutes

August 7, 2023

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre regular council meeting was held on August 7, 2023 with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Katherine Scott, John Carswell, Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick and Eugene Moore. Council Member Debra Kennedy absent.

Others in attendance: City Clerk Davonia Riddle, Dwan Carswell, Chief Wayne Amerson and City Attorney Jack.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Vicki Horne. Prayer was led by Council Member Eugene Moore.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Rico Myrick to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023, June 30, 2023 and July 17, 2023, seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

Mayor Horne went around the table for comments. Council Member Katherine Scott no comments.

Council Member John Carswell said that the Boy Scouts are coming back to our county and right now are temporarily requesting the use of the building at the park for their meetings to get started. I think there's a parent meeting on the 16th at 6:00, which will be the first and then it will be once or twice a week thereafter, until we get another place because we're trying to get the safety room at Arcillia. Probably one hour, twice a week, for the next three weeks after the 16th. The children's ages will be 5-12 and will be supervised by the Scout leaders and their parents. Mayor Horne asked for comments or suggestions. No response. Mayor Horne said to put it on the calendar.

Chief Wayne Amerson-no comments

City Clerk Davonia-no comments

City Attorney Jack said he has some information about the referendums for alcohol sales. Overall, what we ought to do and what I would suggest is at next month's meeting, have the items on the agenda and then vote if you want to put these different things on the ballot, so there will be a referendum election in November. There are currently three things I think Council talked about and wanted to do. One of them is all types of alcohol, beer, wine, distilled spirits on Sundays for consumption on the premises. So that's pour by the drink. That's one thing and you will have a resolution for that. Secondly, it's package sales of beer and wine on Sunday for consumption on the premises. Thirdly, it's tax sales of distilled

spirits every day except Sunday. So those would be the three resolutions and I've got copies. I'll be happy to hand out every advice. You all can look at them. And my advice would be if you want to vote on those, you can vote at next month's meeting so that we can have those to the Board of Elections by September 8th. The one issue that I noticed is that I think the first Monday is Labor Day in September, so I don't know what date you were going to change your meeting to. We need to have the Board of Elections by September 8th so that they can get everything ready for these things to be on the ballot in November. This year is a very good year to get these on the ballot because it's not a presidential election, it's not a statewide ballot where there are a lot of people running for things all over the state. It is more of a county, city election. And so that just makes it easier administratively wise and under the rules. Rules are very complicated on how you put anything alcohol ballot. So, this is the year to do it. If you want to put those things on the ballot this year, this would be a year to do it.

Council Member John Carswell said he thinks the county is working on something like what we're working on. So, I don't know if those two would clash with each other because the county passed it and it would be a county thing, it won't be a City of McIntyre thing it would be the County.

City Attorney Jack said right. Yes, his suggestion would be because we don't know what the county would do if you all want to do it, I think you ought to go ahead and put it on your ballot. Put the referendums on the ballot, so the city and the residents of the city could vote because they may be on the county vote too, but you may come out with different votes. And the city said, yeah, we want it. The county says no, that's OK. The city now has it.

Mayor Horne told council the next meeting needs to be changed because of September 4 holiday.

Motion made by John Carswell to change the first Monday meeting in September to the first Wednesday in September, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moor. Motion Carried.

Election Agreement-Wilkinson County Elections

City Clerk Davonia said Kelly from Election called and said that they're having a special election and she wanted to know if McIntyre wanted do election with them. City Clerk Davonia said it's how we did it last year. She goes on to say that she thinks it would be cheaper if we go in during the election. Kelly from elections said council just need to vote on it. City Attorney Jack asked where it is normally held. Council Member Eugene said early voting was at the courthouse and general election was at City Hall. City Clerk told council to let her know so she can give the information to Kelly. Mayor Horne said for some citizens, it's easier for them to come here than it is for them to get to the courthouse from this area. She goes on to say she thinks it should stay like it is but it's a council decision.

Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to keep election voting at the City of McIntyre, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion Carried.

Water Funds:

City Clerk Davonia said the only other thing she wanted to talk to about is the water account. Sometime after hours, Willie has to come and do certain things for the police/street department. But with him doing that, all of the funds are coming out of the water department. She told the council, as everyone knows, the water account really can't hold itself. She asked if Willie does jobs after hours not pertaining to the water, can it go towards that department salary or does the council want it to stay like it is currently.

Council Member Eugene Moore said if he's working in a certain department, the funds should come from that department. If he's doing something for Wayne, it needs to come out of the street department.

Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott that Willie on call work will be taken from the department and not the water funds, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

Contractor-Sewer Worker (Mr. Lattimore):

Mayor Horne said she forgot to contact Mr. Lattimore, so he could give us some type of contract, but she will go ahead and contact him. She said he's willing to come in and contract to do this system until the council figure out the details with the hiring and monetary part as far as hiring someone full time. Council will still need to hire someone because Mr. Lattimore is retired. She goes on to say that he runs the system in Twigg County but also has someone that is working with him, and I think we mentioned last time he wanted to know what class it was. Mayor Horne said she think Council Member John said something about A, B, or C. Council Member John Carswell said it's C. A is the top notched, we just have a small system it's either C or three that's the highest classified 1,2, 3 or A, B, C. Mayor Horne said she want to give him Council Member Eugene's phone number. She asked him if it's, okay? So, they could have some conversation and get back with the council. Mayor Horne said he did say he will come down.

Mayor Horne said council did not make Belinda Hogan official as far as one of the members for the library. She goes on to say Mrs. Hogan said she would officially accept that position, so I just wanted to put it to a vote tonight. Mrs. Dwan Carswell is already representing the city, so council just need to put it to a vote tonight to make Mrs. Hogan one of the official representatives for the City of McIntyre because we supposed to have two people representing us.

Motion made by Council Member John Carswell to select Belinda Hogan as one of the representatives for the City of McIntyre, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.

Mayor Horne said she was giving the floor to Council Member Eugene Moore with all the issues with bumps in the road that we are running into. Council Member Eugene Moore said he was looking over the plans and after that Thursday meeting, that there were only two connections on 8th St. and wound up, it was 7. And so, he went back and looked at some other places, and Macon Rd. was one of them. And seems like most of the people are on Irwinton water except one is left off the plans, so as far as I can tell. And then looking at Vinson Road, he thought he saw some in there that were not. On Riley Circle, there's a number of those trailers now empty from Riley Shinholster all the way around to 1 on the other side. He said he's sure at the time the plans were made, they were all occupied but they're no longer today. Council Member Eugene said that was the thing, he started digging and looking at the plans and I think I'm down there on Bethune Road. There were two trailers at the very end and levelled off. When he rode up there and went all way down in the driveway, those two trailers levelled off. He goes on to say that's what the council was talking to Meg about, and she dropped the bomb on us. The commercial account will not be connected with this USDA loan and commercial accounts will have to pay for their connections. Council Member Eugene Moore said looking back at what the council signed from USDA in 2012, it had commercial. We actually had a commercial rate included, and somebody may

have heard differently. He knew he missed two years, but he had never heard that commercial account would not be included. He goes on to say commercial accounts is everyone who has a business license. And some of the commercial accounts need to be hooked up just as badly as some residential and it's mainly the convenience stores. And then of course, Circle K pump theirs across the road on the L side in the pecan tree. If the customer is not connected in this process, they will be charged anywhere from \$4,000 to \$7,000 to connect depending on the type of connection. Council Member Eugene Moore stated, we never had that conversation. Mayor Horne said an agreement needs to be drawn up for Irwinton water customer on Macon Road. Council Member Eugene Moore said we also must have an agreement with the school. He goes on to say Irwinton is also furnishing water to the school. Mayor Horne said the city has a file with the information and she doesn't know if City Attorney Jack wants to take it with him or look through the files at the office to get a better understanding of where the city is now, but the city needs input. City Attorney Jack said he will look over the information and get back to the council. Mayor Horne said she appreciates that.

Council Member Eugene Moore said it all came about because he didn't see any connection to Covia. Meg told the council no commercial account will be connected.

Mayor Horne said the council needs to get an official copy from them and talk with Greg and see if he can get us an official number. Council Member John Carswell said he was talking with City Clerk Davonia about getting a history of the water usage. Especially with the customer that belongs to Irwinton. we need to see for at least one year what their usage was for a year, so we can kind of get an estimate on what our income or revenue would be. Council Member Eugene Moore said he told him about \$3,000 a year. Mayor Horne said can we ask the school system, what are they paying.

Mayor Horne said she has been talking with customers about cleaning up their property and sent some notice to citizens on Vinson Rd. that have some old houses. Chief Amerson said if you give him a list, he will take care of it. She goes on to tell Chief Amerson to ride around so it will not seem unfair.

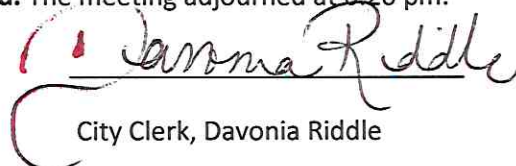
Mayor Horne said City Attorney Jack sent a letter to the library and she talked with Mrs. Jennifer from EWCL. The library requested open records. Mayor Horne said, initially the guy over her said they only needed a letter and some information in there, but she requested the whole budget for the past five years. I don't know what's the next step for them approving the waiver but we're just going to move forward.

Dwan Carswell asked if the city is doing any events for fall or Christmas or is this too early? Mayor Horne said she doesn't know; we're doing so much overtime with water leaks and things because every time you turn around, the water is off. She goes on to say we do have a good pile of money, but it could be gone in a heartbeat. Mayor Horne said she thinks we have \$1.2 million in LGIP with the money from the trees and franchise. She goes on to say it's getting close to the end of the year hopefully we can keep it close to that.

With there being no further business, **Motion made by Council Member John Carswell, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick, to adjourned. Motion Carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.



Mayor, Vicki Horne



City Clerk, Davonia Riddle