

# CITY OF MCINTYRE



Minutes

November 6, 2023

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on November 6, 2023, with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Rico Myrick, Katherine Scott, John Carswell, Debra Kennedy, and Eugene Moore.

Others in attendance: City Clerk Davonia Riddle, Chief Wayne Amerson, and City Attorney Jack Nichols

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:**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick made a motion to approve the minutes for October 2, 2023, Regular Meeting, Seconded by John Carswell. Motion carried.**

## **Amend 2023 Budget:**

**Motion made by Council Member Eugene Moore to amend the 2023 Budget with changes discussed at the work session, Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott. Motion carried.**

## **2024 Proposed Budget -1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**

Mayor Horne told the council that this is the first reading for the 2024 Proposed Budget. City Clerk Davonia told council the updates discussed at the work session have been made to the proposed 2024 budget.

## **Cost of Living (Admin, Police, Street, and Water Dept.):**

Mayor Horne asked the council what they wanted to do regarding the cost-of-living increase. Council Member John Carswell asked if the raise included the cost of living and performance. Mayor Horne stated that the council hasn't given a performance raise in a while and council is only voting on cost of

living. Council Member Katherine Scott stated that she wanted to give Administrative a 4% cost of living. Council Member Eugene Moore asked if that would include all departments and Council Member Katherine Scott stated she was only talking about the Administration department. Council Member Eugene Moore stated he thinks all departments should receive a 4% cost of living raise.

**Motion made by Council Member Eugene Moore that all departments receive a 4% cost of living raise, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Motion carried.**

#### **Public Works:**

Mayor Horne stated that before the council made a vote, she wanted to ask City Attorney Jack Nichols a question. She asked City Attorney Jack Nichols if council needed to vote since it's stated in the City Charter regarding Public Work department. City Attorney Jack Nichols stated that since it's in the charter council, does not have to, but it would be good to vote to have it on record. He goes on to say the council needs to make sure the sewer is separated to comply with the terms of the bond.

**Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to make the street and water department Public Works, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.**

#### **Water Rates:**

Council discussed the current water rates and the possibility of increasing the rates. (Discussed on November 1<sup>st</sup> Work Session). Council Member Eugene Moore stated that we need to make the citizens aware of the changes by adding the changes to their water bill. He also read off the requirements for USDA regarding the water department being able to support itself. (See attachment from November 1<sup>st</sup> Work Session). Mayor Horne stated that the council needs to work on getting an agreement with the courthouse and jail asap because she believes that will help.

**Motion made by Council Member Eugene proposed a water rate increase from \$17.50 to \$20.00 for residential customers and commercial customers increase to \$30.00, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.**

#### **Holiday Pay:**

**Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to give PRN \$250.00 and City Employees \$500.00 for holiday pay, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.**

City Clerk Davonia Riddle asked if the Fire Department will receive holiday pay this year. The council discussed the Fire Department. Previous motion rescinded.

**Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to pay Fire Department \$250.00, PRN \$250.00 and City Employees \$500.00, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.**

#### **Council Comments:**

**Debra Kennedy-** No comments

**Katherine Scott** – No comments

**Eugene Moore** – He stated that Mayor Pro-Tem and himself did a little brainstorming about a public works building. He stated that the old drug store will be a good spot for the new Public Works building. Council discussed.

**John Carswell** – Discussed streetlights on Riley Circle and how certain areas are dark. He also asked the council if they wanted to enter the parade for Gordon and Irwinton. Mayor Horne suggested McIntyre do their own parade for the community and kids.

**Rico Myrick** – No comments

**Jack Nichols** – Stated he will get with Karen from USDA regarding the loan closing and what is needed to be completed, the letter of condition. He goes on to say a question at the work session was asked about moving over funds to pay for the sewer loan. According to the bond resolution, it states that the funds are to be paid solely from funds generated through ownership and operation of the sewer system.

Council Member Eugene Moore stated the council needed to discuss the contract from Kyle Edenfield. He discussed information from the contract, (see attachment). Mayor Horne asked City Attorney Jack if he looked over the contract, he stated he did and sent an email to City Clerk Davonia. City Attorney Jack Nichols stated overall, the contracts looked good, and in the email, it included some minor changes. He goes on to say the contract is currently for 3 years, but he believes it should be for one year and could be renewed. Regarding the extra cost for testing, he stated that he believes it should be included in the price. Mayor Horne said the city does not have a system and Kyle is willing to come and do some oversight on problems, because of the issues the city is currently having. She stated that he has the knowledge base and is willing to start but some of the other items will come after the system is installed. Mayor Horne stated that the council will vote after the changes are made.

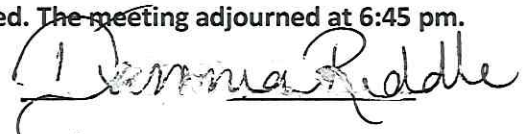
Wayne Amerson – Stated he met with Ted from ADT regarding the cameras around the Police Department and City Hall. He goes on to say that the camera at City Hall will be installed first to see how it works before adding one to the Police Department. Mayor Horne asked about the flock cameras and Chief Amerson stated he's waiting to see how the ADT camera works and he will go from there.

The council discussed the property on 441 regarding adding houses to the property.

With there being no further business, Motion made by Council Member John Carswell, Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott, to adjourned. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.



Mayor Vicki Horne



City Clerk, Davonia Riddle