

CITY OF MCINTYRE

Council Meeting Minutes



April 01, 2024

5:00 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on April 01, 2024, with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Rico Myrick, Rachel Hartley, John Carswell, and Eugene Moore. Katherine Scott absent.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 March 04, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, Seconded by Council Member Rachel Hartley. Motion carried. (Council Member John Carswell came in after the motion)

New Business:

Sheron Kendricks-outdoor products

Mr. Kendricks wasn't present for the meeting. Council Member John Carswell told council that Mr. Kendricks is a disabled veteran who builds big wooden picnic tables. He said that he wanted him to come and present the information to the council, but he hasn't heard from him since Friday. Council member John Carswell told council the tables weigh 275lbs, but the price is \$800. He told Mr. Kendricks that he would give the information to the council, but he couldn't make any promises. He said he will touch base with Mr. Kendricks and see if he will be available for the next council meeting. Mayor Horne told the council behind the Honey Boo Boo there is some space for citizens to be able to have lunch.

Purchase Police Vehicle-(see attached)

Chief Amerson told council the sheriff of Wilkinson County told him they have a couple of vehicles for sale. He stated that they are going to a Fleet system and will be selling off their current vehicles. He stated that they have low mileage and fully equipped except for radios and getting the vehicle stripped. The sheriff's office is offering it to the city for \$25,000. Mayor Horne asked how many miles it has and Chief Amerson stated 68,000. The floor was open for discussion. Council Member Rachel Hartley asked how the amount of \$25,000 come about and Chief Amerson told council it was something they agreed upon. **Council Member Eugene Moore made a motion to purchase the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$25,000 from the Wilkinson County Sheriff's Office, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Motion carried. (Council Member John Carswell came in after the motion)**

Officer Bernard Hughes-pay increase

Chief Amerson told council Officer Hughes has been here 20 plus years and makes \$18 or something an hour. He goes on to say the county has up their officer pay to a little over \$20 per hour, and that will make Officer Hughes the lowest paid officer in the county. He told the council he would like to increase his pay to \$21 per hour. Council Member Rachel Hartley asked if he would get an additional increase for the training he is taking. City Clerk Davonia stated that he received an increase for Code Enforcement already. **Council Member Rachel Hartley made a motion to increase Officer Bernard Hughes' pay to \$21 per hour, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Motion carried. (Council Member John Carswell came in after the motion)**

Rachel Hartley-check signer

City Clerk Davonia told council she needs to add Council Member Rachel Hartley as a signer on the city accounts to replace former council member Debra Kennedy. She goes on to say the bank needs a letter from the council stating it's okay to add her as a signer. **Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick to add council member Rachel Hartley as a check signer, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried. (Council Member John Carswell was present for this motion)**

Cement Bids-see (attached)

The council was presented with two cement bids, regarding Price Park and the Honey Boo Boo house. Mayor Horne told council, Mr. Joshua from PRI had a family member to pass away and she hasn't received the bid back regarding the Honey Boo Boo house. Mayor Horne asked Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick to look into finding someone to cement the Honey Boo Boo house and make it a patio area. Mayor Horne told council it should be included in the bid, but she hasn't heard anything back from Mr. Joshua. Mayor Pro-Tem Myrick told council his idea regarding adding cement at the Honey Boo Boo house and Price Park. Council discussed. Council Member Rachel Hartley asked if this was the only. Mayor Horne stated this was the only bid but if the council knows of anyone else, their bids will be reviewed also. Council Member John Carswell stated that in the park area there is no place for wheelchairs accessibility. He told the council an opening will have to be made for people using a wheelchair. Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick suggested having a stage like the school but decided that the cement will last longer over time. The council had questions about the cement bids, Mayor Horne told council they will hold off on the bid until they get some definite answers. Mayor Horne goes on to say we will need references and asked Mayor Pro-Tem Myrick to ask about the step. The council decided to table the bids. (see attachment)

Employee Appreciation Day

City Clerk Davonia told the council she wanted to have an Employee Appreciation Day this year. She goes on to say that this year, she wants to go out to eat at a restaurant with the points from the city's credit card. Mayor Horne told City Clerk Davonia to work it out and let the council know.

Old Business:

Resolution changes

City Attorney Jack told council at the last council meeting council wanted to make some changes to the alcohol ordinance to allow consumption on the premise to continue after Saturday into Sunday morning at 2 a.m. He goes on to say he updated the ordinance to say that and presented the changes to council. City Attorney Jack stated that it was his understanding also that questions were asked about the night clubs and how late they can stay open. He stated that he did not see any existing ordinance. He stated he drafted an ordinance for council to look over and it can be voted on at the next meeting. The City Attorney stated the new ordinance will read night clubs can stay open Monday through Friday and can be opened from 10 a.m. to midnight and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Mayor Horne stated that Friday should be 2 a.m. also. City Attorney told council its up to them how they want it, this is just a draft. Chief Amerson stated night clubs have been going until 2 a.m. currently Monday thru Friday and shut down at midnight on Saturday. Mayor Horne told City Attorney Jack to update the ordinance for night clubs to close at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning and not reopen until Monday. City Attorney Jack read over the description of a night club and the requirements. Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick stated that some of the club owners want to be open on Sunday for the football games. The council discussed the state law regarding nightclubs selling alcohol on Sunday. The council asked the city attorney Jack for his advice. City attorney Jack stated that the current resolution has nightclubs closed on Sunday, but he can change it to reflect nightclubs being open if they sell more food than alcohol. He stated the changes can be made for the nightclubs. City attorney Jack asked how much food the council thinks the clubs will sell on Sundays. The council stated it wouldn't be more than alcohol sales. The city attorney stated his recommendation will be to let the club stay closed on Sunday because it could become a headache checking to see if the nightclubs will be selling alcohol.

Council John Carswell suggested having an alcohol catering license offered, that way the nightclubs can purchase a license for that event or Sunday, but the fee will have to be paid every time. It would be an additional fee not associated with their current license. The council discussed what the fee amount will be, and Mayor Pro-Tem Rico stated that he will talk with another city to see what they charge. The council decided to bring the alcohol catering license back to the table for the next meeting.

Council Comments:

Rachel Hartley- Council Member Rachel told council she went to the Newly Elected training and brought back some information to City Clerk Davonia and City attorney Jack. She goes on to say she also had a meeting with the employee.

Mayor Horne told the council working together has been an issue among the employees working together. She tells the council about the issues within the department. Mayor Horne suggested Willie Howell to be the head of the departments, but they will still have direct people which will be council. Mayor Horne stated that several meetings have taken place and now it needs to be penned to paper. Council Rachel Hartley stated the goal is to have a meeting at least every other month. The council discussed Willie Howell being the supervisor.

Katherine Scott- absent

Eugene Moore- Motion made by Council Member Eugene Moore to move Willie Howell to public work manager to begin immediately, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried. Mayor Horne told the council to please have the necessary meeting to let them know about the upcoming changes, evaluation, and write-ups.

Council Member Eugene told the council we have an ordinance, and the campaign signs downtown need to come down. Mayor Horne stated she will get City attorney Jack to investigate this situation. Mayor Horne stated tickets need to be sent out regarding the uncleaning in the downtown area.

John Carswell- Council Member John asked the council about getting a contract worker for the park. Mayor Horne stated we need to do something in a hurry, and we need to find someone capable of doing the necessary work.

Council member John stated as of last count, they have around 13 vendors, he goes on to say people are still showing interest. He said the band will perform for two days. Friday and Saturday everything is locked in.

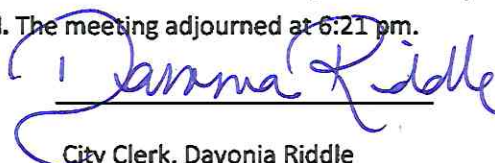
Rico Myrick- Mayor Pro-Tem stated that a citizen hit a pothole around Feb 15th and messed up her rim and tire. He stated he called around regarding the rim. He stated after searching around he found some around \$250.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick to buy the rim for the citizen, Seconded by Council Member Rachel Hartley. Motion carried.

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 6:21 pm.



Mayor Vicki Horne



City Clerk, Davonia Riddle