

CITY OF MCINTYRE

Council Meeting Minutes



December 4, 2023

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on December 4, 2023, with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Rico Myrick, Debra Kennedy, John Carswell and Eugene Moore. Katherine Scott absent

Others in attendance: City Clerk Davonia Riddle, Bernard Hughes, Curtis Holton, and Joshua Parrish.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick to approve November 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and November 20, 2023, Called Meeting, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

Parrish-Tiny Homes

Mayor Horne told council she invited Joshua Parrish to discuss building tiny homes on the property on 441. Mayor Horne stated the city does not have a lot of rental property or housing to keep some of the young people. Mr. Parrish presented a power point before the council (see attachment). She goes on to say that we have some but not all of them are up to code.

Mayor Horne told Mr. Parrish the council has not had a big discussion on tiny homes but has also talked about apartments. Council Member Eugene Moore stated, it's about eight acres available for housing. Mr. Parrish stated that the plans can be adjusted according to what the council want. Mayor Horne asked if they have liability and or bonded and he said yes. He goes on to tell the council about all the insurance policies his company currently has. Mayor Horne asked how many homes they will be able to build at one time and how many are on one acre. Mr. Parrish stated about four or five, it depends on how much yard space is wanted. Mayor Horne opened the floor to the council for comments and questions. Council Member John Carswell stated that it would be best if he went and viewed the property. Mr. Parrish asked the council how many homes they foresee, and Mayor Horne stated it

depends on the cost because the city is in the process of building a sewer system. Mayor Pro-Tem stated he thinks it's a good idea, but Mr. Parrish needs to look at the property to have a better understanding.

Curtis Holton-IT

City Clerk Davonia told the council she had Mr. Curtis on the agenda last month regarding getting a new IT person. She told the council she asked him to come and explain his services to the council. Mr. Holton talked with the council about his services and the amount it will cost the city (see attachment). Mayor Horne asked Mr. Holton if he was bonded, and he said no. Mayor Horne asked Attorney Jack what his thoughts were on this. Attorney Jack stated that for this job, he doesn't think he needs it, but he will check into it. Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick stated that he wasn't sure about accepting the contract because Mr. Holton isn't bonded or has some type of insurance. Mayor Horne asked City Attorney Jack to check into it and if anything needs to be changed the council will let Mr. Holton know. Mr. Holton told the council he would do whatever is needed (attachment email from City Attorney Jack).

Motion made by Council Member Eugene Moore to accept the contract with Curtis Holton, Seconded by Debra Kennedy. Motion carried.

Garbage Ordinance

City Clerk Davonia stated that some business owners are requesting larger garbage cans, but Dixon Disposal does not offer it at this time. She told the council a discussion needs to be made because the current ordinance states everyone within the city limits must have a garbage can. Mayor Horne asked if we could get a company that provides those garbage cans. City Clerk Davonia stated that commercial business within this city is using Waste Management for service. Mayor Horne stated that the council will have to vote, and City Attorney Jack will have to rewrite the ordinance. Mayor Horne asked City Attorney Jack if the city decides later to go with another company, will the city be able to redo the ordinance. City Attorney Jack stated yes, the city will be able to revise the ordinance. Mayor Horne asked if we needed to vote on anything and City Attorney Jack stated no, he will make the changes and council will vote on the updates. Council discussed.

City Clerk Davonia stated that BJ Dixon came in and stated the weight scale where the trash is weighted is going to increase. He told City Clerk Davonia before the county was responsible but now the bill will be going to the city (see attachment). City Clerk Davonia stated Mr. Dixon told her if he must incur the cost, the customer garbage rate would increase. Council discussed.

City Attorney Jack told the council we need to review the contract and he discussed the different options.

Christmas Party

City Clerk Davonia told the council about the Christmas party on December 15th beginning at 6:00 pm, location city hall.

After Hours Water Fee

City Clerk Davonia told the council that employees have been cutting water on after hours and no fees have been added. Whenever a city employee is called out, they receive four hours for on call and it's over \$80.00. She told the council the city isn't receiving anything from the customer and goes on to say she feels it will hurt the city in the long run. City Clerk Davonia asked the council how they would like to move forward. Council discussed.

Motion made by Council Member Debra Kennedy to have a reconnect fee of \$45.00 for after hours water cut on, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

Water Budget

City Clerk Davonia told the council she needs a motion to amend the water budget because the city is over 100% on a line item.

Motion made by Council Member Debra Kennedy to amend the water budget, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.

LMIG-Paving

Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick presented to the council a quote from Asphalt Specialty Service LLC for paving Dedrick Rd (see attachment).

The council discussed the issues they are having regarding the sewer system. City Attorney Jack told the council to get all the issues together and get them in writing. He goes on to say once everything is together, he will draw up a letter regarding the city's concerns.

2024 Meetings

Motion made by Council Member Debra Kennedy to change regular council meetings back to 5:00 pm starting January 2024, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Council Member Debra Kennedy expressed to the council that she wanted to know why council couldn't go back to their original pay before budget cuts. City Attorney Jack stated you can vote and make the changes, but it will not go into effect until the next election term. Council Member Debra Kennedy asked City Attorney Jack about the cost of living for council. City Attorney Jack stated, the cost of living is regarding more toward employees and not elected employees, but he will check into it.

Mayor Horne asked about getting life insurance for the council. City Attorney Jack stated that he doesn't think that is a problem with the city doing that, but he will have to check to see if the city can pay or will it be the elected official's responsibility.

Council Member Eugene Moore told the council he has been looking at a used truck from Butler Ford (see attachment). He told the council the truck is a 2019 model with 37,000 miles and cost \$32,941. Council Member Eugene Moore and Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick talked about getting a service truck later and maybe getting it from an auction.

Council Member Eugene Moore made a motion to purchase the truck for \$32,941, Seconded by Debra Kennedy. John Carswell opposed. Motion carried.

Council Comments

John Carswell-no comments

City Attorney Jack stated that he did the resolution for the alcohol ordinance. He goes on to say he didn't change the content, just updated it to reflect the change of the votes. He said the council should read it over and the council can have the 1st reading in January and vote in the February meeting. He

told the council the license fees must be filled in. Mayor Horne asked if the city have to follow what the county pass and City Attorney Jack stated that the city and county is different, but he will check into it.

Chief Wayne Amerson stated that Officer Zim's car is having a lot of issues, and he needed a new one. Around \$46,000 is the state price but that doesn't include everything, the full outfit is around \$56,000. He stated that he will have the information regarding leasing at the next meeting.

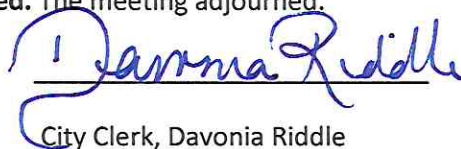
Chief Amerson said he dropped the flock camera down from five to two due to the city's funds. He said it will be three to four months before the camera will be ready. He goes on to say, the cameras at city hall will work, he will install them at the police department.

Council Member John Carswell made a motion to go with the 2-inch paving for \$127,000 out of SPLOST for Dedrick Rd, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Motion carried.

With there being no further business, **Motion made by Council Member John Carswell, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore, to adjourned. Motion Carried.** The meeting adjourned.



Mayor, Vicki Horne



City Clerk, Davonia Riddle