

CITY OF MCINTYRE

Council Meeting Minutes



January 3, 2024

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on January 3, 2024, with Mayor Vicki Horne. Council Members present were Rico Myrick, Katherine Scott, Rachel Hartley, and Eugene Moore. John Carswell was absent.

Others in attendance: City Clerk Davonia Riddle, Chief Wayne Amerson, City Attorney John (Jack) Nichols and Bradasia Mims.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Prayer was led by Council Member Eugene Moore.

City Clerk Davonia swore Mayor Horne in as Mayor for the 2024 term. Mayor Horne swore in Eugene Moore, Katherine Scott, Rico Myrick, and Rachel Hartley.

2024 Term Mayor Pro-Tem:

Motion made by Council Member Eugene Moore to appoint Rico Myrick as 2024 term Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Katherine Scott. Motion carried.

Boy Scout of America:

Bradasia Mims asked the council to be the charter and physical agency (see attachment). City Attorney Jack asked Bradasia Mims if she is asking the City to hold the funds and she said yes. City Attorney Jack asked why? Bradasia Mims stated the head person told them they must have a charter agency. Bradasia Mims stated Council Member John Carswell asked another agency, and they said no. City Attorney Jack stated he will look into this and let council know.

The City Attorney stated if it's okay, the council can vote on whether they want to do it or not. Mayor Horne told Bradasia Mims, City Attorney Jack will do the research and council will get back in touch with her. Mayor Horne asked if they would have their own checking account. Bradasia Mims stated they will

open their own account and provide the city with the information. The council discussed more with Bradasia Mims.

2024 Budget

Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to approve 2024 Budget, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.

LMIG-Dedrick Rd Paving

Mayor Pro-Tem Rico discussed with the council about the quote the council voted on at the last meeting. He stated that the quote was over \$100,000 and because of that, it should have been bided out. He goes on to say, he spoke with Sandy Brooks from the paving company, and they decided to drop the quote amount. Mayor Pro-Tem presented the quote before the council (see attachment). The council discussed the quotes.

Council Member Eugene Moore made a motion to go with the quote of the 1 ½ inch for \$99,500, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico. Motion carried.

Personnel

Mayor Horne told new council member Rachel Hartley that she will be over personnel.

City Clerk Davonia told Council that some city workers have been using most of their time in December due to them having a large amount of time or losing time. She stated that the question or suggestion as to whether they can roll over their time to the next year. Council Member Eugene suggested paying employees for their time. Mayor Horne stated that she doesn't have a problem with them rolling the time over. The council discussed their options.

Motion made by Council Member Rachel Hartley for employees to take at least two weeks' vacation but have the option to get paid for remaining weeks, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.

USDA

Mayor Horne stated that she talked with the school about having an informal meeting regarding the rates. City Attorney Jack told the council that he doesn't think USDA will approve proposed rates until they know the city is satisfied with them. He goes on to say USDA has to know the city can pay the loans. He told council to try and talk with the school system board and let them know you received missed information with the rates total usage and let them know the city need their help. In return, the city needs to increase their rates.

Mayor Horne stated that she doesn't think it's fair to put it all on the back of the citizens. The council discussed the rates.

Motion made by council to accept the rate chart for sewer rates, Seconded by Council Member Rachel Hartley. Motion carried (see attached chart 01/03/2024 council meeting).

City Attorney Jack told the council a legal service agreement was voted on in 2012 but since he is a new city attorney council, it must vote upon again.

Motion made by Council Member Rachel Hartley to accept the new legal service agreement, Seconded by Katherine Scott. Motion carried.

City Attorney Jack told the council he spoke about this at the last meeting. He stated that it's been various ordinances and he put them all together into one ordinance. He goes on to say he didn't change anything, just added what the council voted on at the November election (see attachment for January 3 meeting). City Attorney Jack said the council doesn't have to vote to approve it but it's good the citizens had the option to vote, and it passed. Mayor Horne asked if the county would surpass anything the city passes. City Attorney Jack stated that the county is different than the city and can put their own rules in place.

City Attorney Jack stated that the only thing left is adding the fees. He gave the council the rates from Macon. Chief Amerson asked City Attorney Jack about Sunday sales having to make 50% of sales for food. City Attorney Jack stated that for Sunday, that is right if you're not a restaurant you can't be opened for Sunday sales. Council discussed the fee for the new ordinance (see attachment from January 3 meeting).

Motion made by Council Member Rachel Hartley to accept the changes made by the City Attorney Jack regarding the changes to the alcohol ordinance including Sunday sales, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Opposed Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Katherine Scott-No comments

Eugene Moore- He stated that he wants to change the cut off to the 29th and let the last day for payment be the 28th. He goes on to say, that way cuts will happen in the morning and the city can save on call out/overtime. If it falls on the weekend or Friday, it will be the following workday.

Motion made by Council Member Eugene Moore that the 28th be the final day for payment and the 1st workday following the 28th will be the cut off, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Motion carried.

Rachel Hartley- Council Member Rachel Hartley stated that she is excited to be on council.

Rico Myrick- Mayor Pro-Tem Rico asked about the following roads Riley Circle, Vinson and 8th. Council Member Eugene Moore said from his knowledge it hasn't been discussed at the monthly meeting.

Wayne Amerson- Chief Amerson stated he checked on the leasing program and after talking with the company, he realized it's not beneficial for the city. It has to be a minimum of ten vehicles and the city doesn't have that many cars. He told the council that Akins has a 2023 Dodge Durango for \$42,000 and it's a couple of thousand more for 2024. To get everything else for the vehicle, it will be around \$10,000. He said for everything it will be around \$54,000 to complete the vehicle.

Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to purchase at least one police car from SPLOST, Seconded by Council Member Rachel Hartley. Motion carried.

With there being no further business, Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott, Seconded by Council Member Rachel Hartley, to adjourned. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned.

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Mayor, Vicki Horne

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Davonia Riddle", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk, Davonia Riddle