

CITY OF MCINTYRE

Council Meeting Minutes



March 04, 2024

5:00 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on March 04, 2024, with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Rico Myrick, Rachel Hartley, Katherine Scott, John Carswell, and Eugene Moore.

Others in attendance: City Clerk Davonia Riddle, Bernard Hughes, and Maggie Martin.

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 Council Member Katherine Scott to approve February 05, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried. (Mayor Pro-Tem Rico came in after the motion).

Helton Electric

Council Member John Carswell told council it has been discussed about adding electricity to Price Park and fees will be collected from the vendors at events. He goes on to say that in that way, it will pay for itself over time. He told the council the quote is good, and it came in under \$10,000 and includes the storage building. Council Member Rachel Hartley asked if that was the only company in which Council Member John received a quote? He stated, it has been hard to get someone to even give a quote. Council Member Rachel Hartley asked if citizens will be able to use the electricity after May Day or will the city have it protected? Council Member John Carswell told the council if the power needs to be turned off, we could, and it will be locked. The council discussed locking the box in the shed.

Motion made by Council Member Eugene Moore to accept the bid from Helton Electric for the installation of the power pole lights and fixtures, Second by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

Council Comments:

Rachel Hartley- Council Member Rachel Hartley told the council a citizen spoke with her regarding issues on Dawn Street regarding the sewer. She goes on to show council footage of the sewer drain. The citizen concern was the water going into the drain when it's supposed to be an enclosed system. Council Member Rachel Hartley told the citizen she wasn't over that department, but she would give the information to the appropriate person. Council Member Rachel Hartley told the council that she sent the information to City Clerk Davonia, and she forwarded the information to Mr. Kim from RINDT. City Clerk Davonia told the council that Kim did look over the information. Council Member Eugene Moore stated that he spoke with Kim, and he was told a manhole wasn't sealed and it was left like that on purpose, but he'll have the contractors go back and seal it up. Mayor Horne asked which contractor and Council Member Eugene Moore stated Fortis.

Council Member Rachel Hartley told the council he will have pictures also and the city can use them as evidence for the letter City Attorney Jack is working on. Council Member Rachel Hartley stated that her only other concern was citizens complaining about individuals riding four wheelers without helmets around Pine Circle. Mayor Horne stated that Officer Hughes is over this department, and they will discuss the matter further. Officer Hughes told the council he would address this matter.

Mayor Horne received a call from Dr. Geter from the board of education during the council meeting regarding the school board discussion on the sewer rates. The council decided to have a work session the following Monday to discuss the rates.

Katherine Scott-Council Member Katherine Scott told council Ms. Debbie Osbourne is working with the admin office because Mrs. Linda has semi-retired. City Clerk Davonia told the council she comes in to work when needed and she will be working around 10 days a month.

Eugene Moore-Council Member Eugene Moore told council his department had two improvement projects they had to complete before their Water Inspection from EPD. He said it was done on the pump house and it was around \$5,500 but it had to be done. He goes on to say he had a meeting with Kim from RINDT regarding the easement to change the route of the sewer line, to cut down on road repairs, depth, and entrance. Council Member Eugene Moore stated that this was brought up years ago and he doesn't know why they didn't go forth with the plans. He also told the council he discussed the issue on Dawn Street with Kim. Mayor Horne told the council City Attorney Jack will draw up the necessary paperwork for the easements.

Council Member Eugene Moore told the council he talked with Mr. Greg from Georgia Power regarding the electric for the sewer system. He stated that with Oconee EMC, it will cost around \$197,000. He stated that Mr. Greg said that he will have the information in three weeks to submit to Oconee EMC for them to submit the power to the pump station.

Council Member Eugene Moore stated that a couple of Fireman talked with him about a couple years ago regarding adding Mr. Phillip name to the memorial on Main St. He said he would like to see it done because he was one of the original Fireman and served as the fire chief for over 30 years. He told the council it will not cost anything because the funds will be donated. Mayor Horne stated she doesn't see an issue with it.

He told the council he discussed the property on 441. He goes on to say it's a little more work that needs to be done. Mark Fountain has what is needed to complete the land, but the city can't hire him as a contract worker to complete the project. Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick discussed other ways.

John Carswell-Council Member John Carswell told the council everyone enjoyed May Day last year downtown and he wants to bring more to the downtown park. He goes on to say that at the park they will be having an adult softball tournament. He said they will be playing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. He went over the events for May Day.

Rico Myrick-Mayor Pro-Tem Rico told council Vinson Rd would be closed the next day for repairs.

Vicki Horne- Mayor Horne told council the city received information from EPD regarding violations at the treatment plant. The letter was sent to the city, contractors, and engineers to attend a meeting regarding the violations. She told the council everyone received a copy and told them the date if they wanted to attend. The council discussed the paperwork. Mayor Horne asked the council if they had any questions. No one had any questions at that time.

Mayor Horne discussed the portable toilets and told the council they could be moved around. She told the council that City Clerk Davonia went to look at the building and told her to explain. City Clerk Davonia told council the bathroom looked nice, and the building looked sturdy. Council Member Rachel Hartley stated City Clerk Davonia showed her the pictures, but her concern was who was going to clean the building and was it going to be out there permanently. City Clerk Davonia told Council Member Rachel Hartley the building is movable, but she doesn't know who will be cleaning it. Council Member Eugene Moore asked if it must be hooked to water and or sewer. City Clerk Davonia told council she knows she saw a fan and electrical wire plus two cords for hook up. Council Member Eugene stated if it must be hooked to a septic tank it's under the parking lot. Mayor Pro-Tem Rico told the council we could get a storage container from Pounds and have them pump it out if it's portable. Council Member John Carswell stated maybe getting a waste tank. Mayor Horne stated he added \$600 back on the price.

Motion made by Council Member John Carswell that if the salesperson still honor the \$3,900 to purchase the portable toilets, Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Opposed by Council Member Rachel Hartley. Motion carried.

Mayor Horne told council she received a quote from PRI regarding update to the Honey Boo Boo house. The council reviewed the paperwork and discussed. Council Member Eugene Moore asked the City Clerk to tell the council the amount of the franchise check. City Clerk Davonia told council the amount was \$426,212.12 up \$20,000 from last year.

Mayor Horne told the council that the PRI amount is around \$25,000 and it will be for the resource center. Mayor Horne told the council a discussion needs to be made because we had them on hold off until we received our franchise check.

Motion made by Council Member John Carswell to go with the quote of \$24,436 to complete the project at the Honey Boo Boo house, Seconded by Council Member Racheal Hartley. Motion carried.

Mayor Horne asked Council Member John to get a list of things that need to be done at the park. She stated we don't have regular maintenance and it looks rough. Mayor Pro Rico Myrick told the council if the stuff from the sewer project isn't going to move, we need to have the people sign a waiver. Officer Hughes stated we can put up a portable fence to block everything off. Mayor Horne also stated that the city needs to hire someone to get it back to par. Officer Hughes stated that the equipment could be moved to the back side of the property.

Mayor Horne told council club owners want to know if their establishment can stay open until 2:00 am on Sunday. The council discussed their thoughts. Officer Hughes told the council, if they decide to make the changes, they will have to amend the ordinance.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick to amend the ordinance to reflect 2:00 am Sunday morning for club establishment, Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott. Motion carried.

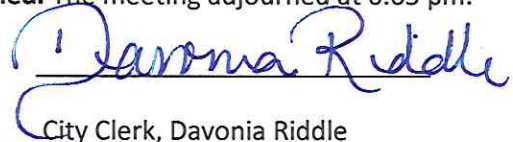
Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick to amend the ordinance to extend the hour to 2:00 am on Sunday morning for consumption on premises, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.

City Clerk Davonia updated the council on the payments to RailPro and council discussed.

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 6:05 pm.



Mayor Vicki Horne



City Clerk, Davonia Riddle