CITY OF MCINTYRE

Called Council Meeting Minutes



November 20, 2023

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on November 20, 2023, with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Rico Myrick, Debra Kennedy, Katherine Scott, John Carswell and Eugene Moore.

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

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

Approve 2023 Millage Rate

Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to approve the 2023 Millage Rate, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell, Motion carried.

Personnel

Council Member Katherine Scott stated that she wanted to bring City Clerk Davonia and Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders to the table for a raise. She told the council both amounts, and the floor was open for discussion. Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to increase City Clerk Davonia pay to \$26.00 and Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders to \$21.00, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried. (Debra Kennedy was absent for the motion)

Mayor Horne stated that last week she thought the city was about to lose an employee, so she called Deborah Osbourne to come in and train. Mayor Horne stated she worked half a day and told her to hold off until she talked with the council. Mayor Horne stated they talked about her making \$15.00 an hour. Mayor Horne said she needs a motion to pay her \$15.00 for 4 hours.

Council Member Katherine Scott made a motion to pay Deborah Osborne \$15.00 for the 4 hours she worked. Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried. Mayor Horne said the council still needs to be looking into someone else coming in and getting the training.

Mayor Horne told the council that Debra Kennedy will be replaced by her daughter, Mrs. Rachel Hartley. Mayor Horne gave the floor to Mrs. Hartley.

Housing Authority Member

Mayor Horne stated that she wants to develop a housing authority committee so they can go out and obtain grants for the city. She goes on to say that she talked with people within the community and asked the council for their opinions. Council discussed. Mayor Horne stated she is talking about someone who will see the needs of the city and will have the ability to do things that the council could not do. Mayor Pro-Tem Myrick gave Mayor Horne the contact information from Jones County. Mayor Horne told the council if they have anyone in mind, please bring it back to the table for discussion. Council Member Debra Kennedy and Rachel Hartley entered the meeting.

Mayor Horne told the council a lot of people have been asking about the property on 441 and referring it to low-income housing. She stated she hates it when people reference things that you are trying to do to better the city and help the citizens by referencing it to low-income housing. It shouldn't matter what class of citizens you have they all need to be taken care of. The council agreed on possibly one person from each district.

Water/Sewer

City Clerk Davonia gave the council information regarding the sewer project from City Attorney Jack (see attachment). Mayor Horne told the council to read over the information. Mayor Horne told council she thought the city may be getting a waiver regarding the railroad, but she doesn't see it right now. City Clerk Davonia stated that if the city doesn't receive the waiver, the cost for the flagger and on-site person will be billed to the city.

Council Member Eugene Moore stated that he hasn't heard if the difference between the number of accounts will be able to be used towards the commercial accounts. City Clerk Davonia stated that it has been brought up and Meg from RINDT is checking into it. She goes on to say that everything will be settled soon because Karen from USDA wants the loan to be closed by the end of this year. Mayor Horne stated that Karen stated she did not want this to affect the business owners.

Mayor Horne stated she spoke with Mr. Kyle Edenfield and is waiting for him to send the updated contract. Mayor Horne said he will charge \$1,000.00 for two days and she told him she doesn't think the council would agree. Mayor Horne stated she will discuss it more when she receives the contract.

Bank Document

Mayor Horne told the council she received paperwork from the bank. She stated that the bank changed the pledges from Truist to South State Bank and she had to sign a document regarding the change. She told council the bank needed it quickly, that's why she had to sign the document and send it back, but she wanted to let council know.

Christmas Decorations

Mayor Horne told the council the city needs to order new decorations because either they do not work, or not working properly. The council discussed their ideas regarding lighting up downtown.

With there being no further business, Motion made by Council Member Eugene Moore, Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott, to adjourned. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Mayor Vicki Horne

-City Clerk, Davonia Riddle