

CITY OF MCINTYRE

Council Meeting

November 7, 2022

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on November 7, 2022, with Mayor Vicki Horne presiding. Council Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick, Katherine Scott, Debra Kennedy, and John Carswell.

Others in attendance: City Clerk Davonia Riddle, City Attorney David McRee, Chief of Police Wayne Amerson and Penelope Moyer.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by Mayor Vicki Horne. Prayer was led by Council Member John Carswell.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Horne asked for approval of the minutes for the October 3, 2022, regular meeting. **Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to approve the October 3, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, Seconded by Council Member Debra Kennedy. Motion Carried.**

Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott to approve the October 6, 2022, Called Meeting, Seconded by Council Member Debra Kennedy. Motion carried.

New Business:

Penelope Moyer-see attachment

Ms. Moyer stated that she had a couple of questions and concerns for council to get a better understanding. She asked council about the land on 441 and how it is going to be used. She stated that she heard it will be used for section 8 or work force housing. Mayor Horne stated not necessarily section 8 housing. Mayor Horne goes on to say at the time of buying the property, it was going to be used for housing. That is why the owner sold the property to the city at a cheap price. Ms. Moyer said normally coming into a city, you do not want to see stuff like that because you know what happens with that. Mayor Horne stated, no she does not know what happens, she asked Ms. Moyer what do she mean? Ms. Moyer stated, when you put housing up for low-income people, they do not keep it up. Mayor Horne stated that is a matter of opinion. Ms. Moyer stated, what will be a good idea is to take the park from where it is now and place it on 441. She states that where the park is currently located it's near abandoned houses, back in the cut and no one really see the park. She states that if the park is on 441, you would have more people as they are going by, stop at the park and rest etc. The police and sheriff departments are riding by, and it will be out in the public. She goes on to say it can be a walking trail. Council Member John Carswell stated that the abandon house has nothing to do with city, which is

someone's person property. Mayor Horne also stated that she lives in the area Ms. Moya called the cut. Ms. Moya stated that she understands about the abandoned house because she has one beside her home. She said, who knows what can be going on in abandon homes. Mayor Horne asked Ms. Moya where does she live? She stated she leaves on Pine Circle in the old ambulance service. Mayor Horne asked Ms. Moya if her house was updated? Ms. Moya stated her house is being worked on. Mayor Horne stated a lot of people can't afford to get repairs or updates on their homes. Ms. Moya said she know it is hard to do when you are by yourself. She said she totally understands. Mayor Horne stated, you need to be mindful of how you talk about people in the cut because she lives there. Ms. Moya stated that she was talking about the safety of the house, because of it being abandoned. She has had issues with the one next to her. Mayor Horne said we will move on.

Ms. Moya asked about the Honey Boo Boo house. She stated she heard it was going to be a museum or a place for functions. She asked who is paying for this? Mayor Horne asked her what do she mean by that? She asked if the city or the citizens/taxpayers are paying for the repairs? Mayor Horne stated the city will invest in the Honey Boo Boo house. Ms. Moya said that money can be used for extra police officers in her opinion. She asked who was paying for the cost to connect the homes to the sewer system? She asked if the citizens would have to foot the cost and Mayor Horne stated possibly. She asked what the cost will be, and Mayor Horne stated that the city will have everything broken down for the citizens.

She asked about cameras in the city due to trash. Mayor Horne asked what about it? Ms. Moya asked why don't we put that money in the police department so we can pay them for what they do? Then she goes on to say, if the city is going to do that why don't we get sidewalks built from the city limits back to town? By doing this, people will not have to walk in the street, which is a safety issue. She said people are walking in the street and we can take the money and use it for that.

She asked if she needed to make a copy so she can get her answers? Mayor Horne stated that she is more than welcome, but she does not have an answer other than funding. She goes on to say the Honey Boo Boo house will be completed in phases and if the city can apply for a grant to fix it up, then it will be done. She said it will be a onetime cost and if any other council member wants to elaborate, they can. Ms. Moya stated, then you look to pay for something you are paying rent on. Mayor Horne stated Subway is doing it and it has been done for years. Mayor Horne stated sometimes when people bring things to the table, they also need to bring resolutions on how things can be done. She goes on to say we asked citizens to come down all the time. Ms. Moya said here you go you can look at what I brought. Mayor Horne said if you can look into to getting more money and franchise money to the city. Ms. Moya said the city has been trying to get the system since she has been living here and Mayor Horne stated, it is a process. Mayor Horne stated if you are looking for a fight, you are not going to get one. Ms. Moya stated no, she is not looking for a fight.

Council Member John Carswell was about to make a statement and Mayor asked him to wait until she finishes. She stated everything is about money and that this city is not the only one struggling for funding trying to get different things. She said we are not a city that throw away money and we have citizens that like events to go on. Mayor Horne stated that council do what they can to provide for the citizens and keep the cost down. She said the City of McIntyre has one of the cheapest water bills around, so now the city will get an increase because of the sewer system. Mayor Horne goes on to say it is a park downtown behind city hall that citizens can walk around. Ms. Moya said the other park is nice and has items to accommodate the people. Mayor Horne said it is the people's choice that they choose not to go to the park on Riley Circle. The Halls has let the city rent it for dirt cheap for years. It is the people's choice if they feel uncomfortable coming to a black community. Ms. Moya said she does not,

and she goes on to talk about the camera for trash. Mayor Horne stated, we have deer cameras at city hall now that need to be installed to figure out the trash situation. Mayor Horne stated the city cannot afford the other cameras, so they purchased deer cameras. She stated she looked at other cameras, but they are costly, that is why the city purchased deer cameras that costed less than \$200.00. She goes on to say, the city just has to place and move them. Mayor Horne stated it is not that the city is not doing things, the city does not have the money to do certain things. She told Ms. Moyer if she gets elected, she will understand. Ms. Moyer said these are her concerns and if she does not come and voice her concerns, council would not know. Mayor Horne said she appreciate it.

Lewis Roberts

Mayor Horne said she was looking for Lewis to come because he had concerns about the money being borrowed from USDA/GEFA. Mayor Horne said that has been a part of the process all along is to have the matching funds to get the sewer up and going.

Holiday Pay-City Employees

Council Member Debra Kennedy asked what was given last year and City Clerk Davonia said it was different last year because the funds were from ARPA. Council Member Debra Kennedy asked how much was budgeted and Mayor Horne stated she think it was \$500.00. City Clerk Davonia stated council was going between \$500.00 and \$250.00. Council Member John Carswell asked how many employees do we have? City Clerk Davonia stated that the city has eight employees. Council Member John Carswell asked if Shawn Ring was working, and City Clerk Davonia said yes but he wasn't added in the count. Mayor Horne asked Chief Amerson what his thoughts were? He stated he was going to wait until his turn, but he has 4 guys interested in filling the 32 hours position. He said that way, if one person cannot work, he will always have someone to fill the spot. He said it will only be 32 hours split between them. He said at the moment, Shawn is the only officer that has worked. He said the problem he has been having is other areas are paying more money. He said the city agreed to \$15.00 but everyone else is paying \$18.00. He said he talked with Mayor Horne and if council will agree to \$17.00, which is two dollars more. Chief Amerson said it will be 30 hours a week which is not much. He said he talked with David, and he said he will work for that amount and not go back to the hospital. Mayor Horne asked has the club open already and Chief Amerson said not yet but soon. **Council Member Debra Kennedy made a motion we raise the part time salary for the police department from \$15.00 to \$17.00 per hour, Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott. Motion carried.** Mayor Horne asked if we are hiring David for the part-time position. Chief Amerson stated that it will stay like it currently is with the officers sharing the hours. He said there may be nights David cannot work because he is working in Gordon. Mayor Horne stated she thought the discussion was to hire David for the 32 hours and use the other to fill the other hours. Chief Amerson said the city will run into a scheduling problem because David work with Gordon. He said it will be better to have a pool of officers because of scheduling issues. Mayor Horne stated we can ask David. Chief Amerson stated he does not think he will commit to the 32 hours a week. Mayor Horne said David knows the people within the city and familiarity with that is good for the community.

Mayor Horne thinks the real employee should get money for the holiday, but it is up to council to decide. She said the floor is open for discussion. Council Member Katherine said we should give full-time \$500.00 and everyone else \$250.00 or \$200.00. Mayor Horne stated we should give our regular employees the funds right now because Chief Amerson have a pool of people. Council Member John Carswell stated that he personally does not feel that Ms. Linda should be considered as a part-timer even though her hours classify her as part-time. He said this place would not run without Linda, so he

would not feel comfortable given her \$200.00. He stated he feel she should get \$500.00 like the full-time employees. Council Member Katherine Scott asked about the street department. City Clerk Davonia stated that he is a PRN worker. Council Member Katherine Scott stated that we should give him something and Council Member John Carswell stated that the \$200.00 will be fine. **Council Member John Carswell made a motion that all full-time employees including Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders will get the \$500.00 bonus and the PRN will get \$200.00. Seconded by Council Member Debra Kennedy. Motion Amended** Mayor Horne asked for any discussion. Council Member Katherine Scott asked about the PRN street work and how many hours does he work during the week. Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick stated that he works 3 days a week. **Council Member John Carswell made a motion to give all full-time employees including Deputy Clerk Linda Sanders \$500.00 and give PRN Roger Davis \$250.00, Seconded by Council Member Debra Kennedy. Motion carried.** Debra Kennedy stated that it will not be much after taxes and Mayor Horne said that it will get figured out and everyone get the \$500.00. City Clerk Davonia stated that the city will be paying more in income and taxes.

1st Reading for 2023 Budget-see attachment

Mayor Horne stated that we have the budget in hand to look over. City Clerk Davonia stated that the second reading will be in December.

Resolution for Court-see attachment

City Clerk Davonia stated that council needs to adopt the resolution for court documents. **Council Member Katherine Scott made a motion to adopt the resolution to shred court documents. Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried**

Resolution to Authorize Investment & Designate Representatives-see attachment

Mayor Horne stated that since former clerk Pam Roberts transition the city needs to add City Clerk Davonia so she will be able to transfer money and authorize transaction for the Local Government funds. **Council Member Katherine Scott made a motion to adopt the resolution to authorize investment and designate representatives, seconded by Council Member Debra Kennedy. Motion carried.**

Mayor Horne-Sign future documents for sewer project

City Clerk Davonia stated that every time we have documents for GEFA, we must have a called meeting. She stated that Meg told her council could vote and give Mayor Horne the ability to sign the documents. City Attorney David stated that she would not be able to do that. He said council cannot give her blanket authority to sign the documents. He said council need to know what she is signing. He said it is protection for the Mayor.

Flooring for City Hall-see attachment

Mayor Horne stated that the city had damage in the men's bathroom and did a claim. City Clerk Davonia said the city received the funds for the damages and while the contractor was there, she had him to give her an estimate for the remaining floors and painting. She said it will be cheaper for him to do the repairs since he is already working on the bathroom. She presented council with his estimate. Council Member asked did we get him or did the insurance company send him and City Clerk Davonia said the insurance company. Council Member asked how we will get it paid and city clerk Davonia said from the SPLOST funds. Council Member Debra Kennedy asked what kind of flooring we will be getting, and City

Clerk Davonia showed council a sample from the contractor. She told them it could be that color or a lighter. Mayor Horne asked if it is wood, and it will look dated in this building? City Clerk Davonia told Mayor Horne that he will be painting the building which will change the look of the building.

New City Attorney-see attachment

City Attorney said he heard the city is going through MGRC. He also goes on to his daughter has applied through MGRC.

Old Business:

Generator-Water -see attachment

Mayor Horne stated that the price may have gone up, but City Clerk Davonia said she talked with Helton Electric, and they said the price will still be good up to the meeting date. Mayor Horne said we have been talking about the generator and now that we have the ARPA funds, we need go forward. Council Member said natural gas will be the best choice for the generator. Mayor Horne asked can someone from Helton Electric come and explain the difference between the two generators? She goes on to say we can even have a called meeting, but she needs a better understanding of the generators. City Clerk Davonia said she will call them.

Outside Lighting for City Hall-see attachment

City Clerk Davonia stated that the city received an estimate a couple of months ago regarding the lighting at City Hall. She goes on to say that the estimate is still good, and she asked Council Member John Carswell to explain since he called them for the estimate. Council Member John said one major thing is the lighting for the flag. He stated that the light is supposed to shine on the flag. **Council Member John Carswell made a motion to accept Helton Electrical quote at \$5,034.00 to repair the electrical work at City Hall and the city will use ARPA funds., Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott. Motion carried.**

MGRC-Memorandum of Agreement-see attachment

Motion made by Council Member Katherine Scott for Mayor Horne to sign the MGRC Memorandum of Agreement, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Debra Kennedy-No Comments

Katherine Scott-No Comments

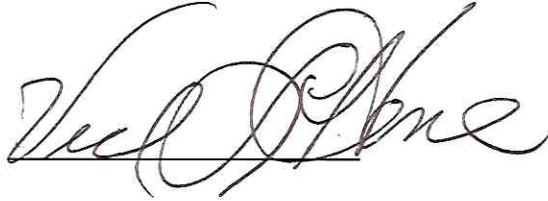
John Carswell- He stated that Mark and he will be burning trash at the park if the weather permits.

Rico Myrick-No Comments

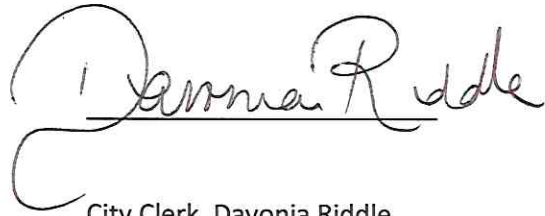
City Attorney-No Comments

Wayne Amerson-No Comments

With there being no further business, Motion made by Council member John Carswell, Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott, to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Mayor, Vicki Horne

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

City Clerk, Davonia Riddle