

**CITY OF MCCLEARY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE      Councilmember's Reed, Schiller, Ator, Catterlin and Peterson,

ABSENT      None.

STAFF PRESENT      Present at the meeting were Todd Baun, Wendy Collins, George Crumb, Jon Hinton and Chris Coker attended for Dan Glenn.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

PUBLIC HEARING PROPERTY TAX LEVY      The hearing opened at 7:00 pm. No comments were made. The hearing closed at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPERTY PROPOSED BUDGET      The hearing opened at 7:01 pm. Mayor Dent stated the budget will have a few changes that will be made next week. The hearing closed at 7:02 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT      Helen Hamilton asked the Council to please continue supporting the Children's Advocacy Program in the budget. Mayor Dent told her it was still in the budget. She also asked about the bank fees and Wendy Collins told her the fee rates were for bank fees, credit card fees, Xpress Bill Pay and Chase Bank fees.

Councilmember Catterlin spoke in favor of contracting the court with Grays Harbor County Courts and said it was a good thing to save money, however, it does not provide any relief for the high water and sewer rates. The budget does nothing to relieve that. He added it is a gross mistake to spend this amount of money on a police force. We ran a levy which, the Mayor's own little childish propoganda letter that he mailed out, stated it was a levy that equaled three gallons of gas per month. 70% of our voters voted to not support the police department. That right there should have been a wake up call to everybody sitting at this table. The Mayor claimed people didn't know what they were voting for but the Mayor sent out two letters explaining what it was about, the newspapers covered the story and we had two public hearings and the talk was focused on contracting with the county to save money and the voters knew what they were voting on and they voted overwhelmingly to not support the police department

In the memo attached to the budget, the Mayor states he trying to keep the police department for public safety. The McCleary Police Department does a very low volume of work for a very premium price of money, which is tax payer money. We have two options; we can go with the mayor's plan which continues to spend and exorbitant amount of money to provide a small amount of law enforcement and does nothing to help a suffocating population that pays 320% of what Elma pays for water and sewer, or we can do what we were elected to do. We were elected to represent the people and they voted, over 70% spoke and we were elected to lead, not follow. If we went with the county, we would have a \$275,000 surplus. Instead of suffocating and choking the current expense fund and the people of McCleary, which is why nobody wants to move here or open a business here, we could take \$75,000 per year for six years and repay the misappropriation of the money taken out the reserves and comply with the State Auditor and Washington law and comply with the State Attorney General. We could pay huge balloon payments on the water and sewer loans and recalculate the rates and begin to lower the rates to ease the burden on the rate payers of McCleary. That would make this town prosper. Right now the people of McCleary are going to find out if you represent them or not.

Right now I move to open contract negotiations with the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services beginning January 1. Mayor Dent asked for a second to the motion. Councilmember Schiller seconded the motion. Mayor Dent called for a vote and Councilmember Catterlin asked if there would be a discussion. Councilmember Peterson asked if it would save that much money per year. Councilmember Catterlin guaranteed we could get a contract for \$200,000 per year. Councilmember Schiller would like to add to the motion to talk to the City of Elma too. Councilmember Catterlin believes Elma will go with the County if their police levy fails in February. They are agreeing as a body to go with the County if their levy fails. He added the Sheriff has put together a plan for East County coverage, which is called "Baker 17", which doesn't cover Oakville. He shared a map which showed the coverage area. The chart shows there will be coverage from patrol, backup management, a patrol lieutenant, patrol sergeant and an East County Deputy, which in many ways is superior to what we already have. There is more man power on the road in this area than what we have, for less than half the cost. We can use the surplus of the money to help the people of

Helen Hamilton said the rates were calculated wrong for the sewer upgrade so the City had to raise the rates. It was a bad error with no repercussions by the engineers at the time. Councilmember Catterlin said the solution to the problem is to ease up the burden on the rate payers and make the town more affordable to live and do business here. The way to do that is to pay off the loans and lower the rates. He said this town has been run wrong for many years and the towns that run correctly use their current expense fund to help the other funds.

Councilmember Ator asked if there will be overtime charged by the Sheriff's department. Councilmember Catterlin said there is only one flat fee for the year and no extra cost will be for overtime.

Chief George Crumb responded saying the charts from Mr. Catterlin are nice but reality is he listens to the police radio and when County is dispatched, several times a week, they request for local assistance to respond. Councilmember Catterlin said that is how it is now but if we go with the County will have \$800,000 between Elma and McCleary contracts to hire more deputies. Helen Hamilton worried the deputy's won't know her like the local police do. She feels comfortable with the local people who know her and know her business hours.

Councilmember Schiller said Snoqualmie and other cities use county sheriff department's and they put stickers on the police cars that show they are part of the local police department but are contracted and run by the county. It keeps a familiar appearance for the local residents.

Helen Hamilton lives in the county and has had two robberies and it took between one hour and one and a half hours to respond. When she lived in town, the police responded between fifteen to twenty minutes because they knew she was a single woman.

Councilmember Schiller asked if Elma is having problems, why don't we talk to them because they are only six minutes away. Councilman Catterlin said the Sheriff told him the overall average for response time is ten to fifteen minutes for county response. The big thing here is spending the city money wisely. We are suffocating. Businesses are on the edge of folding and it's a slow death if we keep things as they are. He knows with all his heart and soul this is the best thing for this community.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH G.H. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE FOR POLICE  
SERVICES

**It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to open negotiations with the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office for police services to start January 1, 2015 or as soon as possible. Roll Call taken in the affirmative with Councilmember's Reed and Ator voting in the negative. Motion Carried 3-0.**

NEGOTIATION PARTICIPANTS

Councilmember Catterlin moved and Councilmember Schiller made a second to appoint Councilmember's Catterlin and Peterson to represent the City during the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office contract negotiations rather than the Mayor. Mayor Dent believes that might be a little difficult to do since he is the only one that can sign a contract. Councilmember Catterlin checked with MRSC and any member of the Council can sign a contract and the Council can appoint who they want. Mayor Dent asked Councilmember Peterson if he was willing to accept the appointment and he agreed. **It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to appoint Councilmember's Catterlin and Peterson to represent the City during the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office contract negotiations rather than the Mayor. Motion Carried 5-0.**

MINUTES APPROVED	<b>It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	A report was provided by Dan Glenn, who was unable to attend the meeting. Chris Coker was in attendance during his absence.
MAYOR'S COMMENTS	None.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT	Todd Baun has provided a report to the Council and is available if there are any questions.
RESOLUTION 673 - LEMAY CONTRACT	<b>It was moved by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Schiller to adopt Resolution 673, relating to public services; establishing and confirming fees; and providing for effective dates. Resolution Adopted 5-0.</b>
TEAMSTERS UNION CONTRACT	<b>It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the Mayor to sign the Teamsters Local 252 collective bargaining contract. Roll Call taken in the affirmative with Councilmember's Catterlin and Schiller voting in the negative. Motion Carried 3-2.</b>  Councilmember Schiller said the Council keeps making decisions they aren't even paying attention to. They keep talking about current expense being upside down and yet they keep making decisions.
TAX LEVY REFUND	<b>It was moved by Councilmember Catterlin, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to authorize the City of McCleary to certify a Basic refund levy collectable in 2015 in the amount of \$1,771.93 to recover net refunds/cancellations. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
ORDINANCE 805 - PROPERTY TAX LEVY	The law allows the Council to approve a 1% tax levy increase each year. <b>It was moved by Councilmember Ator, seconded by Councilmember Peterson to adopt Ordinance 805, relating to the establishment of the regular tax levy for the year 2014 for collection in the year 2015; making findings; and reserving rights. Roll Call taken in the affirmative with Councilmember's Catterlin and Schiller voting in the negative. Ordinance Adopted</b>
APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS	Accounts Payable vouchers/checks approved were 38720-38776 including EFT's in the amount of \$44,969.63.  <b>It was moved by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Ator to approve the vouchers. Motion Carried 5-0.</b>
PUBLIC COMMENT	Councilmember Schiller asked if the Finance Committee has met yet. Mayor Dent said it is between Councilmember's Reed and Catterlin. Mr. Schiller asked the Mayor if they met with him and Mayor Dent said no, but he can go to those meetings. Mr. Schiller asked them if they have met at least one time regarding the budget and they responded no.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	None.
MEETING ADJOURNED	<b>The meeting was recessed at 7:28 pm until November 19, 2014.</b>

CITY OF McCLEARY

NOTICE OF RECESSED MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Council of the City of McCleary has been recessed to the following date, time and place, and at that time will reconvene.

DATE: November 19, 2014

PLACE: McCleary City Hall

TIME: 7:00 PM

This notice is posted pursuant to action of the body taken at the meeting on 12th day of November, 2014.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers by the McCleary City Council on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, commencing at 7:00 pm or soon thereafter as it may be called, on the matter of the consideration of the final proposed budget as authorized by RCW 35A.63.220.

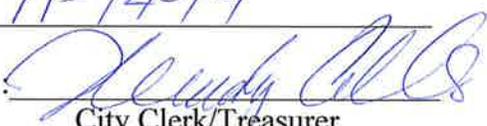
This meeting shall be deemed a regular meeting to the extent so allowed by the Open Meetings Act of the State of Washington.

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DATE: 11-14-14

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City Clerk/Treasurer