

McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – 6:30 PM WebEx Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

PRESENT
Mayor Brenda Orffer
Councilmember Jenna Amsbury
Councilmember Brycen Huff
Councilmember Jaron Heller
Councilmember Chris Miller
Councilmember Joy Iversen

Councilmember Amsbury asked for the next meeting if we can start the Webex meeting a little sooner so everyone can do their testing ahead of time, because sometimes it's hard to log into the meeting when we only have a minute before the meeting starts.

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Mayor Orffer stated after acceptance of the agenda there will be an Executive Session that does not include staff. She would like to proceed, with council's permission. No objection by the council.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Huff to accept the agenda with change to move up the executive session on the agenda after roll call.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen

Executive Session

At 6:41 PM, Mayor Orffer called for an executive session to last fifteen minutes to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session ended at 6:56 PM. No action was taken.

Public Comment

Mayor Orffer asked the public to limit their time to three minutes. She added that public comment is time for the public to address the council and we will do our best to respond, but we may have to get back to you with answers later.

Gina Scott, McCleary.

I've lived here for almost 7 years. I'm really concerned about what's been going on and McCleary and I'd like to say a few things. This is for the City of McCleary, including the police department. You know our drinking water comes from ground water that seeps and our Wild Cat Creek Aquifer is protected by laws, protected by agreements, protected by agencies. It is supposed to be protected by the City of McCleary. The person responsible at some point, decided it was okay to poison the ground and potentially our sole source water supply by burying toxic materials in the soil above the Wild Cat Creek Aquifer. The person responsible denied it, lied about it, and tried to cover it up. It seems certain officials of the City of McCleary, including the police department, may be involved. This is so wrong. You just don't get to potentially poison the only source of water for the City of McCleary and potentially affecting the lives of your community members. Every single member of this community should absolutely be concerned about this, especially those on private wells near the additional

toxic dump sites. Secondly, the City of McCleary officials, including the police department, have taken an oath and have been sworn in. Can you tell me where those are located and if copies are available?

Regarding the Lindsay bond reward, since 2009, how much money has the City of McCleary, including the police department, given towards the reward fund? I'd like to know how much money in 12-years was given to the reward fund. Thank you, Melissa Baum, for speaking up for your daughter, and all of those involved in advocacy. Lindsay had rights. She had a right to live and she had a right to live in this community. She had a right to walk freely on the streets of McCleary. She had a right to be protected within her community. She had a right to feel safe walking the streets of her community.

Certain officials, certain individuals employed by the City of McCleary, including the police department, have shown such disregard for that child's life, disregard for Lindsay Baum's life, disregard for her memorial, and disregard for the banners, and then squabble over a \$4,000 dollar donation to the reward and Lindsey's image and the effect on city's reputation. I'm appalled you all have shown such disregard for your community member's only water source. Certain individuals employed by the City of McCleary, including the police department, have shown patterns of such disregard for their community members. They pay your taxes. Disregard for the laws that protect the aquifer. Disregard for the agreements and rules and have failed in their oaths and duties, including ethics violations, perhaps to cover their own asses from accountability or responsibility. The Wildcat Creek Aquifer by law. Lindsey Baum was a member of your community and protected by law, as well. Your sworn officer on duty was not at his duty station when Lindsey was abducted. To me, that's just another direct failure of a sworn oath and duty. Who are you protecting? Here's a little gold nugget about Lindsay. Gold bars, her life was worth more than a stack of gold bars. Hang the banners. Justice for Lindsey Baum.

Mayor Orffer responded we can let, you know, where the oaths are located, or we can provide those to, you. We appreciate your comments. I would have to defer to some research here in the city to let you know how much reward money has been given or donated or done to my knowledge. There is a \$5,000 dollar anonymous donation that is in the city's responsibility. To my knowledge, the city itself has not donated any money, but I would want to defer to someone in accounting that could verify that for you.

Angela Rittinger, Main Street in McCleary

I'm going to try to be very respectful of the 3 minute time limit time, but I'm going to ask for a little bit of latitude from the council based on the importance of this issue, which we've been addressing, as we all know since the end of last year. We continue to deal with it, but one thing that we've really failed to address in all of this and have failed to get support, is for the whistle blowers. I'm going to take some time tonight to just speak for them, because I just don't feel like they've gotten the support that they need. We have 4 whistle blowers who spoke out and are in my public information request and I now have that information.

Unfortunately, Corey Marsh decided that he didn't want to stand steadfast with the rest of them and just didn't quite have the maturity or the solid moral fabric and he succumbed to the peer pressure unfortunately and that's going to be something he's going to have to deal with. I just want to take the time right now to say, thank you to the whistle blowers. You know that you may not be getting support down there, but please know that you're getting a lot of support out here in the community and we do support you.

We know you're doing this, because we know that you believe in doing the right thing and we do appreciate that. I'm going to take a second just to read through some of the whistle blower statements. This has never gone public, except on our CAREMcCleary page. I think it's very important for people to hear what the whistle blowers are saying. They're being painted as liars. They're being painted as disgruntled employees, because they didn't get a promotion. I don't believe that is true and one of the whistle blowers was very good friends with Todd. It's just unfortunate that they're kind of being thrown under the bus when they make statements such as this.

I am not going to name their names but Cory Marsh decided not to be a whistleblower so he lost that protection, in my eyes. So, the 1st whistle blower states that I was involved in what was going on in the 3rd Street project. I was present when the materials were dumped. We shouldn't have crushed asphalt up and buried it 5 or 6 feet and fill has been put there to cover up the asphalt. The primary contractor, who did the work who is out of Chehalis, they needed to dump site. The designated the dump site out on the Mox Chehalis Road wouldn't handle all the material. I asked the public works director and before I knew it many dump truck loads daily were taken to the well site where city employees were instructed to move the dirt and make space for the asphalt.

A couple of public works employees told me they asked why they want to dump here and the public works director said, because I said so. There was a site that was approved outside the well protection area, but the public works director did more than this. I don't know why asphalt was dumped outside the approved area. I don't know why the asphalt was buried as opposed to leaving it on top of the dirt. I don't recall a consultant telling us we could dump it within the well protection area. I don't know exactly how much asphalt was dumped, but it was tons. I remember that there were 2 discussions between the contractor and the public works director and I was present for both about whether the approved site was large enough to take all the asphalt and later it was ground up and dumped outside the approved site. I recall Jeff Barcott, who was a contractor, having a concern about how much materials were being dumped and if the approved site wasn't large enough and the public works director, Todd Baun, said, basically, don't worry about it. We'll take care of it.

He goes on to say, I was present at least a couple times when the dumping took place. The 1st time I was called out by our wastewater treatment manager who was at the wells. He was concerned with how many dump trucks were coming through there, because a lot of mud was getting tracked onto the roadway. There were between 25 to 30 dump truck loads a day. The 2nd time, they were actively dumping material.

Mayor Orffer reminder her she is at three and a half minutes in her statement and asked her if she could summarize.

Ms. Rittinger continued, I'll finish up as quickly as I can. I'm asking for a little attitude from the council. I know you don't want to hear this Mayor, this is tough to hear, but it is the truth. Dump trucks would come in and move the asphalt around. The public works director directed this and then he went back and forth between the dump site and the job site. The asphalt would be dumped, spread around, and covered by dirt. Grass seed was put down to make it look more natural. This is within 100 feet of the city wells. I don't know if the water well has been tested since the asphalt was dumped. At the Mox Chehalis site ORCCA asked me to take them out there. Corey marsh opened the gate for me, so I could show the site to ORCCA. He then told me that he disposed of an asbestos pipe before ORCCA got there so ORCCA didn't see it. I later asked him to show me where he dumped it and he showed me where he had tossed it. I don't know if the pipe is still where he dumped it.

I'm aware of other projects where proper procedures were not taken. The asbestos pipe in part came down from the water tower. The water tower was riddled with asbestos and employees were told to remove the pipes without proper PPE.

I was told there was a special study done but they didn't tell anybody the pipes were disposed of the Mox site. Some of it ended up the Lemay's dump improperly. I hope the site is dug up so the city can see it's there. We've proven it was there with the dig the other week. He goes on to say, he just has to do the right thing and he hope things work out for the better.

Quickly to the next whistleblower, our Forman at the time, Steve Reedy, cleared a lot of ground near the wells. He made a huge area that looked like a dumps site. The city rented a dozer that Steve used. Nothing was hauled out; it was just pushed to the edge.

I was at the cleared out area a couple of times, Steve had a machine to pull the trees out, too. The asphalt at the dump site appears that it was broken up. I've been to the dump site many times and chunks of asphalt are throughout the cleared area. It extends within 100 feet of well 3. Corey also ran the dozer one day which I learned when he sent a text showing a broken window in the dozer. So that's proof Cory was out there on the site.

I'm pretty sure there was asbestos pipe in the 3rd Street project, but I don't recall seeing them near well 3. When ORCCA came to the Mox Chehalis site, Cory Marsh said he opened the gate for public works and apparently hid a piece of asbestos pipe where ORCCA couldn't see it. I don't know why Corey did this or why he told me.

Angela Rittinger said she will finish up with the 3rd Whistleblower comments. I was involved in putting a temporary water line where materials were dumped. I moved it around - asphalt cement, dirt, clay, catch basins, plastic pipes, concrete, and storm pipes.

Steve Reedy cleared the whole area. He spread the out the asphalt grindings. Then he retired. There were also chunks of asphalt that were not ground. The ground asphalt was placed closer to the wells than the asphalt chunks. The debris got less than 100 feet from well 3. Todd never expressed any concern about the debris getting close to the well. One employee asked, how come we can dump this by the well when we couldn't do it before? His response was because we can.

I was there when the employee asked the question and we all assumed everything was legal because Todd said it was okay. Todd talks to the county and state so we thought it was all okay. I was told by Steve to stay out of the boundaries, but we went over this because we ran out of room. Steve said Todd and I talked about this and this is where you can dump. I think whoever went to the site to investigate saw the big chunks but they didn't know there was asphalt buried there. Todd is saying to the council there is no asphalt buried out there, but there is asphalt buried. He had us put grass and trees out there. Todd knows there's asphalt buried there; I was standing on the grindings talking to him as the asphalt was being covered up.

Four of us, of course, this was stated before Corey Marsh pulled his statement, four of us in public works told HR that Todd said there was nothing buried there when we knew there was.

Thank you. I really appreciate the extra time the council gave me and I'll return the floor to the council.

A member of the public stated, thank you for those whistle blowers whom I support.

Chris Vessey, McCleary

Mr. Vessey asked the Mayor about who calls the executive session because it used to be the Mayor Pro Tem, not the Mayor. They would say how long it was going to be and what the session was for and if there was any action to take place after the executive session. I'm a little upset over the way that went.

I served on the council and I realized the Lindsey Baum thing, it happened when I was on council and the city did a whole bunch to help find her. The FBI took over and they more or less excluded the city, our police chief and everybody there and they kept everything themselves. I'm not sticking up for anybody, but I think if our Chief

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even knows something about it, he would say something, which I doubt very much, that he knows anything, because the FBI doesn't. I would like to see the 4,000 dollars tabled in leiu of putting it towards the 36,000 because I don't figure that's going to help bring anybody forward. I'd like to see if there's stuff done over there where she was found and he would like to hear about the autopsy and if there was ever any proof from the autopsy. I feel very sorry for Lindsey's mom. Thank you for your time. I was very concerned about the exact question.

Mayor Orffer thanked Mr. Vessey for his comments and asked Chris Coker, to explain the process that we followed on the executive session. Chris Coker responded, so we noted the reason for it, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), which is the potential litigation. I wasn't in the meeting, so I don't know what you did, or didn't say Brenda, but obviously, because we put the executive session at the beginning of the meeting there was no action taken after the executive session. I don't I don't see a procedural issue with it. Again, his question was, who could call an executive session. The mayor can and actually I'm the one that requested the executive session. In this case we did announce the executive session and I just wanted to clarify that.

All right any other public comment this evening.

Monique Buecell, McCleary

I would like to talk about the asphalt. I want to say thank you to the whistle blowers. I appreciate them immensely for coming forward and letting us all be aware of this issue because it means so much to me. Todd has gone on record saying that there was no asphalt ever buried out there but we were all out there, including the council members, when they did the dig and we saw chunks the size of a large coffee table to peanuts out there buried 5 feet down in the ground. So that's more than just trucks spreading it around and it doesn't roll off the giant mountains out there and bury itself five feet in the ground. So, it's been proved to me that there's obvious asphalt buried out there. If he's saying that there's no asphalt buried out there, why was the area even cleared? There was only supposed to be 8,500 square feet of area cleared for this project and when we were out there, it was much bigger. So, is there anyone that can tell me why the area was even cleared? Thank you I hope I get answers sometime soon.

Anyone else to be heard this evening for public comment my name.

Tanya Ruttan, McCleary

I have lived in McCleary for the past couple of years, and one of the reasons that I chose McCleary to purchase a home in is to get away from the big city and the crime, and the noise and here I move to a smaller town thinking it's beautiful, it's quiet, and it's faith only to find out that there is some other type of crime being committed because somebody decided to become God, judge, and jury and take my life and risk it along with everybody else's life that drinks the water here in McCleary, by dumping asphalt so close to the aquifer. In case, you didn't realize it, that asphalt is a poly civic hydrocarbon and contains lead and tar and even if I was to boil the water all that's going to do when the water evaporates is going to make the concentration even higher. So, I want to know if there's been any testing of the soil, any water samples taken out there, and I want to know what those results are.

Mayor Orffer said thank you for your comments and we can share that. Yes, we had soil sample testing done and yes, we had water sample testing done. We have preliminary results on the water test. We're still waiting on the final results. Those are available and you can request them from city hall if you would like to have those.

Ms. Ruttan said thank you, I will do that then.

Angela Rittinger said I just want to address your question there about the soil results. Mayor Orffer said this is a time for public comment and you can talk with her offline and then asked if there anyone else that needs to be heard tonight for public comment? Ms Rittinger continued, so Tonya, the results did come back with diesel at the Summit site and gasoline over at the Mox site and I'll get you a copy of those tomorrow. Someone commented, they failed to answer my questions regarding the water testing and the database and the monitoring program as well.

Mitchel Gamino

Asked regarding the dump site and everything that's going on, who's investigating? What are the entities involved? Is OSHA involved.? Who's looking into this other than the city council, and yourself?

Mayor Orffer responded at this time, the well site is being handled by Grays Harbor County Health and that's the only investigation that is going on right now. The city is working with Grays Harbor County Health through that investigation.

A public member asked, are there any environmental protection agencies involved? Please this is ridiculous.

Bob Dahl, Ash Street

You indicated that tests were taken and it's rumored that there was issues found, will you be revealing on the forum what it is indeed that came back on the reports of what was found? Or, is it something that you offered the documents and is it something we're going to have to research and figure out on our own? Are you going to be an open player on it?

Mayor Orffer No, we're very open. We sent 12 samples in for testing. 11 samples came back non-detected. 1 sample came back with 47 parts per billion of 1 chemical. The chemical can originate organically in nature. It can also originate from oil. The 47 parts per billion from what we are told by the experts is far below any level of concern and that was the one thing that came up in that testing. We're happy to share the results with you. What we haven't done is testing per the county's request. These tests were done by the city in an effort to work with the public and to be transparent. I'm not an expert on soil sample testing. I'm not an expert on water testing so we are trying to get expert feedback. There will be additional testing once we finalize our sample analysis plan that we're working on with the county and those will also be available.

Bob Dahl continued, thank you for that. And secondly, my question is for the people that came forward the employees of the city, is there a layer of protection from you for them? Since they've essentially been revealed, we all know who they are. Do they have a layer of protection since they were, I'm going to say, inadvertently exposed.

Mayor Orffer said as whistle blowers, they are protected from any sort of retaliation. I would just like to share that it was not me or any other city employee that made that investigation report public. We did not share that information and put it out there to reveal anybody by title or by any other way. They are protected against any sort of retaliation and there hasn't been any issue that I'm aware of for any of them, at this point. Nothing has come to my attention of any attempts at any sort of retaliation.

Suzanne Winstead on West Simpson

I've been following along with the asphalt issue for several months and I reviewed the associated costs with this and it seems clear that we're having a planning issue with our documentation and execution. It seems like we spend about \$7,000 dollars, which is about half of what we've spent, or have planned to spend, in the immediate future on not very useful stuff, which also exposed the whistle blowers. That doesn't seem like it's a

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very well researched activity that nobody took the time to sort of go and find out what the county needed before Max Ross finally stepped forward and explained everything. I just wanted to say that what are we doing to be more proactive and less reactive because it seems clear to me that if we had a better documentation and more transparency, that this wouldn't have been quite as big of an issue because a lot of this is coming down to we have discrepancies between what we're saying that we're going to do what we're actually doing. And, a lack of work orders to make it clear as to what actions have actually taken place when and where and why so, what acts are we taking to address these issues to prevent them in the future so that we're not being reactive? How are we getting ahead of this and preventing it from happening again. Have we taken a concrete action and instruction?

Mayor Orffer said we will, we will get some answers for you on that. I cannot answer all your questions right now.

Suzanne had one follow up question. I'm still waiting on lots of follow up comments from before. Do you have an idea when we can start to expect to get some answers?

Mayor Orffer said we are trying to sort through the questions that we received and some questions have been answered and we are trying to get a handle on what's been covered, what hasn't been covered, to try to get a document that we can share with you.

Max Ross lives on Ash Street

I was listening to everyone had to say, and a couple of things to add. I'd like to say that last city council meeting, I brought up a handful of issues that I had come across in regard to the public works department either failing to follow planning documentation or obtaining permits and things of that. After I made those concerns public, mayor, you emailed back and forth with me and we scheduled a meeting. We met and we talked about these concerns for about 1 1/2 to 2 hours, or so. I just want to thank you for taking the time to sit with me and address everything I brought up but I thought about this and I, there's a bunch of other people on the call that heard the concerns and then just only me, and you had the, the conversation to follow up so real briefly I kind of just wanted to recap some of the concerns I brought up. And then, what the public works Department and I guess the city in general, explanations were for some of this just so just so everyone else who's been following this issue could be aware, so I'll keep it fairly brief.

The first thing I brought up was with the clearing of the site in general so, as people have mentioned, only 8,000 square feet of area was supposed to be used for staging of the construction waste materials. A planning document dated in June 2018 had stated that, and that no additional land would be cleared. July of 2018 air photos show, the whole site was forested, and then air photos from 2020, and alos just being out there on site, presently show that about a half-acre, a little over 30,000 square feet, has been cleared. I asked what the deal was with the reason for the planning documentation not being followed and you told me that the 8,000 square feet was not enough for the staging of the construction materials and that the contractor in the public works director made a decision on site, a handshake agreement of sort, to clear the additional area.

Mayor Orffer responded, Mr. Ross, what I said to you, was that the contractor, our engineer, the site inspector from our engineer, and our public works had met out there to develop a plan to create the space they needed for the trucks to get around each other. Max replied, yeah, that's essentially what I said. I may have left a couple people, but they met onsite and decided that more area needed to be cleared and then they cleared it. So, that was the explanation. I'm not trying to get caught up in semantics by any means. Mayor Orffer stated, I know, I

want to be clear that it wasn't just a public works director and the contractor. We had our site inspector from the engineers that designed the site there, as well.

Max Ross replied yes, I apologize, that's what I meant by the contractor from the consulting firm that you guys had under contract for the project. I was a little bit upset that the planning document weren't altered to reflect what happened on the ground, but, it is what it is. The second thing I mentioned was that that site was cleared without obtaining a force practice permit, which is true. No, permit was obtained, but you told me that because of the site being zoned as residential property, and because of the trees on the site were less than 4 inches diameter and 20 feet tall, that the site was exempt from forest practices permits. I thank you for explaining that to me. A small follow up concern is that city employees that were present for the clearing state that the trees are bigger than that but once the trees are gone, they're gone. There's no way of knowing. You can't really tell, like, 3 heightened size from air photos, and the city didn't do any sort of site inventory before clearing the site, like a tree worksheet, or something like that to show what to document and prove what was on the site before it was cleared to kind of prevent questions like this from being asked. It's a small detail, but it speaks to the reasons for concern the public has regarding the Summit site and what's going on out there. The third thing I brought up was the mountain of surface asphalt that was out there. You explained to me that the surface asphalt that was stored in the staging area and that, the city was in the process of receiving bid to get it removed when they received a letter from the county in early 2020 stating the site was under investigation of sorts, and it was on the advice of the city attorney to not alter the site in any way, shape or form until that investigation was complete. That was the explanation for the surface asphalt being there. I question a little bit as to why that stuff was still there after a year, but again, it is what it is, and that's the explanation.

Mayor Orffer said, as I explained, I just want to add to what I shared with you was the concrete and the asphalt was never intended to be stored there for a long period of time. Because of Covid-19, there were city projects that got put off and all operations in our city stopped last March for several weeks. We came back into operations and we could pick up and go once we got through the initial stay home and stay healthy orders.

Yes, it was around September-ish that we had begun making plans to move forward to crush those items and use them for fill projects in different areas of the city, when we received notification from the county that there was a complaint and there would be an investigation. So yes, we did not alter the site at that point. My point was, it was never intended to be there for a long period of time and it may have already been gone by this point, had we not gotten into an investigation. Once we are through, and the investigation is finished, and we resolve the issues that stuff will be crushed up and gone. It's not intended to stay there.

Max Ross commented, yes, that is correct. Thanks for clarifying. I have a question/suggestion; after the county notified that there's a complaint and investigation, was there an attempt by the city to say, there's asphalt here and we don't want it here? Can we remove it even though you guys have an investigation? If the county were to give approval to get that stuff removed, it would be an easy solution for that aspect of the problem, if it was okay with the county, which I'm not sure if that's the case or not.

The other thing we discussed was the issue with the whistle blowers and the work environment at the public works department. As many other people said, I'm thankful that the whistle blowers followed what they perceived as their moral compass and spoke out when they felt that wrong doing, had been done. But, as a result of that, and their identities being released to the public, whether accidental or not, it's made their life very hard. When we discuss this, you gave me assurance that no one that works for the city that was involved with the bulk of our complaint would be treated differently, or persecuted and they shouldn't have the fear for their jobs or anything like that. I believed you when you said that, I really do. I just want to on the public record that is

what was said so if, if any of the whistle blowers are listening or go back and read these minutes that they know what the public statement of the city is.

The other thing I kind of want to add in regard to that, is that a small city government is not the military, and that if an employee is told to do something that they feel as unsafe, unethical, or illegal, they shouldn't have to do that without an explanation beyond, I said so. If they're concerned that a project isn't permanent properly, or that some sort of ordinance is being violated and they question it, they should be provided with documentation clearly showing what they're doing is okay. The time in between an incident happening and a complaint being made about that incident, has no has no bearing on the validity of that complaint. A lot of times in the moment, people are afraid to speak up. A lot of times in the moment they don't know what is happening is wrong, and they might not realize it until a year later. But regardless of the situation, if it's a day, 6 months, a year or whatever, someone comes forward with an issue, the amount of time in between the incident and the complaint, shouldn't have any bearing on the on how seriously it's taken.

And then the last thing I wanted to mention doesn't have anything to do with the conversation we had, but two quick things; for one, I want to know what's going on with the sampling and analysis plan at the Summit site. I want to know if the county has accepted the plan and if not, why alterations have to be made. I want to know what a timeline is for the actual sampling. Regardless of the sampling results, I want to know if the city has any plans for remediation on the site, because on paper, it wasn't supposed to be cleared in the first place, and it was cleared. Then 5 feet of fill material that was actually material from what was underneath the old 3rd Street hill coming into town was brought in so all the sub soil is now placed on the surface. So, even if grass seed was put down, or trees were planted, stuff doesn't grow in the soil 5 to 6 feet down so there's not any nutrients or organic matter or things like that which plants need to grow and survive. I was wondering if the city has any plans to bring in some top soil to put on top of that to get vegetation established, regardless of what the plan is because it is a city owned lot within the critical aquifer recharge areas in close proximity to the wellhead protection area. I feel like it shouldn't be for construction waste, some say, so I want to know about that.

Mayor Orffer informed Mr. Ross that he has been speaking for 11 minutes. So, can you please summarize quickly?

Max stated, sure, the last thing is, I was recently shown a video of a city lot on Mox Chehalis road that was super disturbed with tire tracks. There's massive piles of woodchips and in the video, it's raining and there's like an oily slick substance leeching out of the woodchips into puddles on the site, which is adjacent to wetlands and protected by the critical areas ordinance for the county. I've heard discussion and rumors that the county is investigating that site as well. I want to know if that is the case and if the city is going to have to provide a sampling analysis plan for that site as well. I know I've gone over my time, so I'll stop there, but it seems like every week more and more environmental related issues are brought to my attention. Five issues were brought my attention and three of them are kind of explained away, but the more that I am made aware of this more uncomfortable I feel. It is disappointing and it's resulting in a loss of faith in in what's going on and how things are being managed and I really just don't want that to be the case. Thank you for allowing me the time and I'll yield.

Monique Buechell, McCleary

I just wanted to ask how come when covid hit the asphalt's been out there for 2 years. Why is it that covid stopped it when nothing happened for those 2 years? That's my question.

Mayor Orffer stated it hadn't been 2 years at that point.

Mayor Orffer said than you for the comments and questions that were brought forward and, as I said, we're trying to work through a document that addresses those concerns and questions from the public something.

Jacob Simmons, Pine Street, McCleary

I was looking for just a few answers here, so I appreciate that nobody from the city is an environmental expert for water sampling experts. That's fantastic. I have questions on who did the sampling then for the city. And then again, I want to follow up on the plan, because I am actually an expert. It was my professional field for 10 years. I'm really looking forward to what the plan is. There's been conversation with going forward with the sampling plan. Is it a phase 2 assessment or is it just random sampling. The sampling that was completed, was it a professional that did it or was it from the city? Was there sampling protocols taking correctly by the guidelines for Washington state, or was it just random sampling to check to see what's going on? It makes a big difference obviously in my world. I know this is ran long, so I will stop there for now.

Mayor Orffer responded what we can explain about the initial soil samples that were done, they were collected by city employees and then taken to a third party professional lab. I believe it's called Libby environmental services in Olympia that did the actual testing for us. We are completing a plan with the county where the soil samples will be collected per a professional lab and per the county's approval. So there will be additional testing and additional results.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes March 10, 2021
- Accounts payable vouchers vouchers/checks approved were 48965 49028, including EFT's, in the amount of \$259,526.13.
- Payroll vouchers/checks approved were 48924 48934 including EFT's, in the amount of \$223,076.62.
- Treasurers Report for February 2021.

Motion made by Councilmember Heller, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller,
Councilmember Iversen

Mayor Orffer said Jeff Nelson from Grays Harbor County Health who's with us this evening to address the council he's going to provide some information, and we'll be able to answer questions for the council members and you can open it up to any other questions if your time avails and if you're available for that this evening.

Jeff Nelson

Thank you council for having me. Obviously this is a concerning issue so, I'll do my best to answer questions and address those concerns, although my main focus is going to be more broad and a general update since we're still working through some of these issues. I'll just briefly introduce myself.

My name is Jeff Nelson. I'm the Director of Environmental Health for Grays Harbor County. Our office administers a number of programs that are regulatory or educational aimed at presererving environmental conditions, such that activities don't increase, or pose a threat to human health. Our response was to concerns raised by citizens, a complaint that came into our office, suggesting that there was activities at the wellhead protection area of the city's drinking water wells. That is immediately concerning to our office, because from a drinking water standpoint, there are designated areas around the well intended to protect and preserve the conditions such that there's no additional threats posed to the water supply. A 100 foot radius around the well is what we call a sanitary control area and it has the most restrictions, and it has direct regulatory oversight by the

Washington State Department of Health. If there were severe concerns about activities in a sanitary control area, they would basically become involved. Beyond that, there is a wellhead protection area and it is an assessment that's done basically to look at both the susceptibility of the well and vulnerability to contamination. In the case that assessment delineated the kind of the course of recharge area how water flows to the well. That's important for two reasons; primarily because the site that was identified for the staging of the demo material, and the area that was cleared beyond that are basically on the far side of that wellhead protection area. So. Yes, it's within one year time of travel within the wellhead protection area, but it's a position such that it's unlikely that, that the water groundwater moving in that area is directed towards that source of the well, which is the source number for that closest well.

These issues obviously are both kind of simple and complicated. For us, I was hoping that I could try to put it in to context for the folks that are that are listening from our perspective and from my perspective. It has to do with two of the programs that we have. From a solid waste handling perspective, demo material, like concrete and asphalt are really low level risk. There are requirements for handling and management obviously because there are some concerns with their capability to leach in the groundwater. Concrete, for example, primarily could have the capability to leach. We did review and this whole time we're in consultation a state entity of both the Department of Ecology and the State Department of Health who have folks that have much higher level of specific technical experts in our office. When we first received the complaint and made that initial risk assessment, it was through that lands zone. The material is demo material and there were some reports that there might be some mixed debris in with that material, but our initial inspection didn't suggest that that was significant. It was the wet season and we didn't want to recommend immediately that the city take any action to disturb the area. Those wells are recharged and there is a movement of groundwater in that area but it's highly dependent on local seepage during the winter season.

Given the nature of the material, and the fact that we didn't see that there was justification to immediately cause any additional disturbance from the site, we felt that the best course of action is to take the time to develop a plan that was going to provide the information we needed to determine what the next page of our involvement was going to be. There was three primary issues raised in the complaint; one was the piles of material that were at Summit site. The other one was the allegation that there was debris buried at that site, and then there was a third component that addressed the disposable materials at least the East Mox Chehalis site. For the purposes of this discussion, I'm just going to focus on the buried material because that's the unknown.

We have almost finished our assessment of what we asked the city to provide in term of a demonstration at the site comprised with those requirements that would demonstrate there is no significant threat to health and that there hasn't been any violation of result with handling standards per se. At the same time, we have asked the State Department of Health to provide input on what sample analysis should be conducted on the water system for addressing immediate concerns with the quality of water.

First of all, I'll just say that it's important to note that the water system is in full compliance with all the state drinking water standards. The State Department of Health will provide any comments that they had concerns, in fact, most recently of raw water testing from a SO3 (well 3). They were surprised that it had low levels of both iron and manganese, which are traditionally high. Not only did they not find anything that was a red flag, they noted that the water quality was actually improved from the past. That's neither here nor there, but it's just the give a sense of their interpretation of those events.

We initially had hoped that we could make a determination with the city based off of visual observation at the site, but it became clear that the level of concern and the allegations warranted, because appropriately so it involved response. That's what's taking a little bit of time as we consult with the ecology folks on how to develop

what we need to do in terms of the soil sampling. We have developed a protocol for the city to follow that have standard sampling techniques based off of the Department of Ecology requirements.

The plan also includes a host of additional tasks for the drinking water system of raw water sampling from that source. I think that it's also important to know that source is not the main source and is not the primary well that's used to charge the city's water supply, although it is used, so it is vital and it is important. It is another is another factor to consider.

Once we finalize with the plan that we're going to send to the city, which we've shared a draft and there's only minor technical revisions that need to be made, we will then review those results in total and in consultation with those state partners to determine what we feel is the best course of action. Is there any indication that the area that was cleared, and the material that was brought is such that it needs to be completely removed, or is there are a pocket of material that needs to be removed and that's all based off of the plan that grids off the that 30,000 square foot patch and then points areas to collect samples.

If in the meantime, we saw anything that was concernin, if, for example, one of the test results came back and there was anything that would be a red flag for us or other health officials, we would work in consultation with the State Department of Health as primary authority over the drinking water supply, but issue of health advisory to let folks know. I am thankful for the opportunity to comment in the hopes of explaining some of the concerns, because sometimes we fall into the pattern of, hey, if we're not telling you a bad thing, just assume it's okay. We are monitoring the situation. I think that that kind of gives a general sense of how we're working with the city and who has at every corner cooperated with our requests and have gone beyond that, and being proactive and doing their own investigation and sampling outside of what we got. With that, I will offer to answer any questions that the council may have.

Councilmember Iverson asked one of the things I understood you, because you were cutting in and out, is this our only source of water to the city? Ss that what you were saying? Mr. Nelson said that's a good point to clarify. I just meant is that the well, isn't the primary well that you're drawing water from the aquifer. There's another well to the north that's the primary source that's pumping water. It's further away from the debris field.

Councilmember Heller said, you stated that you're close to finishing that report. Do you have any firm timeline on when that would be wrapped up?

Jeff Nelson said we've gotten all the comments back from the state partner. Everyone has been impacted by covid so we're working as quickly as we can. There's a number of issues that we're prioritizing and it's definitely on the top of the list so it will be as soon as possible. I wish I could promise you by the end of the week, that's my plan. It won't be long, but hopefully by the end of the week.

Councilmember Huff wanted to thank Jeff for coming tonight and speaking with us.

Mr. Nelson added, I'll just say to finish up, as soon as we have something to report back to the city, we will do that and acknowledging the level of concern that's out there so that we will not delay in getting reporting results back or findings back.

Angela Rittinger

I'm glad to hear some of the things that you're saying, however, I'm a little bit confused because the county letter that we received a few weeks back states a little bit more grave concern over this and in my conversations with Rob King, he had mentioned to me that you guys are breaking it into 3 separate things. The first one's going to be the buried stuff, the second is going to be the above ground storage and the third issue will be the Mox Chehalis site and that they did that because they didn't want to have to wait for approval, like you said, from

talking to the other agencies, and having to wait for that. They didn't want to have to do that while we're waiting on the Mox above ground they wanted to start addressing the buried asphalt. So, is there a reason? Has there been some new development since that letter was issued stating grave concerns and shutting down the Mox site and all the stuff, especially in light from the soil samples coming back, with some positive results. The results that I have that I got from a PIR from the city that wasn't just one sample. It looks like there's a few samples that have been tested. There's a little bit of confusion right now.

It's an important point to clarify it and sometimes I can understate and then sometimes overstate in correspondence on the nature of the issue but, those formal letters that go out are intended to blandly capture the concerns as reported by the complaint while we complete our investigation. In that letter with the Mox Chehalis site, it was our advice to the city to cease use of that site for staging of material until we can have time to discuss permitting requirements for that. I can see where you are interpreting the letter to sound like the threat is higher than maybe I am portraying it here. That is in some level intentional. I have the ability to be a little more candid discussing it directly to the folks versus when I'm trying to characterize the situation and capture it formally in a correspondence concerning a regulatory issue. It's a balance between assessing and managing the risk and at the same time, knowing that beyond that we have to account for those technical requirements and the regulations that can complicate things. I don't know if that helps, but we are concerned anytime there's activity near a drinking water source, especially material buried where it has the chance to leach over time undetected. That is our primary concern and we do treat that very seriously and immediately we notified our partners and appropriate agencies on soliciting feedback on how to proceed.

Updates

Staff reports were provided by the Public Works, Light & Power, Building, Water/Wastewater, Finance, and Police Departments

Facilities Electrical Update Bids

Todd said the city went out for bid and received three bids back. Hometown Electric was the lowest bidder. Staff requests the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the public works contract with Hometown Electric in the amount of \$209,705.46.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, and Councilmember Iversen.

Late Comers Agreement

Tabled. Todd reported we haven't gotte our final numbers from our engineers yet to verify that their numbers are correct so I'd like to table it and put it on either next agenda the 2nd meeting in April, whichever the Council prefers. Councilmember Amsbury asked, just a question real quick about the Late Comers Agreement, is that some type of a technical term? I just thought that it was a funny title. Todd responded that's it's a normal term. So, basically a developer asks for permission to extend the water line to serve their parcel. They got approval from our engineers to do that and then they did it and then they have to get reimbursed for it because once it goes by someone's property, people always want to hook up.

We will table that for a future meeting, once we have the final numbers.

Six Year Transportation Program (STIP) Committee

Todd stated we update our 6-year STIP plan yearly that comes in June, usually when we pass it for counsel. I'd like to see if a transportation committee would like to participate and put together an updated 6 year translation plan. Todd was hoping the Transportation Committee would work with him on it. Councilmember Huff and Councilmember Heller are the members on that committee and they will help out.

Please turn off Cell Phones- Thank you

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Grays Harbor County Interlocal Agreement

Todd Baun said on January 20 we passed this and then we ran into where nobody worked on it. We were one of the agencies in Grays Harbor that actually turned it in in 2020. I talked to the county about it, and they said that they just updated it and if we can get it in, it allows them to come in and get reimbursement for doing things like coming in to sweep the roads and if they need us, we can go out there and do work with them and reimburse us for our work. Councilmember Amsbury said I'll do my normal spiel and disclose that you'll see my name right there on the agreement and it's just to attest to a commissioner signature. I have nothing to do with this agreement in my position at the county. It's purely as an attest. I'd just like to note that for the record.

Councilmember Miller asked how many times a year does this happen when we help county or the county helps us? I was just curious. Todd replied, they usually come in once or twice a year to help us, but it doesn't happen very often where we help them. It's still, it's a good thing to have in place in case some type emergency happens.

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Heller Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen

Lindsey Baum Reward Money

Mayor Orffer reported a couple councilmembers had additional questions, and we sought information back from the state auditors office on that issue. Counsel, I shared the email with you as an informational email that we received from them. Are there any other questions or comments or discussion with regard to the Lindsay Baum reward money? We have it on the agenda tonight requesting action from the council.

Councilmember Huff stated since the last meeting I've reached out to some people around town. And then I've done some research on my own. I also reviewed the email that Chief sent out in his discussion that he had with Ms. Baum about the reasoning behind wanting the 4,000 dollars to **increase** the reward fund to \$40,000. It was relayed that the money was pledged by both the Sheriff's Department and the FBI, and for the 36,000 that they currently have. And the hope is, is that the \$4,000 additional would raise awareness, with the ultimate goal on whoever the suspect is that they are arrested, and there's justice for Lindsey, which I believe is the goal of the entire town or anybody that's ever follow the case ultimately wants and wants healing for Ms. Baum and her family.

Reference in the email and in the conversation at the sheriff's department, they have not pledge money. The money is pledged by the FBI and I believe the missing and exploited children. I'm trying to pull email back up. I don't have children myself and I can't imagine what it's like to lose a child and especially in a horrific way that Lindsay was taken. I think the \$4,000 dollars isn't outrageous ask of the city. I feel with honoring the Resolution that we passed for the Lindsay Baum and missing children's awareness month in July, the new signage, and the door wrap, that we should also go ahead and pledge the \$4,000 dollars. If upping that to \$40,000 leads to a tip and an arrest then that's great and that money did what it's supposed to do, and it brings some closure hopefully in a sense for the Baum family and that's my stance on it. I think we should move forward that way.

I did talk to Brenda because my understanding is that some of the concern is on the gifting of public funds. On the magnets, I just want to clarify with Brenda, is the auditor okay if we purchase the magnets and keep them at city hall for people to collect then we'd be able to move around the view of gifting public funds rather than as previously mentioned they would be used as a fundraiser? Mayor Orffer said the information that we received in the first email string from the state auditors office indicated that they felt we had done the work with regard

to the magnets and so on. In an effort to ensure that the city does not have a finding in the future. We're not going to have the city pay for the magnets. We know we can do the banner and the door wrap.

Mayor Orffer states I am happy to pay for the magnets so that we can then put them into the hands of the justice for Lindsey group and not have any room for that being donated or creating a finding later on as a gifting of public funds. Previously the council took action to approve the banner and the door wrap. I feel like the auditor gave us a green light on that, but we don't want to take any chances so we won't. With regard to the reward money, there's RCW that allows for that and you can see that my question to the state auditors office was whether the city pledge for it and do we literally have to take the money out of circulation in that this could be set aside for an amount of time that none of us can predict. It could also be set aside into perpetuity if the case isn't ever solved, which we hope is not the outcome, but that is a possibility. There was some information in there on whether the city can make the pledge and there's ways that we can account for it. We can deem that it comes out of a certain fund. We can work with the clerk treasurer on the best way to do it. What we need from the council is whether or not the city wants to pledge the money. If so, we can create a plan on how to do that and come back to counsel and say this is how we're going to allocate or account for and track this particular funding source, so that it satisfies audit review and satisfies that the money will be there and available if it when it's needed.

I don't want the magnets to just sit here in city hall for people to come pick up. I want to be able to put them in the hands of people that are out there and actively sharing this stuff and getting it out there so people can utilize it and if they want to ask for a small donation in exchange for the magnet, I want them to have the liberty to do that.

Councilmember Amsbury state thank you for getting these questions answered. It makes me feel more comfortable with it and I'm in favor of going ahead, and doing the \$4,000 now that we've got all of our questions answered and we know it will pass through the audit, so thank you.

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Amsbury.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen Voting Nay: Councilmember Heller

ILINX Project Plan

Mayor Orffer stated we would like to table this discussion for the next meeting while we are still getting some answers to questions and to give counsel proper amount of time to review it and to have all the information that they would like to have in order to make a decision.

SWRTPO Interlocal Resolution

The City Council needs to pass a resolution on the SWRTPO.

Motion made by Councilmember Amsbury, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Iversen to Adopt Resolution 735, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION. Resolution Adopted 5-0.

Updates

Councilmember Huff reported last Saturday, he and Susanna, Andrea Watts, Jaren Heller, and a couple of other community members, all met down at the park near city hall and worked their way around town collecting trash for the Adopt-A-Street program. We got quite a bit of trash picked up in just 2 hours.

Saturday is the Fill the Cruiser event. I know Brenda has been posting it on her weekly updates. I've been trying to get it out there on social media and to the businesses in town. All the proceeds and donations will go to the students at McCleary School District and their families that are in need. No donation is too small and we'll gladly take whatever you can give. We will be located across from the park at the vacant building.

Mayor Orffer said thank you so much for the update on that and Councilmember Huff, and I, will be doing the Facebook live from that site.

Councilmember Iversen asked did we get told that there's going to be a McCleary city wide clean up in April? Mayor Orffer reported the dumpster will be available Saturday, April 24th, from 8 am to 1 PM.

Councilmember Amsbury added, just to keep counsel updated, Joy, and I met for our policy committee a week ago and hopefully we'll have a draft for review and discussion. We'll want to give you guys plenty of time to look at that, because it's kind of a large document. I like it when you guys give updates when you meet with your committees and so I just thought that I'd put that out there that we did meet to discuss the city protocol manual and talked through that with staff, as well.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Orffer said I did want to share that we appreciate the fact that our state has moved into phase 3 with regard to covid-19. We are seeing signs of things getting better. There are still some concerns on the part of department of health, the governor's office, and the various local health jurisdictions across the state as they watch the variants and so on. So, we continue to be mindful of that and being careful. We are continuing to take steps to ensure safety and to follow the precautions that are in place. With regard to financial information, we did learn over the past week or so that the Rescue America plan that was passed by Congress did include some direct funding that will come to cities. It will be allocated to different disbursements, one of which will be up to 50% of the city's allocation that can be claimed as soon as the funding gates open. And then the city will be able to claim the other 50% after one year has passed from the first disbursement that they received. We'll be working with counsel once we have the exact numbers to discuss the plans and how to allocate that funding as we continue to respond to covid and within the constraints that we are allowed to utilize the money within the city. We understand that our allocation for the city of McCleary will be around \$380,000 dollars. That is not a final number, but we do anticipate that it's going to be somewhere in that area. We will again work with counsel as we move forward on how to allocate that those funds across the city and in our response to Covid.

Also, our police chief who has been working with FEMA and working with us on our internal documentation and our submissions to FEMA for reimbursement on our covid response was alerted that we have been approved for the first reimbursement that we submitted in the amount of \$10,743.08 that the city submitted and FEMA will be reimbursing 100% of that to us. It was all approved. We'll be looking forward to getting that reimbursement for some of the expenses that we had in our response to covid-19 and some of that included additional chemicals that we needed for the water and wastewater treatment center. It includes PPE that we had to purchase, and among other things.

So we appreciate the work on from our city staff, because they've been doing the documentation. They've been tracking this information. Our police chief has been working with FEMA on the application process, and we're really pleased that we were able to get our first submission 100% approved and reimbursed so I want to thank all of them for their work around that.

And some of you mentioned things I was going to mention so thank you Councilmember Amsbury for mentioning that the policy committee had met and we had some staff, I was there at that meeting, and we worked through that document, and we are working on the updates to it and we'll get that to counsel once the committee has another chance to review it with the changes.

And also, thank you Councilmember Huff for the fill the cruiser reminder and the community clean update that's coming and also this coming Saturday, at the VFW there will be a free drop off for any old electronics and computers and things like that.

There are exciting things happening as well where we continue to work around the city with different projects, and we're looking forward to some better weather.

Some of you might have noticed that the telephone poles at the top of 3rd street have begun to come down. They are going to finish that work and we're very grateful to see that those coming down. It's really opening up the area up there and it looks really nice. We appreciate the work that our Light and Power crew who has been doing on that, and they've been supported by our other crews that are helping, as well.

Thank you to the council members for the work that you do in between meetings and many thanks to the staff.

Public Comment

We are going to limit public comments to 1 minute at this point.

Gina Scott

I had a suggestion regarding that burial. What about using some type of science? Science doesn't lie and test results don't lie. How about ground penetrating radar or something that would determine the depth of the burial and the disturbance of the soil. That's all, thank you. Justice for Lindsey Baum.

Chris Vessey

Wants to thank everybody for getting the city wide clean up. I want to thank you, Mayor, personally for protecting the whistle blowers. They are just people protecting themselves. I have one question for Mr. Coker; I didn't realize that you could call or bring up about an executive session because it was always understood that the Mayor knew about it and passed it to the council before it was brought up the way it was tonight.

Chris Coker said he requested that the mayor put it on. I'm the one that requested it for litigation purposes. The mayor puts it on the agenda and we have an executive session. Mr. Vessey stated it is just different, because it's always been in the past where the council was the one that asked for the executive session. So I was just curious if there was any action that was taken and Mayor Orffer said there was no action taken at the meeting.

Okay all right. I, thank you all for your time and thank you for protecting the people that come forward in our crew. Thank you.

Suzanna Whinstedt

I was just going to say that I appreciate the whistle blowers for stepping forward to expose areas of opportunity so that we can keep having McCleary be an excellent city to live in. The Adopt-A-Street actually got down all the way to the community center and the crosswalk and we went over to the beehive on our clean up thiss last weekend. I look forward to seeing more people next month and we're going to go up towards the school and out towards the entrance of to the city. Also, I just wanted to say thank you to Mr. Vessey for providing background and how things have been done over time. It's a nice to have a different perspective, just as a new comer so I appreciate everybody's time tonight.

Angela Rittinger

I just want to know if Jeff Nelson is still listening in on our Council meeting and Mr. Nelson replied, yes. Ms. Rittinger continued, I just wanted to confirm with you first of all if you were able to listen to all those first public comments that came in and Mr. Nelson said, I did, yes. Ms. Rittinger replied, okay, great. I just wanted to thank you for taking the time tonight. I know we took quite a bit of your time this evening, so I just want to say, thank you very much for that. And also lending us that ear unfortunately, as you've probably witness some of the frustrations tonight, we've not exactly gotten a lot of transparency from our leadership and so I just am speaking for myself, but I think I do speak for other people in our community, that we really appreciate you taking the time to listen to our comments and we're just going to rely on you to guide us through this and we put our full trust and faith in that you guys are going to do the right thing. I just wanted to thank you for your time.

Bob Pringle

If these tests come up and prove there is something there I would like to know if Todd and the mayor would step down from their position that they're holding now.

Mayor Orffer said thank you for your question, Mr. Pringle. That's not a question I can answer at this time.

Mr. Pringle said, you know, I've dealt with Todd and you over the years. I've lived here over 20 years, and it seems like somebody is always passing a dollar or a buck or whatever you want to call it. But nothing ever seems to come out to the public, which is true and false. It's always something like we'll catch it at the next meeting, but I appreciate it if somebody could come out until the truth for change and get these things under control. So, I thank you for your time.

Monique Buechell

I just want to say you are right. I'm still waiting on things from weeks ago on questions that I've asked for January, and also I wanted to ask Todd when the city is going to clean up 3rd Street where the street has gravel all along the parking area side of the road. It is it is terrible and the other day, when I got out of my car, I actually slipped and fell and it's just really piled up.I'm curious when that's going to be taken care of.

I believe we had the county scheduled to come in later this week now that we have the agreement approved.

Adjourn

Adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. The next City Council meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on April 14, 2021.

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Heller.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Amsbury, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Heller, Councilmember Miller,

Councilmember Iversen