

CITY OF MCCLEARY
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2012

FLAG SALUTE	Mayor Pro Tem Ator Called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Flag Salute.
ROLL CALL	Council members Catterlin, Reed, Lant and Schiller.
ABSENT	Mayor Dent was absent from the meeting.
STAFF PRESENT	Present at the meeting were Dan Glenn, Wendy Collins, Nick Bird, George Crumb, John Graham, and Jennie Reed.
MINUTES APPROVED	It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Catterlin to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
MAYOR'S REPORT	None.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT	April 11, 2012 at 11:30 am will be the exit audit review for the 2010 financial portion of the audit. The accountability portion was already completed last year.
GIRL SCOUT PROJECT	Local Girl Scout Troup #41528 asked the City if they could plant 1000 trees within the McCleary area for their 2012 achievement goal. They will submit the locations for approval by City officials. Natalee Beavers is a member of the troop and stated her troop has been together for five years and they love their town and are thankful for being able to use the Community Center for their meetings so planting the trees is a way of giving back to the community. The Girl Scouts believe the project would benefit the community as a whole and would be an outstanding accomplishment for their troop. It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Reed to authorize Girl Scout Troup #41582 to plant trees on the sites listed in the proposal. Motion Carried.
RESERVOIR INSPECTION	The goal of staff is to have the 150,000 gallon reservoir online by April 6. Both reservoirs need to be online during the improvement project since only one well will be functional at a time during construction. Staff would like to have the 500,000 gallon reservoir inspected and back online prior to the well project, instead of waiting to see if there are any defects in the coatings in the winter. It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Schiller to authorize the City to use Shield's Painting Corp. to clean the large reservoir not to exceed \$3,414.60, which includes tax. Motion Carried.
ON CALL CITY ENGINEERING SERVICES	It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Catterlin to table the topic until the next meeting. Motion Carried.
STEP SYSTEMS	Discussion took place regarding STEP systems. Nick Bird informed the Council that there currently are three grinder systems and one STEP system in McCleary. Dan Glenn suggested Nick develop standards for the Council to review. The topic will be readdressed when the development standards are ready.
ORDINANCE NO. 779 SNOW POLICIES	Staff have been working on both a snow policy and the draft ordinance on snow removal. After having time to review different policies relating to snow removal, Nick Bird believes he and Todd Baun have created a policy that is ready for approval. The snow policy will be addressed at a future meeting. The snow removal ordinance has been reviewed and no additional comments or suggestions have been identified. Staff requests the Council to consider adopting the ordinance. It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Reed to adopt Ordinance No. 779 relating to streets and sidewalks, adding a new chapter to Title 12 of the Municipal Code, establishing regulations and penalties and providing an effective date. Roll call taken in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted.
FIRE DISTRICT 5 AMBULANCE CONTRACT	Dan Glenn recommended the Council authorize the Fire District #5 Contract with the understanding that McCleary, Elma and Fire District #12 all agree.

Discussion took place regarding the unsettling feelings of the Council regarding the cost of service in the contract. Raising rates is something the Council is not happy doing and Councilman Lant stated he is upset because he feels that all he has done since becoming a member of the Council is raise rates. Councilman Catterlin feels everyone is struggling in this economy and from a business standpoint, being in business for over 30 years himself, it's tough to see paramedics making over \$100,000 a year and EMT's making over \$80,000 a year while averaging only 24 calls a month, which is less than one call a day. He continued stating that for them to ask for any increase in this economy is extremely arrogant. He doesn't want McCleary to go without ambulance service and for a 30% increase it's going to increase the monthly rate from \$7.75 to approximately \$10.08 and he will not approve one more penny above this amount.

Councilman Lant wants the public to understand the hard place the Council is in because we are within 30 days of not having any ambulance service and the figures provided from the Fire District do not add up. It has never been satisfactorily explained to him how the numbers they came up with are in excess of \$200,000 for 150 calls in McCleary. That pencils out to be \$1000-\$1200 per call. Figuratively speaking, he feels like the Fire District has a gun to their heads. He cannot let citizens go without EMS service because there are too many elderly residents that depend on it. Councilman Lant understands the industry very well and he believes the numbers just aren't right. They are using the cities to get themselves out of the hole they got themselves into. This is one of the hardest things he's ever had to do.

Councilman Catterlin added that he is voting very reluctantly in favor of it tonight.

Councilman Schiller has mixed emotions over the negotiation process. He doesn't understand why we do not get reimbursed by Fire District 5 when we respond to their calls but they get paid when they respond to ours. They also have the availability to park their vehicles on City of McCleary property for free. He is not happy with the whole negotiation process.

Councilman Lant begrudgingly motioned, Councilman Reed begrudgingly seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Fire District #5. Roll call taken in the affirmative. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 642
HONORING JENNIE REED

Dan Glenn read the Resolution honoring Jennie Reed for her years of service as the McCleary Court Clerk and Police Clerk. He said she ran the court very well and wished both her and her husband, Dave, all their best. Jennie thanked the Council and the City of McCleary and all the employees and constituents for working with her. She enjoyed her years of employment with the City. **It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Schiller to adopt Resolution 642. Resolution Adopted.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers available to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Everett Chalstedt appreciated the Fire District conversation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was moved by Councilman Lant, seconded by Councilman Catterlin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. The next meeting will be on April 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Motion Carried.

Mayor Gary Dent:

Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Collins:
