

A City of Murchison City Council Minutes Tuesday November 14, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Called to order 6 pm
Prayer James Hardin
Pledge Torance McClean

Public recognition

Ann Hornsby: lives on wildflower and has not had trash picked up in three weeks, told several things from trash company about why the trash hasn't been picked up. Doesn't want to bring can to the turn around and says if they cannot pick theirs up, they will cancel and find someone who can. Ups and fed ex school bus goes down the road fine. Warfard Castleberry and Hornsby haven't had it picked up. Mayor Bradley says we can reimburse for not being picked up

Hoffmeyer: has issue with where cars are stopping for school pickup and drop off blocking 773 at the tracks. Jeremy suggested to reverse the one way. Mayor will reach out to school about ways to fix it.

Consent items:

1. Approval of October 2023 financials
 - a. Motion Jeremy Smith 2nd Danny Garza passed
 - b.

Mayors Report:

1. Gentleman has been repairing this, few handrails will be installed this weekend.
2. NovemberFest report given by Micah McClean, went very well brought in about \$2000. Christmas event will be December 9th, there will be a parade with pancakes with Santa. Asked about closing the road for the event from 6-8 here behind fire station and city hall. Keep Murchison beautiful wanted to know if the Christmas committee could be this committee. Mayor says it's part of keep Texas beautiful and explained the affiliate and there's more research to it.
3. Refer to 2
4. Swore in new council, Jeremy Smith, Danny Garza and Gayle Furlong, swore in Bradley as Mayor

Water report by steven Hartley

- 1.1 mil gal pumped this month, all leaks are repaired. Theres a few spots that were due to rain. March or April a few admin things to be completely violation free by end of November, all cracks at Waste Water Plant are repaired. One of the suction pipes has been repaired at the lift station. Rubber seals will be replaced soon. Alternator as well. Still needing to find a way to have a telephone box to put out there as an alert system. ATT has best service in the area to try and get a notification be out there to alert steven of lift station needing attention. We haven't had any overflows since the last clean/repair. A close call but not down. We had over flow on murphy lift station but it was inside the container that isn't visible from driving by. The manhole at 773 has concrete repair working on it. Weeds and such around drying bed to fix valve. Jetted line for chevron today for about 800 feet got through grease clogs. Consider pretreatment ordinance for what businesses can put down the line to hold them accountable if this happens again. Six-month plan with TCEQ we got approved to get violations fixed. Lift station 773 new enclosure the issue with the one there is we have to take it completely apart to work on the lift station. The material is fiberglass to be self-insulating, if not then

possibly metal with barn doors. Test results at the plant have been good, getting better about another week to be fully clear. The overflow manhole on second street has been tripping and possibly get new electrical box done, anything that can be rusted in the box has been, it arches when switching the breaker. Some people will get bottles delivered for testing. Torance asked about well, 3" line going down the well and needs bigger truck hopefully done in the next week.

Old business:

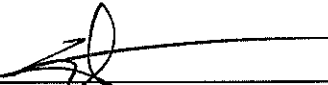
1. in may it was voted to renovate as ballfield and talked to school wanting to utilize it as a field for the school ball team to play on. The funding will be a EDC project and believed to be a \$150k budget. Thoughts are its already a field as it sits and just needs improvement, needs lights, new bleachers, concessions, bathrooms. Do it in phases, first being fixing the fence. Then move to dugout, bleacher etc. Gayle inquired about the track that is there and was told it will be removed at the request of the school. Jeremy wanting to know about if they do a concession who will run and get the profit from it. The PTO would and the city would get a revenue of it. Public can still use the field, if little league wanted to use it they can. The school would get priority. Gayle wants to know what we are going to work on first?
 - a. Motion Jeremy Smith to start with fence then lights 2nd Torance McClean passed unanimously

New business:

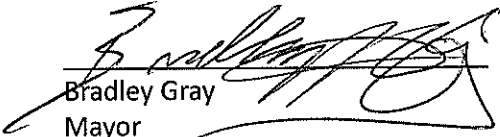
1. Durga Rawat bought property to build strip mall and apartments on highway 31 towards Athens on the southside of the highway. To Mayor knowledge there's no zoning issues. 50-unit apartment complex. Steven Hartley says we can handle it, the 8" line that goes for the fire loop can be tied into that line and we can handle it and the sewer can benefit from it from more solids going through the line and plant. If they push the capacity up we could benefit from grant qualification.
2. Been goal to get a text notification in place, had one with previous web provider but new one does not have it at a decent cost. Textmygov is a notification app that you text and can use trigger words to get information as well as sending notices and alerts and residents can send images.
 - a. Motioned Jeremy Smith 2nd Gayle Furlong passed unanimously
3. Kestrel bill pay, suggested to table it and revisit
 - a. Motioned Torance McClean; 2nd Danny Garza; tabled

Next meeting dec 12th 2023 adjourned at 741 pm Motioned: Gayle Furlong, 2nd Danny Garza; passed unanimously

Approved on: 12-19-23
Posted on: 12-20-23



Q Wilcox
City Secretary



Bradley Gray
Mayor