



City of Murchison

Council Minutes

March 11, 6:00 PM

9540 FM 773 Murchison, TX 75778



The City of Murchison City Council meets in regular session on the second Tuesday of each month. The council reserves the right to convene in an Executive Session on any item on the agenda under Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Items for this meeting include:

*Opening prayer Danny Garza Pledge of Allegiance Gayle Furlong-call meeting to order. 6:02 pm

Present: Bradley Gray, Danny Garza, Gayle Furlong, Bobbett Bandy, Dana Joslin, Q Wilcox, Skylier Murrell, Boyd Salter, Amy Greely, Torance McClean, Connie Haynes, June McKlein.

Open Discussions:

1. Amy Greely-has an issue with the loose dogs in the area that aren't leashed up. They are getting into her yard have attacked her children. She has tried to speak to the neighbors and has gotten no where. Bradley Gray states if theirs no ordinance on domesticated animals, we can see if theres something else we can do if we place a ordinance and will be addressed next meeting.
2. June McKlein- 3rd street is looking trashy and people need to keep their yards picked up etc. One house in particular that is old and roof is blowing off and trash and stuff everywhere but the grass is mowed. Bradley Gray states we have a ordinance and can send a letter with ordinance but if you see abuse of an animal then the sheriffs office would be contacted as it is a penal code.

Consent Items:

1. Approve February 2025 Financials and Minutes
2. Approve February and March Special Minutes
 - a. Motion to Approve February 2025 Financials and Minutes and Approve February and March Special Minutes by Danny Garza, Second Dana Joslin, unanimously passed.

Mayors Report:

1. We need to get an appraisal on the property to get it insured.

Water Report by Steven Hartley:

Bradley Gray announced we will be walking outside to the Fire Dept side for Steven Hartley to give an update on the Sewer project. Steven Hartley states he did a repair on Fowler St., water and sewer plant has been running decent, 2 water taps done, TCEQ is sending letter for violation and hes trying to get that sorted out. Step program with TCEQ was approved and going thru the process for final draft. For Sewer Project Steven Hartley states its accumulated a lot of standing water from rain and FD. The bank side is worse because of the mud and trying to lay the pipe but the dirts too soft and hes lost 3 pairs of work boots trying to work in it. The waters being pumped out but cant speed up the drying out but deadline is end of day Friday to complete. Didn't plan on the other leak and busted pipe which caused holding water, the tree was also removed for the sewer line and to make sure no sewer comes out, Danny Garza asks if its been pumped, Steven Hartley

states yes it has been multiple times. -Came back in continue- Gayle Furlong asks what if theres more people working on it, Steven Hartley states he had equipment for a month almost, had to hire a different bore crew. Problem is safety as he is struggling some and didn't want anyones safety compromised but if he couldn't meet the deadline he would have hired people but things happened that were out of his hands. Can something be used to support the pipe? Steven Hartley states there's clay which has set and hardened but avoiding other lines we don't want to hit and some go straight and then curve and so we can only dig so deep but it's a bad time of year for weather. Supposed to be rain tomorrow but will work to pack it and finish as the other side needs to be done and tied in together. Was asked if he worked everyday on it. Steven Hartley states he was pulled for water issues with the city and bad weather days but has been working. Dana Joslin asks when is it pumped? Steven Hartley states they do it daily almost with FD using the water but we try to pump as much as we can. Danny Garza states there's algae sitting and not on the other side of the road, Steven Hartley states he does typically pump both sides but hasn't today as its not everyday. He isn't aware if FD is able to wash vehicles and hydrant to fill trucks can be done somewhere else. Dana Joslin states how long has the water been a issue sitting in there? Steven Hartley states he'd have to look back but it was awhile because we have also had rain. Bobbett Bandy asks if its just him and his girlfriend? Steven Hartley states he does have other contractors but it has been just them this time, the conditions of the ground from weather is his dilemma. Dana Joslin asks when was this project started to Bradley Gray. Bradley Gray states it started January 13 and a week or 2 weeks at the most, Steven Hartley knows how frustrated he is as this job was too big for him but almost 2 months out and safety is a issue as the holes aren't barricaded or anything covering it as a safety to citizen. Bradley Gray as received calls from people wanting to know when it was done, he has another deadline and its Friday to be done. Steven Hartley explains when Bore company came and then line issues and weather. Bradley Gray states he understands but no outside contracting has been done and all the things that needed to be paid for but you quoted the city and it was given. If not done by the deadline on Friday March 14, 2025, he will be pulled and another contractor will have to come in. Dana Joslin asks if Steven Hartley can complete it? Steven Hartley states he can, he just didn't want to hit a main line etc. Bradley Gray states hes getting calls about sewer and safety of the holes and they are legitimate issues. Steven Hartley states he will check the cones he has laid. Amy Greely states why would you wait until the deadline to ask for help or do it before? Steven Hartley states he wasn't stating he wasn't going to wait but if he gets to a point where he needs to ask when its effective because if they cant lay it due to the terrain, we are in a position to ask for it then we will. Bradley Gray states he has slipped on this one but has helped the city and that hasn't gone unnoticed. Bradley Gray states can we put up something for the holes now? Steven Hartley states we can get barrels and look for cones to put them out but ut had blown over before but will reinforce it. Bradley Gray states was digging the gas station road necessary? Steven Hartley states he dug it up to verify the location of the water lines were, he wouldn't know how deep to lay if he would hit something. He dug to verify only. Bradley Gray states he is responsible for the city and then hes pulled off the project to work them and should have hired help. Steven Hartley states when the project started the other projects (leaks on Fowler, Cardinal and water taps) weren't here and didn't account for them and just tried planning based on what he had then. Steven Hartley is aware of where the exposed pipes and utilities are.

- a. Gayle Furlong Motions to give Steven Hartley til Fridays deadline or pull him from project, lines were laid, holes filled and 3rd street passable. Seconds Bobbett Bandy, unanimously passes.

Moves into Executive Session for Interviews for City Secretary at 6:56pm

Closes Executive Session at 8:25pm

Regular Open meeting at 8:26pm

Motion to approve Sherry Warren for Secretary- no motion made , Deandra Dowell- no motion made, Sharlette Shultz- no motion made, Skylier Murrell, motion to approve Gayle Furlong, second Dana Joslin- 3 votes to pass majority.

Tabled last month for gambling machines, no response from attorney, Blake Armstrong, so would need to be tabled for next month. Certain things in ordinance prohibit it for the city but not sure why we haven't heard from the attorney but will reach back out to him.

Old Business:

1. Contract with Mr Fears regarding land behind city hall
 - a. Bradley Gray met with Mr Fears, but doesn't have a lot as waiting for his son, Brian Fears, to reach out. They would be willing to do a long term contract, hasn't decided if 5 or 10 years but for the property behind city hall. Requirements would be to add water faucets and a sewer tap, pay the taxes each year and for 2024 was \$99.3 plus \$1. Wanted to see if his son wanted to draw up a contract or our attorney. No action needed to be taken right now. Dana Joslin states for the liability would we have to do anything? Bradley Gray states our insurance would already cover it.

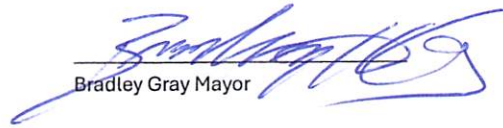
New Business:

1. Audit has been initiated
 - a. Q has been working on it and in process. Just formality to be on agenda.
2. Discuss Fire Hydrant Inspection
 - a. Bradley Gray states it has to happen yearly and usually about \$1900 and has already been budgeted.
 - i. Danny Garza Motions to move on the inspection of fire hydrants, Gayle Furlong seconds, unanimously passed. Q reach out and schedule.
3. Discuss date of spring clean up
 - a. Contract with Live Oak gives us 2 clean up dates in spring and fall, we get 2 loaders and purchase a 3rd about \$900, states it's the 3rd weekend in April but its Easter this year, can we move the weekend to a different time. Q will reach out to change to April 25-27, 2025 and also check to see if the 2 loaders there have been picked up.
4. Torance McClean has mowing proposal for City
 - a. We have no maintenance person to mow and weed eat currently and he is willing to do so for the areas we have for \$650 every 2 weeks- 3rd st lift station, 3rd st murphy lift station, 773 lift station, sewer plant, ball field, water plant, behind city hall. Torance McClean would begin this weekend on Friday and Saturday.
 - i. Danny Garza motions to approve Torance McClean mow and weed eat every 2 weeks, weekend of 15th and 29th, \$650 paid each time, Bobbett Bandy seconds, unanimously passed.

Adjournment: motioned by Danny Garza, Gayle Furlong seconds, passed unanimously at 8:54pm

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Q Wilcox City Secretary



Bradley Gray Mayor