



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 Executive Session on any item on the agenda under Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.
Public Recognition (Citizen Comment(s)): HB 2840 – Any Citizen wishing to address the Council on an agenda item may do so during the Citizen Comment section of the meeting, or when the item is being considered by the Council. Sign in Sheet (5 minutes)

The Murchison City Council may convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074 Personnel Matters in regards to New Business Agenda item #1, #2, #3.

*Opening prayer Danny Garza Pledge of Allegiance Bradley Gray-call meeting to order. 6:01 pm

Present: Bradley Gray, Danny Garza, Gayle Furlong, Bobbett Bandy, Dana Joslin, Jeremy Smith , Skylier Murrell, Boyd, Dustyn Fernandez, Raman Fernandez, Emmanuel Barrios, Torance McClean, June McClean, Andy Carpenter.

New Business:

1. Discuss the current status of and take action on, the sewer line repair project by Pure Management Services.
 - a. Bradley Gray states he did let Steven Hartley know of the meeting and not sure where he is but we will continue with meeting and clean for open discussion. Jeremy Smith explains he and Steven Hartley, about 2:15pm, had the back hoe and dug on Wednesday and ground was still soft but open to verify the green pipe, 25 feet further back Jeremy Smith dug and exposed pipe which was white old pipe. Invoice discussed, piping bought and what was used vs. what is left out. Viewed ariel views of pictures showing work not done. Bradley Gray explains the layout of the pipe that was ordered and what we are showing used and not used as proof the job wasn't completed. We know at least 17 pieces weren't used, 36 should have been used to complete.

*Steven Hartley emailed responses to meeting agenda to council(included with minutes) and text city cell phone that he did so at 6:04pm.

a. Continued= viewing pictures of ariel views and correspondence between Steven Hartley and Dustyn Fernandez from the Bore crew – Dustyn states he didn't do any pipe by the gas station. Steven Hartley also asked Dustyn to tell Mayor Bradley Gray to say he did see Steven Hartley and his crew there working when he didn't. Gayle Furlong states she was under the impression that Dustyn and some of his crew assisted Steven Hartley, Dustyn states he offered to help him because this is what they do and he was told by Steven Hartley him and his wife needed something to do. Dustyn states it's a 2 day job for 500 foot. Gayle Furlong states other things came into play like th weather and water line busted, Dustyn states he was still working in the weather. Jeremy Smith states we should hold off on finishing since its flowing right now, save costs and fix roads. Danny Garza asks if we can get a camera down to look at the pipes? Jeremy Smith says we can get a scope first to see if the lines are good. Bradley Gray also asks did we get what we have paid for

up front to Steven Hartley already. Jeremy Smith states it looks like a huge portion was done and seems to be flowing correct. J&D spoke up and said they were owed \$13,500.00 but wasn't paid all of it, they would have charged \$65 a foot and its almost 500 feet. For bore it was \$13,500 but we had to wait for a tree to be removed. Torance McClean asks if the line by the Fire Dept was completed as there was a tap there and does need to be addressed. Bradley Gray we assume its fixed as no issues and everything's connected for the time being. Jeremy Smith again states we need to verify the pipes and then see if we need to complete or fix anything. Bradley Gray discusses that the pipe we have left over would complete the job if its needing to be done, Dana Joslin states so he didn't replace all the pipe but it all equals up to what we should have, Bradley Gray states yes. Jeremy Smith states there is enough to replace the pipes needed. Danny Garza states again so where are we on the money. Skylier Murrell gives total Steven Hartley was quoted, how much he was given up front (\$24,873.60). J&D was paid \$4,000 of the \$13,500.00. Jeremy Smith shows Steven Hartley made money off the job with only being paid they half and would have paid the Bore company. Bradley Gray states he did explain the debt that is still owed to them is by Steven Hartley not the city.

i. Jeremy Smith Motions to to call contract a wash, we keep the remaining money, get a camera scope done and use the rest of the money to fix the roads. Dana Joslin seconds, Danny Garza opposes, majority pass.

Discussions of if the pipes are good then we can get the dirt laid and asphalt put down. J&D said they would give an estimate on the clean up. Skylier Murrell will call plumber tomorrow about the camera, J&D is stating they can get it done for under \$10,000.00

ii. Danny Garza motions to go forward with scoping and J&D directional coming out for under \$10,000.00 to smooth out and do patch work. Jeremy Smith seconds, unanimously passed.

2. Discuss, consider and possibly take action on Pure Management Services agreement dated 11/10/2022 to provide service for water/wastewater operations.

a. Bradley Gray states he has had issues with work Steven Hartley has done and doesn't suggest to keep him on after breach of his contract. Jeremy Smith doesn't want to not have a water person daily. J&D is stating they will step in as they have 3 certified people as a short term solution, can start month to month and do bids if needed. Jeremy Smith states he wants someone close and Dustyn states any of their guys can come even though one guy is in Greenville. We have a call box at a lift station that alerts us and Skylier Murrell will get the message on city phone and then forward to yall to look at the issue. Bradley Gray states Steven Hartley was paid for April invoice on March 11, 2025, Q paid him early and needs to verify it with him. Bradley Gray also verified this with Steven Hartley also and was told it was all of April and is a issue since we have already prepaid him. Dustyn called Jeremy Whitson and he will do daily operations for \$7500.00 monthly.

i. Danny Garza Motions to terminate Steven Hartley (Pure Management Services) contract with the city for incident with sewer project and breach of contract with Sewer plant. Dana Joslin seconds, unanimously passes.

ii. Jeremy Smith Motions to hire Jeremy Whitson on month to month, \$7500.00 monthly, effective 3-21-2025 @7pm for all responsibilities and duties of the water person until we hire someone full time. Danny Garza seconds, unanimously passes.

3. If necessary, discuss and take action on a new agreement on a short-term basis for water/wastewater services for operation of the City of Murchison utility, to include operation of the water plant, water distribution operations, wastewater plant operations, and repairs to the utility and to file, document or submit any report in accordance with TCEQ/EPA guidelines and regulations, and any other duties, tasks or requests deemed necessary by the city council. Bradley Gray wants to do a month to month with J&D persons to run our daily operations. Will get the plumbing company to scope the lines to make sure they are good and working.

Gayle Furlong wants to make sure this new person will be here daily and be checking on things, is it 8-5? Bradley Gray will show them around and make sure they understand what to be checking. Steven Hartley also read meters, Bradley Gray states he will look into that. Jeremy Smith asks if the old contract was received, Skylier Murrell did not get anything from Steven Hartley yet. Jeremy Smith wants us to have a contract that outlines what all the responsibilities are for the water position. Dustyn states Jeremy will submit something to us. Bradley Gray states Steven Hartley was too vague and we need more details. Not sure if he did the tap on Mockingbird. Gayle Furlong states we had specifics we wanted it to include.

- i. Danny Garza makes motion for Bradley Gray to reach out to Steven Hartley tonight for April check (given March 11, 2025) and city property back or seek legal action. Bobbett Bandy seconds, unanimously passes.
- ii. Danny Garza motions to bid out for a permanent water/sewer utl operator (in newspaper) , Gayle Furlong seconds, unanimously passes.

Jeremy Smith asks if he can have the lose dirt, Bradley Gray states no he wouldn't be able to do that. He just wanted to ask. The 3rd St project was tabled and Gayle Furlong asks if Steven Hartley was able to cancel the order for the job for the lift station. Jeremy Smith states we gave a deposit. Bradley Gray states all finances were pulled and not showing a invoice for it because Steven Hartley stated it wasn't delivered. Dana Joslin remembers him saying it was ordered but wasn't sure if it was cancelled. Bradley Gray states he spoke to him yesterday, Steven Hartley asked if he needed to cancel it and Bradley Gray told him yes to cancel but doesn't think we paid him for it yet.

Adjournment: Jeremy Smith motioned to dismiss, Danny Garza seconds, unanimously passed at 7:01 pm.

Skylier Murrell City Secretary


Bradley Gray Mayor

I, , the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the attached agenda of special meeting of the City of Murchison City Council is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the front glass window, facing toward the glass to be visible from the street of the City Hall building located at 9540 FM 773, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted by March 21, 2025 and will remain so posted for at least 1 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Bradley Gray Mayor