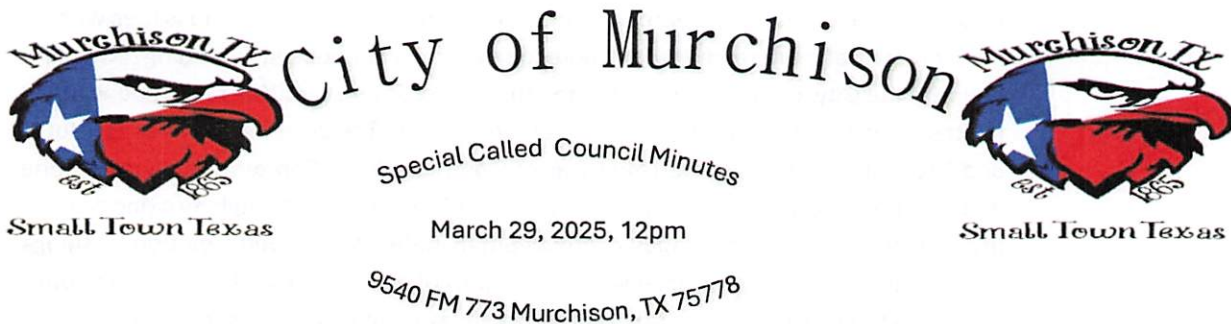




The City of Murchison City Council meets in regular session on the second Tuesday of each month. The council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session on any item on the agenda under Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

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)

*Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance-call meeting to order. Bradley Gray, Danny Garza, Bobette Bandy, Gayle Furlong, Dana Joslin, Jeremy Smith, Skylier Murrell, Connie Haynes, Torance McClean, June McClean, Kayla Gray, Jeremy Crocker.
Called to Order at: 12 pm prayer-Danny Garza ; pledge- Bobbett Bandy

Consent Item:

1. Approve March 11, 2025 council meeting minutes and March 19, 2025 Special Call Meeting minutes.
 - a. Two copies are included because Skylier and Q both did them and Skylier's includes Stevens report outside in it, need to get approved to have her added to bank accounts.
 - i. Danny Garza Motions to approve consent Items and Skylier's minutes. Jeremy Smith seconds, unanimously passes.

New Business:

1. Murchison Events Committee proposal for Farmers Market
 - a. Kayla Gray would like to start a Famrer Market, running from May til September.
Pemission to use the baseball park and use it for the events and shut down part of the road in front of the field to use for parking for vendors to ensure no vehicles on the field and foot traffic only. She also wants to use the concession stand to sell non hot foods and has volunteers to help run it to bring in money. Planning on a July bash, back to school and then Christmas event and the farmers market is to help pay for those events. She wants to start the 2nd weekend in May, may not be every weekend but wants to see if theirs a want for it. Will charge vendors \$15 for 10*10 space, time might be about 10-3 but will finalize once she was approved by council.
 - i. Jeremy Smith motions to accept Kayla Gray being allowed to use the baseball field, close portion of the road and concession stand for famers market events, Gayle Furlong seconds, unanimously passed.
2. Discuss and take action on an Interim water contractor
 - a. Bradley Gray states after the last meeting we had and Dustyn Fernandez and his crew agreed to do our daily operations and assumed they were around. Skylier had a water issue Saturday and called and text Dustyn and got no responses from him. Bradley Gray made calls to different people but no one was really wanting to take on everything we have going on so he reached out to Jeremy Crocker. Danny Garza also reached out to someone but was told we hadn't had TCEQ reports filed in months and didn't want to get

involved. Jeremy Crocker is here now and wasn't the last choice but had issues with the last administration here and wasn't able to talk to him because of a pending lawsuit he has with the City. Bradley Gray stated to Jeremy Crocker he wouldn't really speak about it either. It was in 2023 for Unjust cause of termination. The case was dismissed, Motion and Order signed by Judge Dan Moore as of March 27, 2025. Something had to be done quickly and Jeremy Crocker has been here since Tuesday even though motions were made to go with another company. Jeremy Smith states do we need a motion for things to be legal then? Jeremy Crocker will give a report of his findings and whats been done, decisions today will not be permanent as we still will put bids in for someone.

- b. Jeremy Crocker gives a report of his findings for the system, the water and sewer plant and maybe discuss the line outside. Jeremy Crocker states we weren't feeding chlorine so no disinfectant in the water which is pretty big fine with TCEQ, but was having to go out of town and someone from Brownsboro came to read and thought it was working but the ball was stuck because it looks as if chlorine hasn't been added in several months so the ball dropped and was corroded but while he was out of town it got up and working. When Jermey got back he was able to confirm though theirs leaks in the pump room with standing water, trash everywhere even some from him being there years ago. Sewer is worse than the water plant sewer is going out into the creek, the bar screen opening is too big so we are getting big pieces of trash etc coming thru so stuff will be stopping up soon. He could keep going with the issues but we are in bad shape. Jeremy Crocker states he could do this for a month but whats to discuss pay, Since Aqua has been here they have fixed water leaks, Brad st leak, got bids after camera scope for sewer issue by Fire dept. , flushed 773 multiple times. Dana Joslin asks when the camera was used what did you find? He states mud, water. He states he wanted to come in temporary and show us what he can do to get his foot in the door for a permanent position maybe. But theres lots of issues but he sent to Bradley Gray what hes going over what he wants to get done- he quoted \$6,000 at first to get us up and running but after seeing everything hes quoting \$12,000 for the month to start fixing T clip samples because we have a dumpster over filled with hazardous waste, should have been hauled already and hasn't been. Bradley Gray states he didn't know testing wasn't being done. We pay a company weekly to take samples and TCEQ gets them, no reports have been submitted to TCEQ in 6 months. Which they will come to inspect and fine for the things they find in the creek etc. Once the dumpsters half full, a sample is supposed to be taken and submitted and wasn't done. He will get us out of fines and more into compliance. Jeremy Smith states how long will it take to fix this? Jeremy Crocker states it will take time since its been done wrong for months. Jeremy wants to show us results in the nest 15 days to show the improvements he has made, the \$12,000 is for the first 30 days, after that hed like to have it at \$9,000 for payment because some stuff they are doing should require other mechanics and electricians but they have learned to do things to get it fix and order parts to do it. We have the Tclips, DMRs, roll off schedules, 1 blower only is working, revive the sewer plant which can be producing good number in 30 days, enough to pass. Right now the numbers are terrible. No chlorine as being used and have a high dollar machine and its not hooked up or running. He will get it calibrated, and the bar screen set up, right now its bypassing and Steven Hartley had a steel box with grates in it, its too big so hes going to get the bar screen up and running

with the pump that's next to it. Danny Garza says can we sell it, Bradley Gray starts not what we paid for, The water side will be up and running and getting us in compliance with samples. Jeremy Crocker says when he left he had a notebook her with sample information and lines and will us that to mirror to help us on what we need to show in compliance. Gayle Furlong asks if Jeremy Crocker can give us his history with the city. Jeremy Crocker says he was here for almost 4 years last time, went thru 2 Mayors Brian and Karen were in office here, they were allowed in the building prior to this but after they came in office Aqua didn't have access to the office to do their reports, get to the computer, we had to sign out for parts even though it was on the workorders, they went back and forth. They ended up locking up testers for the water and it has to be tested on weekends and had to issue boil notices because we didn't have the proper stuff. Karen said she would come in to unlock on weekends but she wouldn't show up to unlock. Jeremy Crocker states he looked over the Contract and spoke to an attorney in Tyler, letter was sent for breaches of contract to rectify the situation or contract would end. Another letter was sent to the City and a meeting was that night, they asked if the things would be fixed and Brian said no so Aqua stepped down and started the lawsuit that night, there was 7 breaches of contract that they didn't want to make right. Jeremy Smith states Brian was pushing Jeremy Crocker out because of a friend of his wanted to job and he was used after Jeremy left. Jeremy Crocker went to the attorney twice before he stepped down. Gayle Furlong states if he is taken on but Steven Hartley states that water maps weren't mapped correctly, nothing notes other than in water reports, if you come on it might help to read water reports and minutes to notes those. Jeremy Crocker state he has already started marking his and Gayle Furlong states yeah but for the other pipes, Jeremy Crocker says after he left the other contractor paid for 3 weeks to go with a hydro vac in the system and would like to know where the report might be for it. Jeremy Crocker states that's the point of his \$12000 base for the month for work, includes information on equipment that we have to bring out \$200 hr with 2 hr minimum, after hours call of \$80 an hour. Hours are 7am to 3pm normally, he has a contract to let them see. Gayle Furlong states how is he feeling after having left, Jeremy Crocker states hes upset and still upset because he just did work on the lift station and sprinklers at the sewer plant and moving forward and got cut off when Brian came in. He felt like before it all stopped with trying to get help with maintaining the system before he left in 2022. Gayle Furlong asks if we haven't had good help since? Jeremy Crocker says he has a team to do the work and fix a lot of the issues, Aqua Services is the company name. Contract has March 25, 2025 only because that's when he started working with us. Danny Garza asks when will the levels for water be safe, Jeremy Crocker says hopefully tomorrow but hes flushing valves off 773 and wanting to check numbers tomorrow again just didn't have chlorine yesterday. So when samples are pulled we will pull from the 4 corners of town to check to make sure theirs chlorine being pushed. We will keep a binder here at the office to keep track of everything. Bradley Gray states so that's 18 days til the next 30 days, for payment and it could be the \$9000 after the month. Jeremy Crocker will provide another contract after that. Gayle Furlong states so it would be \$9000 and \$80 an hr after hours? Jeremy Crocker states yes ma'am and if we pull equipment out. Gayle Furlong states how is that different from Steven Hartley contract. Bradley Gray states his was the same but he had no equipment, his excavator has sat for

2 years and he used our backhoe. IF his equipment goes down he will rent it and pay for it that isn't the city's issue. Bradley Gray states that was an issue we had with Steven Hartley. Jeremy Crocker only wants to use the backhoe to fill in the holes when he's done. Gayle Furlong states if it's permanent then how does the \$9000 effect our budget, Bradley Gray states for a permanent position bids will have to go out, this is just temporary and we have to do something now to get things running the way they need to be. Dana Joslin asks his hours, Monday thru Friday 7am to 3pm, anything after that is overtime due to the summer hours etc. Bradley Gray states what about on Saturday because it's supposed to be checked, Jeremy Crocker states that's still in contact and someone would be here, after that is after hours. Bradley Gray asks what other city does he service? Jeremy Crocker states he services Log Cabin, other private ones but 7 or 8 of them, just for water mainly but has 12 people on his crew.

- i. Jeremy Smith motions to accept Aqua Services as a temporary service til we have a permanent for \$12000 first month, to get the water/sewer back up to par and in compliance with a 10 day update (April 8, 2025). Danny Garza seconds, passes unanimously.

3. Discuss and take action on the Sewer Line project.

- a. Bradley Gray will let Jeremy Crocker explain his findings. Jeremy Crocker states it has a lot of issues but there was a hole in one of the lines and he found and capped it off, couldn't get the camera in because of a clog but he was able to repair and run the camera through. Camera shows all kinds of issues which isn't good as it should be a straight shot and isn't, has mud and tons of debris and redoing the line but the issue is the dirt situation as it's already been rained in and we don't have a good line, pipe has to be perfectly in the ground, don't know what gravel up will do, can be expensive because of the work already done. Jeremy Crocker states his brother came to look at it and suggests a grinder pump for the 5 main buildings in this area. A pump outside each building and then running a main line across to pump into the life station. If someone moves in we would put them on the grinder pump also. Bradley Gray states so we would feed into the line and Jeremy Crocker states they would put in a 2 in or 3in to the main line, so it grinds it up and feeds through the line and bypass the line issue we have now. It wouldn't include a new bore quote, we would supply materials and pumps that run \$3000 to \$5000. \$15,000 for pumps and \$5,000 and then \$45,000 materials and labor so total of all of it. Bradley Gray states where does the lines go from city hall and Jeremy Crocker isn't sure but can feed a camera through. Bank has a line that goes straight to the manhole. Dana Joslin states it's more expensive when cleaning up after someone's mess, Jeremy Crocker states he agrees and that's why he is quoting the work for a 2 or 3 in instead of a 6in because that will be way more expensive. Jeremy Crocker explains a box is attached to the building and lines runs to the pump, will last 5 to 10 year, Bradley Gray states where would the panel be? Jeremy Crocker states it would be attached to the building and electricity ran from the building and Bradley Gray states we would have to have approval from the businesses to do. Jeremy Crocker states it is just a fix to bypass the sewer lines now that are messed up. Jeremy Smith states can we not put one big grinder out there then for it to pump. It can be done but more expensive. Bobbett Bandy states would it be a issue? Bradley Gray states he doesn't know we can't just go mount them, we would have to ask them. Jeremy Crocker says we can get 110 pumps

but said 220 to break down waste etc. Bradley Gray states so the power would come from the business? Jeremy Crocker states yes and Bradley Gray doesn't think the businesses would pay for the city issues. Jeremy Smith states can we lay 4 in from the gas station then feed 2 in to the grinder and run the power from City hall. Jeremy Crocker states as long as we dig where it hasn't been dug before to tie it in. Bradley Gray states we are forcing the business to pay for City related issues and that's a issue. Jeremy Crocker states what if the power is run from the water plant? Bradley Gray states yea that might would and more feasible. Jeremy Crocker states that would be for this but not all businesses. Bradley Gray states difference wise if we did the 6in and run power from this well what is the price wise including a grinder? Jeremy Crocker states you would need a bigger pump to take all that on so maybe \$15,000 to \$18,000 as most material is out there so he could be quoting a little high so the \$45,000 would be closer to \$60,000. Jeremy Crocker says after do this and then zone it out you would just place grinders. Bradley Gray we have no zoning here but its in the works with the grant we have. Danny Garza states with the bid for the 6in and grinder will it handle more? Jeremy Crocker states yes it will. * Jeremy Smith has to leave at this moment. * Bradley Gray states he just sees issues with the individual grinder pumps because we don't have zoning or requirements and electrical would be the issue to make businesses pay for it so as an alternative come up with another plan. But run a line from the pump to a central location. Danny Garza states so at this time its not flowing? Jeremy Crocker says it really just depends on the day because theirs dirt, an open pipe that didn't get capped off til yesterday and chunks of asphalt and dirt are coming through the drain screen. A big green pipe was laid in front of it so he cant tell if it was just covered up and not addressed or not, but it was fixed and no issues from it since. Bradley Gray states we need a quote drawn up with an alternative because we might have issues with the grinder pumps at each location with electrical. Gayle Furlong states in the mean its not backing up? Jeremy Crocker states they are jetting the line if theirs a issue and has 3 out of the 4 days of being here. Bradley Gray doesn't want the Fire Dept to have a back up issue because it flooded their office etc. he doesn't know how but it did. Jeremy Crocker says a pressure line from plant to manhole then maybe they come from the pressure line. It started with the gas station then it kept getting back up to the Fire Dept and that's the reason for the repipe the whole thing. Jeremy Crocker says he would like to cut the line and put camera down and see where it goes, if theres a check valve because it doesn't make sense for it to go all the way to the bank. Bradley Gray says Steven Hartley told him it goes from the manhole to the station by Danas house and then back this way. Joey Ridgle will com pump the manhole and see what happens. Bradley Gray wants to check back on April 8, 2025 to see what else is the issue and how to fix.

- i. Danny Garza motions to table the sewer project until Jeremy can give quotes and proposals on how to fix it, Dana Joslin seconds, passes unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on the letter received from Pure Management Services.
 - a. Bradley Gray goes Steven Hartley's letter, check that was for April (\$8, 548); his charges and credits listed. Contract for Pure is included for them to reference to and page two section 7 and 8 but neither say anything about a 30 days notice. Balance on sewer main installation, materials remaining at Cardinal St. and parts and labor for unmarked main repair for charges listed and for Credits the prorated for April 2025 (10 days), 3rd St lift

station prepayment and Cardinal tap partial credit. Bradley Gray tried to figure out the numbers and there was a Cardinal tap for water done but not sewer but it's not adding up. Gayle Furlong asks is this something or the lawyer to look at? Bradley Gray states yes we should as we might have to sue him for the money back, the check for sure needs to be paid back as nothing in his contract says 30 days has to be given. Dana Joslin says was the check approved by someone? Bradley Gray states no it was his monthly payment, he asked Steven Hartley why he got paid early and Steven Hartley stated Q offered to pay it early to take it off the new city secretary's plate when she took over. Messages in the city cell phone shows Steven Hartley messaged Q and asked should he go ahead and submit his invoice for April and Q just stated just go ahead and send me the invoice so Q would have just done what he was prompted to do which is to cut a check. Dana Joslin is there anything we can do about the money we already paid him with what we paid for already? Bradley Gray states we will ask our city attorney to see what we need to do.

- i. Danny Garza motions to reach out to Blake Armstrong to figure out what to do with contract for Steven Hartley and Sewer Bid (letter Steven Hartley sent), Gayle Furlong seconds, passes unanimously.

Gayle Furlong asks when will water meters be read now that Jeremy is on with us? Bradley Gray states Jeremy will get on it next week, Skylier states will start on Tuesday reading them. Dana Joslin asks if we can stop the April check? Will verify when it's cleared.

Adjournment: Danny Garza motions to adjourn, ended 1:31pm

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 26, 2025 at 11:59am and will remain so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Bradley Gray Mayor