

**A City of Murchison
City Council Minutes
Tuesday May 14, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. City Hall
9540 FM 773 Murchison TX 903-469-3710**

Opening prayer: Torance McClean
Pledge of Allegiance: Steven Hartley
Call meeting to order: Bradley Gray at 6 pm

Present: Danny Garza, Boyd Sauter, Torance McClean, Gayle Furlong, Bradley Gray, Q Wilcox
Absent: Jeremy Smith
Gallery: Steven Hartley, Keely Hartley, Cornelia Haynes, Sandy Hoffmeyer

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)

Knowles spoken for by Gayle Furlong; water pooling on her driveway, culvert not draining, ditch holds water. Bradley Gray says there's no place for the water to go.

Consent Items:

1. Approve April 2024 Minutes and Financials
 - a. Gayle asks about training costs; asked about buying things from S&S with Jeremy on council? We used him before he was on council and that is where the mower was purchased from before he was on council.
 - b. On special meeting minutes change wording that the city will take care of the labor of the bid we aren't doing.
 - c. Motion to accept Torance McClean 2nd by Danny Garza; Passes unanimously

Mayors Report:

1. Water well repairs complete
 - a. Repairs are finished; the fencing is going to be stretched by A1
2. Ballfield Phase II starts June 3rd
 - a. Branco contract signed; mid to late July finish date
3. Update on truck/generator auction
 - a. Was put in auction; 2000 chevy \$1400 generator \$580 both are sold total \$1980
4. Update on generator that needed work
 - a. Jeremy looked at it and the fuel pump was bad and replaced. Both generators are good to go.
5. Fire hydrants complete
 - a. Painted and repaired

Water Report:

Pump 1.2 mil gal, no major leaks, one leak on Stella was repaired and caused another to leak further down lane. The driveway on Stella has dried up enough to use again. Harville's land is getting repaired in next couple days. The dirt on stella will be removed. Drying beds weeds are cleaned up. Ballfield water and sewer is marked and getting ready to dig up the lines. Going to see how low it can be run. Water will be on opposite side of the street. Well one turned on and getting dirty water complaints. Lab tests taken, thinking its iron. There is a small bit of iron, it is still safe. TCEQ wants us to run every

couple of months to make sure its working. We were doing so much flushing that we did iron testing as precaution and turned off the well. The travel time the water moves down the pipe determines to reach them. The further out they are from the source the dirtier the water will look. There is a way to separate the chemicals for the well that is pumping dirty water. We assumed the dirty water was from the dirty casing. The water is better quality than before. Waiting until Friday of the tests to see if it's the water itself or coming in from outside casing. The apartment complex will not be affected; city can run on one well. The majority of complaints is dirty water still. Will hit it first thing in the morning. No one said on 773 it's gotten worse. No odor complaints. Drained the pump so it wasn't old water running through the lines. North side was flushed on Saturday.

New Business:

1. Discuss US Dept. of Labor new salary rule for Exempt Employees
 - a. This is for discussion only so we can start thinking about it. Every week TML sends an email of updates of happenings in the state. Two weeks ago, they came out with new information to change threshold of exempt employees. Increases new salary minimum is \$684/week \$844/week. We meet that already \$1128 beginning on January 1, 2025. We don't have to address this until we do our budget.

Old Business:

1. Discuss amending amount to be spent on generators and installation
 - a. Back in Dec or Jan we approved the generator issue and purchase; amount of \$30k; \$535 over the budget is what we did. We need to make an amendment.
 - i. Gayle Furlong moves to accept the amended amount of \$30,535, Danny Garza 2nd motion; passes unanimously
 - ii. Ask David Godwin how to show on QuickBooks to move money from MM to budget and show it
2. Discuss preventive maintenance on generators
 - a. Talked about having someone come in and service. Bradley Gray thinks if Klayton keeps logs of running generator about twenty minutes each month and keep the preventive maintenance ourselves.
 - i. Danny Garza motions to handle maintenance ourselves, Torance McClean 2nd, passes unanimously
3. Review and discuss any submissions for city logo and motto
 - a. In packet there are mottos and logos, these are what were submitted we do not need to accept any of them. Gayle feels the logo should go with the motto. How much does the school represent our town? The eagle head with Texas flag in it
 - i. Danny Garza motions to accept eagle head with flag making name bigger with Est 1865 and motto of: "small town Texas" 2nd by Gayle Furlong; passes unanimously

Motion to adjourn made by Boyd Sauter, Danny Garza 2nd motion to adjourn the time is 7:09pm
Next meeting June 11, 2024 6pm

Approved on: 6-11-24 Posted on: 6-12-24


Q Wilcox City Secretary


Bradley Gray Mayor