

City Council Minutes

City of Murchison City Council Meeting, held at City Hall February 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Jeff LaMarche, Sandy Hoffman, JoAnn Swain, Larry Cotter, Micah McClean, Kayla Gray, Grant Rosenhagen, Sarah Dyer, Jan Bargfeldt, Paula Guerrant, Lori Leggett, A R Leggett, Bobette Elliot Bandy, and Kim Cook.

After opening prayer by Mayor Alisa Griffis and The Pledge of Allegiance led by Brad Gray, the meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Mayor's Report:

1. Explain how the mayor can allow brief public input during city council meetings.
2. Explain how the public can provide opinions and ask questions before and after meetings
3. Explain the process for how to table an agenda item.
4. Council member responsibilities regarding consent items.
5. Changing City Locks due to not being to code for a city hall.
6. Letters and court dates for properties with trash and trailers, and other clean up needs, etc
7. Insurance payment for 10,800.00 for damage from December freeze.
8. Formation of Murchison Parks and Recreation.
9. Invited speaker Micah McClean regarding Christmas parade.
10. Executive Session explanation.

Invited Speaker:

Micah McClean spoke about the need to cash donation checks and to use the monies. She asked if an account can be created for the City Fun Committee and if they can govern the bank account themselves.

Consent items:

1. Approval of the January 2023 City Council Meeting minutes.
2. Approval of January 2023 bank/financial statements.

Councilman Brad Gray makes motion to accept seconded by Councilman Darrell Seidell and was carried unanimously.

Water report given by Steven Hartley.

Executive Session: The city council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.07 to negotiate amendment of Pure Management Services contract.

Executive Session: The city council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.07 for resignation of city maintenance person.

New Business:

Agenda item 1: Discuss/consider new permits. Jan Bargfeldt presented information for two permit requests. Torance McClean mentioned the second area could be in a floodplain area. Motion to accept made by Brad Gray and seconded by Torance McClean. Unanimously passed.

Jeff LaMarche presented information for one permit request. Motion to accept made by Darrell Seidel and seconded by Torance McClean. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 2: Discuss/consider Changing water meters to a different company. Invited speaker Grant Rosenhagen gave a presentation on Kamstrup meters.

Agenda item 3: Discuss/consider Amending Pure Management contract. (Executive session/ public vote) Proposed contract \$8500.00 per month for three years. Motion to accept made by Brad gray ad seconded by Darrell Seidell. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 4: Discuss/consider resignation of City Maintenance Person. Mayor Alisa Griffis read the resignation letter of James Buss. Motion immediately made by Torance McClean to accept and seconded by Brad Gray. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 5: Discuss/consider Job descriptions and duties of Part-Time Maintenance Person and posting job notice for said position. Motion to accept made by Torance McClean and seconded by Brad Gray. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 6: Discuss/consider charging churches the normal cost for water and sewer. No motions made. Item failed.

Agenda item 7: Discuss/consider trash fee for dumpsters and additional cans. No motions made. Item failed.

Agenda item 8: Discuss/consider Construction/ building permit increase. Darrell Seidel read the proposed new fees. Motion to accept made by Brad Gray and seconded by Torance McClean. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 9: Discuss/consider a resolution contracting with a public newspaper as required by Tx. Local gov't code Sec. 52.004at the beginning of each municipality's year. Motion to accept made by Darrell Seidel and seconded by Torance McClean. Resolution unanimously passed.

Agenda item 10: Discuss/consider a resolution rescinding a previously passed resolution no 2021-03, in regards to establishing procedures for placement of items on City Council Agendas. Motion to accept made by Brad Gray and seconded by Darrell Seidel. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 11: Discuss/consider establishing a new procedure for placing items on the agenda. Motion to accept made by Torance McClean and seconded by Brad Gray. Motion unanimously passed.

Agenda item 12: Discuss/consider a resolution calling for a general election to be held on May 06, 2023 for two vacant City Council seats, and two Propositions in regards to development of the city owned baseball field. Motion to accept made by Brad Gray and seconded by Torance McClean. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 13: Discuss/consider changing City Hall hours. The audience and City Council discussed this and several suggestions were agreed to by the City Secretary. Councilman McClean made a motion for 8-5 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and Wednesday, the office will be closed to the constituents. Councilman Gray seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed with strong disagreement from the mayor. Both Councilman McClean and Councilman Gray accepted responsibility if the city secretary quits as a result.

Agenda item 14: Discuss/consider City Hall roof repair. Motion to accept made by Brad Gray and seconded by Torance McClean. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 15: This was a duplicate of Agenda item 11.

Agenda item 16: Discuss/consider approval of ordinance for placement of stop signs on South Third Street. Motion to accept made by Darrell Seidel and seconded by Brad Gray. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 17: Discuss/consider approval of ordinance for placement of stop signs on South Second Street. Motion to accept made by and seconded by Brad Gray. Unanimously passed.

Agenda item 18: Discuss/consider approval of ordinance for placement of stop signs on Stella Street. Motion to accept made by and seconded by Brad Gray. Unanimously passed.

Presiding Officer sets next meeting for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Brad Gray and seconded by Darrell Seidel. Accepted unanimously by the board, and meeting closed at 8:09 pm.

Amended Minutes passed and approved this ____14____ day of __March_____, 2023.

Posted on: March 23, 2023



Brad Gray Mayor Pro Tem