

City of Murchison

City Council Minutes

March 12, 2024 6:00 pm

Opening prayer by: Gayle Furlong

Pledge of allegiance by: Danny Garza

Called to order at: Bradley Gray March 12, 2024 6pm

Present: Bradley Gray, Torance McClean, Boyd Sauter, Gayle Furlong, Danny Garza, Q Wilcox, Steven Hartley

Absent: Jeremy Smith

Gallery: Klayton Klay, Travis Russel, Brian Loercher, Cornelia Haynes, Jacob Paul, Brandon Irby, Keely Graves, Hunter Londermilk

Consent Items

1. Approval of February 2024 minutes
 - a. Motioned to accept: Boyd Sauter 2nd motion: Danny Garza passes unanimously
2. Approval of February 2024 financials
 - a. Motioned to accept: Boyd Sauter 2nd motion: Danny Garza passes unanimously

Mayors Report:

1. Water plant valves repaired
 - a. Had to have a vote due to estimates being off a bit but both are running good now
2. Generator work to begin soon
 - a. Torance McClean and Bradley Gray met with Solar Grid and says early next week to begin working on the generators. Waiting on two parts that should be here this week. Budgeted \$30k for that; 120 kW cost total \$12,320 56 kW cost total \$8,030. Had to get tow company to move all generators. The cost of everything is \$31k tried to keep it as close to budgeted amount
3. Well work to begin soon
 - a. The well company was waiting on supplies. Ran into complications at another job but will start work tomorrow March 13, 2024
4. Letter forwarded to auction business
 - a. Q hand delivered letter to them and they have cleaned it up some
5. Pct 3 scheduled to do some road repair

- a. They were supposed to do the work last week but hasn't happened yet. Supposed to repair various roads. Will not touch Wildflower due to not wanting people to think they are going to keep up with it. On second street the culvert by Snooks is going to get looked at after next heavy rain we have on whether to add another one or to pull the old and put in a bigger one

Water Report by Steven Hartley:

The water well is getting materials delivered and when the crew is finished at other job, we are next to get started. All leaks are repaired, one on Fowler that seemed to dry up. Somewhere along the line near Torance McClean house they think a line is punctured by a root. Third St lift station is being looked at and found a way to reprogram it. Waste water treatment water is coming out clear. 1.8 million gallons pumped this past month. Bradley Gray asked about chain on float. The chain had no float on the end of it, raised water level so that's not an issue anymore. End of the line man hole is completely full working on getting it drained. We are running solid. Torance McClean asks about drying bed. Steven Hartley says they are going to spray weed killer to keep it from over growing again. The emergency line for lift station on 773 is ready except for internet which is supposed to be turned on March 24th 2024. From Torance McClean's house going west to find the blockage. The pastures behind the houses. Jet machine is surging, it has pressure then stops, trying to get to reason why it won't jet. Gayle Furlong does anything go into drying beds. Anything that is solid that needs to go to dumpster will go into the beds, about a year to year and half out. On the valve that was approved by council to fix the first one went well, the second one has some metal that wore away the seal. They redid the seals, put new gauges on it. All the internal components were replaced. Gayle Furlong asked where the funds were coming from? \$8,151.08 was total, \$2015 overage. That money is coming from MM savings account per Bradley Gray. Bradley Gray states the money isn't coming from our operating budget, Gayle Furlong feels there should be a different accounting guide.

New Business:

1. Maintenance Position

Executive Session 6:53pm to interview for maintenance position

Executive session closed at 8:55 pm

Regular session back at 8:57 pm

- a. Maintenance position interviews completed. No motion on Brian Loercher, no motion on Hunter Londermilk, no motion on Travis Russell, no motion on Jacob Paul

- i. Boyd Sauter motions to accept Klayton Karl Gayle Furlong 2nd passes with Danny Garza, sustained vote from Torance McClean

2. Bid proposal for ballfield

- a. We voted to move forward with the project. The council was presented with the packet of the changes wanted on the field. We opened the bid process two weeks ago closing last Friday March 8th 2024. We received one sealed bid that we are opening tonight from Branco Construction out of Palestine, TX. Lump sum bid price of \$14,500 to fix fence, new gates, modify dugouts, adding double gate, tightening fence, post pulled, bleachers taken out. from here we move into concrete and dirt.

- i. Torance McClean motions to accept proposal
 - ii. Danny Garza seconds motion; passes unanimously

3. MVFD Easter Egg Hunt on ballfield

- a. March 23rd the fire department wants to use field for hunt at 2pm. Brandon Irby doesn't know if they want to mow the field.

- i. Danny Garza motions to let them use field
 - ii. 2nd Boyd Sauter passes unanimously

Old Business:

1. Fire hydrants inspection

- a. The results from the inspection show gallons per minute. The main two things to be discussed are for the hydrant at the church on Bankhead needs a 12" riser. Brandon Irby says he wouldn't do it cause its functional, they seldom use it. The other is the one at the station needs a top repair. They will paint the hydrants; we provide the paint they will do the painting. Brandon Irby is confident that the riser isn't needed. The painting isn't dire. We have had bulk water being bought from the station hydrant, which is leaking. We are under budget for what is set to fix hydrants.

- i. Torance McClean motions to reach out to how much paint is needed and then purchase the paint
 - ii. Gayle Furlong 2nd; passes unanimously
 - iii. Q Wilcox will reach out to Putt Bros

- iv. Danny Garza motions to repair hydrant at fire station
- v. Boyd Sauter 2nd; passes unanimously
- b. On Front St we could move bulk water to flush valve, will discuss later

2. Had to apply for lost title for Chevy 3500

- a. Cannot find the title, Q had to send request to Wichita Falls, waiting on title to come in

3. City cell phone

- a. Cricket is \$60 taxes and fees included. Gayle Furlong went to AT&T; they have 3 levels with different phones that go with that deal. The A54 would be \$96.15 a month, Galaxy S23 is \$99 a month. The difference is you are actually paying for the phone, with this plan you will pay less. Danny Garza brings up AT&T is a contract vs Cricket being month to month. AT&T waives startup fee. At last meeting we checked with Q about being holder of one of the phones and is still good with that. Steven Hartley's contract is to be on call to the City. If his number is given out then there might not be any city contact if a citizen were to just reach out to him.
 - i. Torance McClean motions to accept the Cricket plan for one phone and cancel the current answering service
 - ii. Danny Garza 2nd; passes unanimously

Torance McClean mentions keeping Jacob Paul's application on file

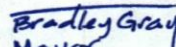
Next meeting April 9, 2024

Danny Garza motions to adjourn Torance McClean 2nd passed unanimously

Adjourned at 9:01pm

Approved on: April 9, 2024
Posted on: May 17, 2024


Q Wilcox
City Secretary


Bradley Gray
Mayor