

A City of Murchison  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday April 11, 2023 — 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall  
(903) 469-3710

City of Murchison City Council meets in regular session on the second Tuesday of each month. Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session on any item on the agenda under Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Items for this special meeting include:

\*Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance-call meeting to order. City Council Meeting

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 (3 minutes)

Air conditioner and insulation for lift station. 773: plus welded cage for support

Mayor's Report

1. Electric company truck road damage.
2. March 21 Boil Notice and pursuit of repayment for cost of damage from Internet contractors
3. New Lawn Mower and Trailer
4. Updates on personnel
5. Stop Sign placement
6. Disqualification of one May candidate; May election to be held at City Hall dates and hours, and in election day at Murchison school (hours)
7. Report on citywide clean-up postponed due to weather, and discuss new date May 19, 20, 21
8. Upcoming election — dates, times, training Q received
9. City Website additions
10. Facebook Page — City O' Murchison Tex (explanation) and development

\*Consent Items:

1. Approval of March 2023 financial/bank statements
2. Approval of March 2023 Minutes

Water Report: to be given by Steven Hartley

Closed session-

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

New Business:

1. Discuss/Consider city hours to accommodate secretary and maintenance duties
2. Discuss/Consider removing Trina as bank account signatory authority
3. Discuss/Consider taking action with appointment of maintenance person to act as acting secretary
4. Discuss/Consider taking action if necessary and additional distribution of boil water notification
5. Discuss/Consider adopting City of Murchison Employee Policy and procedures handbook
6. Discuss/Consider possibly take action on Water/Wastewater system improvementB
7. Discuss/Consider Resolution for seeking legal advice from City Attorney
8. Discuss/Consider camera for city hall
9. Discuss/Consider adding Torance McClean to EDC
10. Discuss/Consider designating city holidays

### Adjournment

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 April 7, 2023 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.

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Mayor Alisa Griffis

# CITY OF MURCHISON

## APRIL 11, 2023 MINUTES

After prayer led by Mayor Griffis and pledge of allegiance led by Torance McClean, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

### Public Recognition:

Ann Boyles wanted to know what was going to happen about the road that the electric company ruined.

JoAnn Swain asked where to take hazardous materials. Was informed to take them to precinct 4 information will be added to the website.

### Mayor's Report:

1. We will go after electric company for damages to road
2. Boil notice internet providers hit pipe and then another right after hitting first pipe. We with go after them to fix it. Water was tested and cleared
3. New mower and tailor are here and working wonderfully
4. March 23<sup>rd</sup> Trina Cloud resigned from City Secretary position
5. Stop sign need to be moved on Third St to the corner instead of by the driveway
6. Application was rejected for ballot but Horton not disqualified
7. Clean up was postponed due to weather for May 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>
8. Q received training for voting
9. Website has been updated and will be updated as needed
10. New Facebook account "City O' Murchison Tex"

### Consent Items:

1. Minutes from March 2023 were approved; motion by Brad Gray, seconded by Darrell Seidel; unanimously passed
2. Financial from March 2023 were accepted; motion by Brad Gray, seconded by Darrell Seidel; unanimously passed

### Water Report:

The end of 31 had complaints but it has been flushed. Two taps on 773 going in, sewer line will be added for Mr. Warren. Last month was estimated due to faulty meter reader, loaner was given until new one comes in roughly two weeks; the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Replacing insulation for 773 lift station and put in steel cage to keep it secure.

### Discuss/Consider:

1. Hour's proposal accepted, maintenance 8am to 10am and City Hall IOam to 5pm. Torance McClean motioned, Brad Gray seconded unanimously passed
2. Remove Trina Cloud as bank signatory authority and add Kenneth Wilcox 'Q' to bank signatory authority

3. Offer to Q to be appointed City Secretary \$800 base a week for secretary position; \$17 per hour while doing city maintenance; motioned by Brad Gray seconded Torance McClean unanimously passed
4. Complaints people didn't get informed of boil notice, set up mass email. Q can help MVFD with new sign to help get word out. Ordering signs for posts to put around town
5. Handbook consideration equal opportunity align with 2023 federal. Motion Torance McClean seconded unanimously passed
6. Water waste improvement, Brad Gray feeling nothing is happening with dealing with repairs with crack in basin that could break at anytime causing distribution issue. Mayor Alisa Griffis addressed the loan, new meters \$60k to pay debt we have no grants or loans. Need to get estimates for repairs. Scope of work for each issue if breaks it needs to be hauled off. Leak on ground from hopper, fine grit gets clogged and trench covered. Warranty information on hopper (next agenda) Steve Hartley can do work. Motioned by Brad Gray seconded by Darrell Seidel passed unanimously
7. City Attorney for council; Darrell Seidel wants Mayor to decide who gets to talk to attorney. Mayor Alisa thinks City Council should contact if they believe there is something they need to talk to apart from Mayor to do so. Mayor Alisa went over legal fees from 2022 with inflation add on expressing concern of going over time and budget. Torance McClean feels it helps with personnel vendettas becoming a thing and to keep it 2.5 hours a month. Brad Gray brings up talking to attorney about harassment and wants to know when the mayor talks to attorney. Keep it straight forward; will talk in closed session. Torance McClean motioned seconded by Brad Gray unanimously passed
8. Cameras to be placed at city hall
9. Torance McClean added to the EDC Motion Brad Gray seconded by Darrell Seidel passed unanimously
10. New City Holidays put in place Closed Session

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Q Wilcox  
City Secretary

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Brad Gray  
Mayor Pro Tem

Approved by Council on:

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