

**A City of Murchison
City Council Meeting
Tuesday March 14, 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.**

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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)**

Mayor's Report

1. Generator grant turned in on time.
2. PIF turned in for water system grant -1.8 million.
3. Water system residents outside city responsibility to maintain their private roads.
4. Letter going out to all private road residents stating their responsibility to maintain private roads.
5. Non profits may not use city liability insurance.
6. Ordinances for speed limits list 25 mph current discrepancy is Mockingbird Lane which is 20 mph.

***Consent Items:**

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

Water Report: to be given by Steven Hartley

Closed session- interviewing maintenance

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. Henderson County Elections Administrator to speak on Murchison holding election.
2. Discuss/Consider Accepting Certification of Unopposed Candidates from City Secretary.
3. Discuss/Consider Order of cancellation of election in respect to unopposed candidates.
4. Discuss/Consider acceptance of amended order of election.
5. Discuss/Consider new pump for wastewater plant.
6. Discuss/Consider new doors for the wastewater plant.
7. Discuss/Consider New, accurate meters for the city water system; approx. \$177,000.00 loan.
8. Discuss/Consider banning homemade trash cans, pending the availability of city provided trash cans.
9. Discuss/Consider City wide clean up in April.
10. Discuss/Consider Revisit City Hall hour change.
11. Discuss/Consider purchasing a lawn mower and trailer for city mowing.

12. Discuss/Consider approving expenditure from Murchison EDC for grant money not to exceed \$10,000.00 to Murchison VFD for digital sign to be located at Fire Station that was approved by MEDC at January meeting.
13. Discuss/Consider stop signs approved for installation on Second Street, Third Street, and Stella Street as well as ordinance in place for speed limit signs.
14. Discuss/Consider Cardinal Street culverts and ditches that MVFD were supposed to blow out.
15. Closed Session – Review application/ interviews for city maintenance person.
16. Open Session – Discuss/Consider potential vote for city maintenance person.

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 March 10, 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.

Mayor Alisa Griffis

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

Public recognition:

Larry Bartlett spoke on water supply.

JoAnn Swain proposed ordinance for loud music and for pets.

Ann Boyles did not notice the hours posted on front window so she requested that they be posted. She also spoke on solar panels and was assured that Brad Gray is working on that.

Torance McClean spoke and said there was a typo on minutes.

Mayor's Report given by Alisa Griffis:

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Consent Items:

1. Accept amended minutes once retyped. Motion by Brad, seconded by Torance and unanimously passed.
2. Bank/financial statements: Motion to accept by Brad and seconded by Torance. Unanimously passed.

Water Report:

Report given by Steven Hartley- there are 2 damaged flush valves, one on Donna Street and one on Brad Street.

1. Paula Ludtke spoke and said early voting would be 4 hours per day and the city schedules that. Morning first week and evening the second week. On Saturday the 6th from 7am to 7pm paula will supply one person on election day at school. Paula asked that Trina be at school and for clerks training on march 28th. Must be posted in newspaper by April 15th.
2. Certification of unopposed candidates JoAnn Swain and Robert Horton. Motion by Brad Gray, seconded by Torrance Mclain and unanimously passed.
3. Cancellation of election in respect to unopposed candidates. Motion by Brad Gray, seconded by Torrance Mclain and unanimously passed.
4. Amended order of election read by Mayor Griffis. (8-5 on 24th-28th, 2-6 on May 1st and 2nd.) Motion by Torrance Mclain and seconded by Brad gray. Unanimously passed.
5. Steven Hartley explained the need for pump @ wastewater station \$3590.00 accurate to .001 and has control panel that auto feeds chlorine into fresh water. Motion made by Darrell Seidel, seconded by Brad Gray and unanimously passed.
6. New doors for wastewater plant. Tabled.
7. New and accurate meters for the city. Steven counted 365 meters. 10 year loan with 5% interest, no payment for first year. Provide GPS locates with installation. Hopper not operating correctly. Brad gray said we should repair other things in the city. Motion made by Darrell Seidel, no second. Motion failed.
8. Banning homemade trash cans- tabled.
9. City wide clean up scheduled for April 7-9. Motion by Torrance McLain, seconded by Darrell Seidel and unanimously passed.
10. Revisit city hall hour change- motion by Darrell Seidel. Failed.

Speaker Kayla Gray- spoke about secretary.

11. Lawn mower and trailer for mowing. Torrance McLain made motion to choose Courier 52" for \$5300.00 and 6x8 trailer from TSC for \$1700.00. Will need a weed eater and a push mower. Brad Gray seconded and unanimously passed.
12. Second reading for MVFD sign. Motion by Brad Gray, seconded by Torrance McLain and unanimously passed.
13. Stop signs previously approved.
14. Cardinal street ditches and culverts that MVFD were to blow out. Brandon Irby suggested a letter to residents before blow out. Motion made by Brad Gray, seconded by Torrance McLain and unanimously passed.
15. Closed session interviewing candidate for maintenance position.
16. Open session accepting new maintenance person . Probation 90 days. Motion to accept made by Darrell Seidel, seconded by Brad Gray and unanimously passed.

Next City Council meeting set for April 11, 2023 @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm Motion made by Darrell Seidel, seconded by Brad Gray and unanimously accepted.