

**City of McCaysville**  
Regular Mayor & Council  
**August 8, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of McCaysville Mayor & Council was held on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023**, with Mayor Thomas Seabolt presiding.

**Council Members Present**

Gilita Carter  
Larry Collis  
Sue Beaver  
Jason Woody  
Susan Kiker

Mayor Seabolt opened the meeting with prayer.

The July minutes were approved on a motion by Carter and a second by Woody.

The August bills were approved on a motion by Carter and a second by Beaver.

***New Business***

A resolution extending the water tap moratorium was presented and read by Councilman Woody. Woody then made a motion to approve the moratorium extension, seconded by Kiker. Motion carried with none opposed.

Council member Carter presented and gave a second reading of Budget Ordinance No. 23-08-08 for fiscal year 2024. After the reading, Carter made a motion to adopt the budget with the following change: Increase the Police Chief's salary to \$75,000/year. Motion was seconded by Woody. Motion carried, with none opposed.

Mayor Seabolt asked for discussion on park regulations and fees. Council member Sue Beaver said she had called about rental fees at Meeks Park and suggested \$75 for pavilion rentals. There were several suggestions made before agreeing on 3-hour interval charges or an all-day fee. Signage and regulations were also discussed. A motion was made by Carter to charge \$30 at 3-hour intervals, beginning at 10, 2 and 6 or \$75 for all day (either pavilion). Motion seconded by Woody. Motion carried, with none opposed.

*Old Business* None

**City Attorney**

Ms. Stuart asked about the house that was up for demolition. Mayor Seabolt stated that the cost was too high at \$16,500 and suggested putting that on hold for now.

**City Clerk**

Time to set the 2023 tax millage rate for September meeting.

**Police Chief**

Chief Earley gave his monthly stats. Earley gave his report on a bid for fencing and fence posts on the fencing on the retaining walls, a flagpole where the monument stood, and the GDOT bridge project.

Regarding the grant for public safety employees, Earley asked the council to officially hire Nathan Daugherty and Eric Fears to fill those positions to be paid for through the grant funds for the next five (5) years. Councilwoman Kiker moved to approve hiring the two officers, seconded by Larry Collis. Motion carried.

Earley asked about the fence between the city park and the current homeowner. Council member Woody asked to consider a split rail fence. No action was taken.

Officer Collogan spoke to the council about some needed supplies for field drug testing during traffic stops, including infrared testing. Collogan explained the need to stay proactive.

**Public Comments**

*Scheduled:* DAR representative

Jennifer Anderson, the Chapter Regent of Daughters of the American Revolution presented the council with information on their organization and asked to plant a Liberty tree at the newly renovated City Park. She explained they would do a program during the planting and presentation. A motion to approve the tree planting and presentation was made by Kiker, seconded by Carter and carried.

Mayor Seabolt spoke to the council about the GDOT project. He stated that according to Nathan Howell, an area manager with GDOT, there will be two sidewalks, one on each side of the road. He said they had sent an invoice for utility betterment in the amount of \$238,500 that needed to be paid also. On a motion by Woody and a second by Carter, the invoice was approved for payment.

With no further business or commentary, Mayor Seabolt adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Thomas Seabolt, Mayor

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Nancy Godfrey, City Clerk

