

Mayor: Toby Strom * City Clerk/Treasurer: Melissa Finseth

Minutes

April 9, 2025

The meeting of the McIntosh City Council was called to order by Mayor Toby Strom at 5:30 PM
Wednesday April 9, 2025

Present: Toby Strom, Luke Syverson, Beth Hagen, Adam Strutz, Mark Simonson

Poplar Meadows Committee Member: Rebecca Boehrsen – Licensed Director for Poplar Meadows of McIntosh

Guests: Phil Lee, Sabrina Strutz

1) Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Hagen to approve the March 13, 2025 minutes. Passed and carried.

2) MEDA and Poplar Meadows Committee Reports:

Poplar Meadows Committee member Boehrsen reported there are currently 22 residents at Poplar Meadows with five open apartments.

Ms. Boehrsen and the Council discussed annual wage increases. Motion by Councilmember Hagen to approve a 4% increase for Poplar Meadows staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember Strutz and carried.

Motion by Councilmember Syverson to raise service rates beginning June 1, 2025. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the submitted claims for Poplar Meadows in the amount of \$80,578.23. Motion seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

3) The Council discussed the next steps to build a road along the Reese lots. The quote from Moore Engineering for roadwork is estimated to be \$257,157.00. Roadwork and utility installation is estimated to be \$971,500.00. The Council considered the more cost-effective option of hiring a local contractor to build a gravel road, until it becomes necessary to install utilities where the road would need to be built to specs; at which time grant funding will be applied for. No immediate work will be done as more information is needed before a decision can be made.

4) Approval to sign the mosquito control contract and pay the 2025 property taxes were given.

5) Phil Lee was in attendance to go over a proposal to install a new pitching mound and expand the infield at Centennial Park. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,862.50. Volunteers would cover all labor costs. Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the project and seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

6) Melissa Finseth informed the Council that as of April 7, 2025, the US Postal Service will no longer accept the post card style utility bills, with the perforated half, due to their high-speed equipment being unable to keep the bills intact. Since the utility bill will no longer be in that form, the postage rate could increase which means there may need to be an additional fee assessed each month to the residents. In the meantime, the City Clerk will look for more cost-effective billing options for the Council to approve.

7) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$17,447.30. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hagen and carried.

8) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to adjourn at 6:42. Motion seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.