CITY COUNCIL  
City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas  
Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2019  

The City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at City Hall, 1371 West FM 550, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, with the following members present:

Keith Short  
Adrienne Balkum  
Scott Turnbull  
Jim Bloom  
James Herren  
Herman Larkin  

Mayor  
Council Member  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Council Member (Absent)  
Council Member  
Councilmember  

Staff Present:  
Lisa Palomba  
City Attorney  

City Administrator/City Secretary  
Michael Halla  

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Short called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Council Member Herren delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

3. Mayor Short announced the Rules of Decorum are in place and are to be observed throughout the meeting.

4. Citizen Comments

Jody Wright, 1513 Barrolo Dr., I would like to address Item 6.2 – Citizen Survey. I would like to express my opposition to this survey. I totally disagree with the necessity and the timing of this survey. I believe that this survey is being supported by Council Members Turnbull and Balkum only for their own political posturing. We do not have the financial means to complete another useless, non-transparent, and quite frankly, horribly written survey. Council, if you really want to know what the citizens think, hold an open forum where we can actually talk openly with one another. That’s free, 100%. In closing, as a citizen, I am, quite frankly, over the games, so I will show up. As a citizen, I will not be bullied with the stalking and videoing of my house. So, I will rise up. As a citizen, I will not turn a blind eye to your continued, utter disregard and complete disrespect for what your citizens are asking for. So, I will speak up and I will do everything I can to ensure that the two of you are not re-elected. So, I will speak up.
Lorna Kipphut, 31 Fireside, I think it is unbecoming of our city council when last night Mr. Turnbull slandered the reputation of the City accountant stating, and I quote, "I believe there has been the possibility of mistakes being hidden", with no evidence offered to support his claim. In fact, just two weeks ago the audit and budget were presented to the Council and no such allegations were made or line items questioned. The City Administrator recommended to the Council the extension of the current CPA contract for continuity purposes. This recommendation was ignored. Mr. Herren acknowledged last night the reason no citizens come to Council meetings is apathy. This is because we are tired of watching Council Members berate each other, ignore recommendations from the City Staff and in general forgetting that you work for us. Yes, there is a silent majority out there and they voted for change last year. This year there are hundreds more who are tired of the continued lack of transparency and the bullying tactics that are on display. This is not public apathy, it is outrage and frustration. Our City fore-fathers would be ashamed of what went on last night. Mr. Moss, Mr. Klutz, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Lovell, and Mr. Hatfield, to name just a few, dedicated years of their lives so the City of McLendon-Chisholm could prosper and reflect the members of this community. Their hopes and aspirations were that a younger generation could carry on and bring our City to the next level. We should not let them down. Thank you.

Frankie Pooladsanj, 1506 Corrara Dr., I got to read some interesting stories in the Rockwall Herald Banner and one thing that I have learned in my career is that you don’t slander your partners next to you. That’s what your executive sessions are for. You have disagreements and you talk to them about it behind those closed doors to your right, to your left, and behind you. But doing it publicly, that shows your character. It shows your cowardness. That’s ugly. Is that what McLendon-Chisholm is about? Is that what you guys represent? Lack of transparency, I read that too. You record me, I’m recording you. A lot of people are seeing it, a lot more people on my Facebook than yours, than your social media are going to see this. We’re tired of it. We are going to prove that again May 4th. Thank you.

5. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

5.1 January 8, 2019

Council Member Balkum made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 against (Bloom absent).

5.2 February 15, 2019

Council Member Balkum made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

Council Member Herren seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 against (Bloom absent).
the Chief directly to see what is available. Lisa, if you are in contact with her and she has stuff to put on the website, then go ahead. She may also be available to give a professional presentation.

6.7. Public Statement by Council Member Turnbull regarding statements made during the March 12, 2019 Citizen Comments portion of the Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated that on March 12 during the citizen comments, a citizen attributed a quote to me and that quote is:

"I think it is unbecoming of our city council when they slandered the reputation of the City accountant stating, and I quote, "I believe there has been the possibility of mistakes being hidden", with no evidence offered to support his claim. In fact, just two weeks ago the audit and budget were presented to the Council and no such allegations were made or line items questioned...."

What I actually said:

Council Member Larkin asked Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull if he was recommending Judd, Thomas.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull answered yes and no. Am I recommending them, if I was choosing them without know their price, the answer is yes. I do believe they offer things Ray's company doesn't. Also, Ray has been with us a long time. That's good, but it's also bad in some ways. In accounting practices, you don't keep the same people all the time, it leads to the possibilities of things being hidden, I'll put it that way.

If you believe that audits are infallible I invite you to do this google search:

Dixon Illinois and Rita A. Crundwell.

You will find out why Dixon won a 40 million settlement against its auditors.

6.8. 2018-2019 Citizen Survey and Second Direct Mail Notice: Discussion and action regarding printing costs of the postal card for a second printing reorder of a combined list of registered voters and property owners excluding those who have completed the survey. Council Member Balkum will provide print and postcard stamps costs. The City Administrator will be directed to label, stamp and mail reminder postal cards with drop date for distribution to the U.S. Postal Service.

Council Member Balkum reported that in January, we approved two mailings. One thing we need to do is make sure we pull out the ones that already responded. The City Administrator has been doing that and to my knowledge we have a count of 90.

City Administrator Palomba stated that doesn't account for the cards returned.