

WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016, 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weirton, Hancock and Brooke Counties, West Virginia was held on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Weirton Municipal Building.

Councilmembers in Attendance:

Tim Connell	Councilmember Ward 1
Charles Wright	Councilmember Ward 2
Fred S. Marsh	Councilmember Ward 3
George E. Ash, Sr.	Councilmember Ward 4
Douglas L. Jackson	Councilmember Ward 5
Enzo Fracasso	Councilmember Ward 6
Terry Weigel	Councilmember Ward 7

City Officials in Attendance:

Rob Alexander	Police Chief
Regina Anderson	Planning & Development Director
Travis Blosser	City Manager
Vince Gurrera	City Attorney
Bruce Lamp	Interim Chief Code Official
Thomas J. Maher, Jr.	Finance Director
A.D. Mastrantoni	Utilities Director
Rik Rekowski	Library Director
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director
Jerry Shumate	Fire Chief

Mayor Miller led everyone in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Marsh to approve the minutes of the:

March 7, 2016 Regular Meeting

The motion passed, 7/0

A motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Fracasso to approve the minutes of the:

March 23, 2016 Special Meeting

The motion passed, 7/0

Mayors Awards and Proclamations:

Mayor Harold Miller presented Lyndon "Sarge" Allman with a Proclamation from the City of Weirton honoring him for his dedicated military service for our country.

Citizens Remarks:

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

I Spoke to several of you personally, some on the phone and some in person with my concerns with what is going on up on Marland Heights at 4040 Palisades Drive. Many of you know that Victor Greco lived there for many years, and he is no longer there. I heard that when it first happened. I started seeing activity at the house and dumpsters out front. I thought they were getting the house ready to sell. I come to find out that the property was sold to members of what where at one time the WAPA Board. Since finding that out and keeping tabs what is going on there, traffic is in and out of there non-stop. In the morning and early hours, there is multiple cars coming in. They meet and head out at some point, and in the middle of the day there is nobody there. Later in the evening cars are congregating again. People coming in with orange and yellow florescent work vests walking around, people coming in with computers. A lot of time the front is open, and you can see people with computers sitting around a big table working. Complaints from neighbors and I am speaking on behalf of several of the neighbors that I spoke with, have asked me to come down. So I am not just a vigilante with a mission. There are multiple plates from New York, Maryland, South Carolina, Kansas, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio as well. Not just Weirton, Follansbee, Wellsburg area all parts of the State. I am sure most of you are somewhat familiar of what the Port Authority is or was. They are running there whatever you want to call it they are running their "business" out of the residential house there. I can assure you they are not meeting for crumpets and coffee. They are there running a business. I spoke with some of the neighbors. We are sick of the constant traffic in and out of there. They have in turn surveyed the property, and our fear is that they are going to build something. I have been told by different people throughout the City they are not allowed to build there. It is not zoned for that, but they are not allowed to run a business out of there. It is my understanding some progress is being made to try to resolve or stop some of this. I want to express my concern and the neighbors concern that I spoke with to try to get something done to alleviate this. If you have any questions that you have for me, I was asked to take pictures and I did take pictures of people in the orange vests and cars from Kansas and all over.

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

Do you reside there?

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

I live directly next door. If you are looking at 4040 I own the house to the left.

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

When you see the cars there are the cars from out of the area?

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

Yes, there are a few locals.

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

You notice anyone residing in that house?

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

No, when the business convenes at the end of the day there was one car parked there for an extended period, it finally did get taken out of there.

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

Is anyone conducting business there?

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

Yes, absolutely

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

You have other neighbors that are willing to talk to you, and that they would be willing to say the same thing.

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

Absolutely

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

How about today?

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

I left early this morning to go to Willis County. I was in Willis County all day when I left this morning there was two vehicles there. There was one vehicle that passed me near the Fire Department on Marland Heights heading that way. I know that because I recognized the plates. My wife, I asked her, what went on today she did work out of the house today she said there was four or five vehicles there. I did not see that. Obviously I believe what she tells me but I cannot say that I saw that.

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

Have you turned your photographs over to Regina Anderson?

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

I sent the one photograph the other night, Friday I think it was. When I left, there was eight or nine vehicles there. I went down to umpire a game, and my dad called me

thought I was home then said was eleven or twelve cars there. He took pictures. The one guy came out and confronted him, and started yelling what are you doing. He took the picture and went on. We are not talking two cars. We are talking a dozen cars lined all way from the dead end section around the turn clear up to the corner and in the driveway.

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

If you would be kind enough to get a list of the neighbors that you talked to, any photographs that you guys have, and contact information and get those over to Regina Anderson. Regina are you o.k. with collecting that?

Regina Anderson – Planning & Development Director

I do have some information. Is there any other information?

Steve Himmelrick–100 Westview Place – (4040 Palisades Drive – Port Authority)

We are right about 20 different plates that we have written down so again it is not two or three residents. It is not a resident.

Nothing else! Thank You.

Steve Lauck – 101 Powers Road - Relay for Life Proclamation

Hello Everyone Good Evening Thank you for your time. I have here, Mr. Mayor if you would not mind reading, The Proclamation for the Brooke/Hancock Counties Relay for Life American Cancer Society. Which is our charity event that kicks off on June 4th, Follansbee Middle School, if you would not mind reading our Proclamation please.

Mayor Harold Miller

If we can, prepare one through the City and I can present it to you.

Steve Lauck – 101 Powers Road - Relay for Life Proclamation

That would be fine.

Mayor Harold Miller

Please give to the City Clerk.

Steve Lauck – 101 Powers Road - Relay for Life Proclamation

Thank you very much.

Rhonda Stubbs – CASA – CDBG – Monies

I am Rhonda Stubbs with the CASA one of the CDBG applicants, and wanted to take a minute and thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak. Obviously, I know the City Council has major difficult decisions to make regarding how the CDBG Funds are allocated, and I acknowledge that. As one of the recipients who is going to be possibly cut I feel that it is also my obligation to come and make my pitch one more time. We do value all the CDBG money that we have gotten over the years, and we appreciate the opportunity to apply for them and receive them and are very grateful to have those in our budget utilized. For most of the history of our organization, we have served Brooke and Hancock

County for 16 years. Almost historically throughout our period of time of our agency being open, each year the City of Weirton children are over 50% of the kids we serve. It is one of the major portions of our kids that we are serving. Last year we served 225 children and over 112 of them were City of Weirton kids. It is a massive portion of our kids that we are serving. I understand that you have to make a difficult decisions about how all those dollars are spent, but I do believe in investing not only in our roads and our infrastructure but also our children and people of our community. We as CASA are serving those children, and just like winter, that can be fairly rough and tear up the roads and no ones fault at all. The children our program is seeing and serving are the collateral damage of the heroine epidemic of no fault of their own. I do appreciate if we don't get cut down to zero, obviously that is fantastic and we do appreciate that. I felt compelled to come and make my pitch one more time as you do your consideration. Does anyone have any questions?

I did want to note in the work session when Councilman Ash did say if you are going to make difficult choices in cutting social services and non-profit organizations I would please... please it does take us a good deal of time to prepare the applications, and if you are cutting social service agencies entirely, I would please heed Mr. Ash's suggestion, and would not even open it up for applicants. Obviously, we would want to be able to apply to get money. It is a time consuming process, so if you have to cut social services agencies I would completely agree with Mr. Ash. Don't even open the door. Does anyone have any questions?

Thank You.

Earlene Jones – CDBG Funds – Dunbar Recreation Center

I am here on behalf of the Dunbar Recreation Center we were also one of the CDBG Services that was cut this year. I appeal to each one of you gentlemen please do not cut our funding this is something for our children on Weir Avenue. We may be small, but we do represent Weir Avenue. We are hoping that you do not and reconsider considering us to receive our funding for the CDBG. I am not giving you a long spill I am just asking you to please consider us again for the CDBG fund.

Communications:

Mayor Harold Miller

I did want to announce that this is Library week, and we do not have a Proclamation. We will get a Proclamation announcing that it is Library week. We do want to make that announcement.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

A special Council Meeting April 19th at 10 AM, Levy Rates

Mayor Harold Miller

A few weeks back Councilman Jackson, some of the residents of Marland Heights, along with the baseball team from Madonna High School got together and cleaned up the road way and we really appreciate that. Getting the boys together with the team to get a resolution and certificates for individual boys during baseball season practice is difficult. We have achieved that, and we finally got a list of the young men. We are going to present them with certificates and proclamation to the school. It may be on their grounds before they go out to practice one afternoon depending on your schedule Doug, really when you are available. Just want to make that announcement since I think there are some residents from Marland Heights.

Councilman Wright

I appreciate the efforts of Councilman Jackson and the Madonna Baseball Team and anybody else that participated. That is the kind of thing you need. Community involvement and keeping your community clean and that was a good thing Really was.

Mayor Harold Miller

I was going to kick off the cleanup for the spring because we really did not have bad weather and a young lady wants Culler Road cleanup, and someone is talking to me about Cove Road cleanup. So it will be a gathering of people together, and we have the safety equipment to do that.

Request by Council to convene into Executive Session consistent with WV Code 6-9-A-4-A(9) to consider personnel matters.

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1989. Ordinance to the Amendment No. 766 To the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214 of the City of Weirton to establish double yellow lines in center of Walnut Street as well as No Parking signs along left side of Walnut Street (North Side) next to Library down to Library Parking Lot (Councilman Ash)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Fracasso
Motion passed 7/0

2. Ordinance Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1990. Ordinance to the Amendment No. 767 To the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214 of the City of Weirton to establish signs

“Parking Restricted to 1 Hour from 8 am to 5 pm” on both sides of Main Street starting at Main Street and Cove Road Intersection ending at Main Street and Taylor Intersection (Councilman Ash)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Connell

Motion passed 7/0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to Enter into Contract for Purchase of New Telephone System for the City of Weirton (\$60,226.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Fracasso, second by Councilman Wright

Question – Councilman Ash

The City Manager stated no more after three years. Does that mean we are going to have pay \$60,000.00 every three years to keep the service.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

No, the warranty will be on the phones itself.

Councilman Ash

Will we have to buy phones every three years?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

No we don't expect our phones to go dead after three years.

Councilman Ash

We did not expect these phones to go dead after 50 years.

Mayor Harold Miller

I would like to say something about our phone system in this building. I have been a Mayor for 10 months I haven't used the phone because I don't know how to use that crank. They should of taken these phones out 30 years ago, and we are going to move in a completely different direction with this new system I want the citizens to understand this. This phone system will track calls coming in here. When you have a complaint and it will follow that call through the whole system until it is resolved. It is going to be one heck of a system. I can't wait for it to get in. I wanted it from the very beginning.

Councilman Jackson

Can I bring something up on behalf of all Councilmen is there any way we can get a voice mail or a phone line. Everybody knows what I do for a living, your in the middle of surgery, your phone is ringing, and pick it up and say hello and they say Councilman Jackson, Margie's dog is barking next door, and I got a brain in my hand. How many of us are using our own cell

phones, our minutes, and own dollar and cents. We get \$80.00 a month, and it does not pay for your phone bill. Is there any way when calls are coming in, and Gina forwards a call, and some Lady wants to burn down Marland Heights because there is noise coming from Half Moon. If they put that in Councilman Jackson's mailbox or Mr. Ash's mailbox we can call in and get our messages.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

To be completely frank with you the capabilities.

Councilman Jackson

Can we utilize the capabilities?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Yes we can.

Councilman Jackson

Gentlemen do you agree? Saturday night your out to dinner with somebody and your phone is blowing up because somebodies trash can is in your driveway.

Councilman Ash

Is the Autonomous Board going to pay their share?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Yes, the \$60,000.00 is our share. We are not asking you to approve their portion.

Vince Gurerra – City Attorney

Their portion?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

There is a separate selling portion. If you look at the certificate there is two separate breakdowns. We broke down the portion of the allotment for each specific entity so our portion is specifically broken down for us.

Councilman Weigel

I will speak for the boards, but as Travis talked about it in there, the cost savings on the monthly savings that we will have makes it a no brainer. We will recoup it in less than a year.

Councilman Ash

I guess the other question is has the other boards agreed to this?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Technically, they can keep their phone system if they wanted too. They do not have to go to this system. I think it would be ludicrous in my opinion, but they do not have to go to this system if they do not want too. Some of the boards, for instance Water, are already on their own system because it is cheaper than the system we are currently on. They are on a separate system already, and have been, but when you are paying right now the cities general fund is paying \$6,000 to \$8,000 a month compared to \$1,800 a month. I think it is no brainer in terms of the monthly billing cycle what you are expected to pay.

Councilman Jackson

I have to ask, here we go, we want to buy this system twice, if the Park Board or the Library Board is going to be billed \$25,000 for their portion then the City will have to give them \$25,000 so they can just pay it back to us again so actually we are buying the system twice.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

I think they would have to come to you for the money.

Councilman Jackson

They are not coming to me. They are coming to the taxpayers. Here we go again.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

They would have to come to you City Council to ask for the fund to be able to purchase this stuff. You have not allocated any dollars for them to purchase it. That hasn't been a discussion we had with them.

Councilman Ash

May I interject something? You asked a question, and I am going to tell you what is going to happen. You are going to be obligated without even being obligated to do it. We pass this we are going to have to turn around and give them the money to pay for it. Their boards are going to come back and say they do not have any money to do it.

Vince Gurrera – City Attorney

What is the cost of the total system?

Councilman Ash

We have a member of the Library Board here. Do you have the money to pay for this?

Rik Rekowski – Library Director

We would have to review this.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Your total cost for the system is approximately somewhere around \$85,000. Essentially they are already paying higher than normal billings. Their savings they would realize for their billings on the month would certainly make up for what they would pay from their capital to purchase into the system for themselves. As I said, they do not have to buy into the system. If we move forward with the system they keep their current phones they pay their current bills as they are currently allowed to pay. They do not move forward with the phone system, they stay with what they have and they pay their current bills as they have budgeted for and it is that simple. But if they chose to do it, they save money and that savings pays for their phone system in my opinion.

Councilman Ash

What I would like to suggest, first off, with the Autonomy Boards that they would not come back and ask us for the money. So therefore, until that happens, I am asking it to be Tabled until we get that done.

Motion was made to Table by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Fracasso
Motion passed 6/1

Travis Blosser – City Manager

I don't think we are going to have an issue with the quote. Look in your fiscal year item and you will have to do some jiggering in the next fiscal if it moves into that.

Councilman Ash

My suggestion is do not bring it back to Council until the Autonomy Boards meet.

Council Connell

Is it possible that we can have the Autonomous Boards put it in writing, and then we can vote on the meeting on the 19th?

Councilman Ash

Sure, as long as there is 10 days between and it is advertised.

Councilman Jackson

If there could be a very simple spreadsheet and again I am not the obstructionist I am just a numbers guy. There could be a spreadsheet very simply prepared that shows where the city is going to save money. Every Councilmen here wants to save money we are all behind every effort to modernize. We want to have voice mail phone systems being in the modern age. We just need to be able physically and tangibly see how we are going to be saving money. If we are going to be spending \$80,000.00 to save \$50,000.00 we just need to be able to see that. I don't see that here. So I agree with Councilman Ash.

2. Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of one (1) 2015 Worldlawn Tractor, 52" Deck for the Street Department at Public Works (\$5,925.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Marsh
Motion passed 7/0

3. Resolution Adopting a Policy regarding requests for Public Records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the City of Weirton (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Connell
Motion passed 7/0

Councilman Ash

Why do we have this? I know it is State Law. We have to vote on it?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Essentially any policy that we put in place I like to bring before you all to make sure that Council approves the policy that we are following by. You will have a purchasing policy that hopefully will be before you all in May.

4. Resolution to enter into Agreement for Maintenance and Support for LiveScan Station Ruggedized Software for Weirton Police Department (\$4,830.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Jackson

Motion passed 7/0

5. Resolution to Authorize Revisions to the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget (City Manager)

Motion was made to Table by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Jackson

Motion passed 6/1

Councilman Marsh

In this Budget revision is the \$90,000.00 for the Pensions.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Yes

Councilman Marsh

Travis, would you explain to everybody here what you did with the finance amount why \$90,000.00 and not \$200,000.00?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

We did \$90,000.00 and not \$200,000.00 based on conversation that Tom and I had with Blair Taylor at the Pension Oversight Board Office. If we essentially hit a number which was \$116,000.00 approximately, it would trigger COLA adjustments. Our goal has to be finding a long term solution to the actual funding Liability issue and our opinion that would just dig the hole deeper rather than before we find a long term solution so our thing was let's put additional funding in there which helps putting additional funding for the fund to invest with the fund starts doing well in terms of its investment. They can give those COLA adjustments which we want to see those COLA happen but we do not dig the fund deeper before we can find that long term solution. We felt that was a prudent approach in terms of recommendation, I know, we had talked about that even before hand, through conversation, that Tom and I had, we also sent a memo out to you all as well to your packets details with that information as well in terms of that thought process we were having in terms of that recommendation. So that is based on why we made that recommendation to you all through this revision.

Councilman Ash

\$116,000?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

We were cautioned on that actuarial adjustment.

Councilman Ash

You had this discussion with Blair Taylor?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Blair Taylor is who we had spoken with Yes.

Councilman Ash

Don't they get a call every year anyhow 7%.

Tom Maher – Finance Director

No, you make an additional 7% contribution each year based on the current funding process made by the City. That is all based on alternative method of funding, which we satisfy that and actually supersede satisfying that almost every year. So what this does this is an additional amount over on top of that amount. We are only required to go with the alternative funding method 7% on the required amount each year. Even if you contribute more this year that additionally contribution is not taken into account. It will revert back to the required amount and you take 7% on top of that.

Councilman Ash

With your permission I would like to ask Captain Stead a question.

Captain Stead did you or anybody even know about this change?

Captain Stead

We saw it in the paper today.

Councilman Ash

What is your opinion?

Captain Stead

My opinion is, if I may ask a question of Mr. Blosser and Tom, do you know what the actual COLA adjustment would be added on to next year?

Tom Maher – Finance Director

The information is not been received yet. If the COLA is to be granted the actuary will supply a letter to the Municipalities at that time so now we do not know the number we based our estimations on last year figure.

Captain Stead

We did have a conversation with Mr. Taylor from the Pension Oversight Board and we had information that we did not know about the COLA adjustment is based on the first \$15,000.00 that each individual Officer's pension is paid and we figured it out to be about \$10,000.00. So we are looking at a \$10,000.00 increase next year in the COLA, which means that \$190,000.00 is going in the pension fund still. And we have the actuary report done. Councilman Marsh has spoken with the individuals out in Chicago, and the recommendation was \$300,000.00 a year

every year to keep the funds from going bankrupt. We came up with \$200,000.00 to cover it or at least put money into it.

Councilman Ash

Correct me if I am wrong, but Red and I sat down with the Board. Is that Mr. Taylor that we had talking to him on the phone.

Captain Stead

Yes

Councilman Ash

And my understanding was if you put \$1.00/\$90.00 that they automatically will come back to ask for COLAs forever.

Captain Stead

There is a threshold on the number that Mr. Blosser stressed. Once you pass the \$116,000.00 under State Code, there is a COLA adjustment.

Councilman Ash

Why was there a discussion about retirees coming and asking for COLA adjustments since they have been retired 20 years because if we give \$1.00 more that is what happens.

Captain Stead

The number is \$116,000.00 for the COLA adjustment kicks in. Why I would venture to say that the retirees were asking for COLA adjustments, they have not had one in 10 years. I believe the State Code mandates the COLA adjustment after a certain point of an extra contribution, which because these gentlemen are ok social security.

Councilman Ash

Are we getting any money at all for this if we automatically have to pay COLA to individuals that request it?

Councilman Marsh

In Huntington it seems to be poacher on it.

Councilman Ash

So if we give \$1.00 or \$90,000.00 we could get nailed for it? That is how I understood it.

Councilman Marsh

That is what I understood but now we are hearing.....

Travis Blosser – City Manager

That is not our conversation with Blair King that we had, and based on the information we received from our actuarial accounts.

Tom Maher – Finance Director

Each year you have a minimum amount that you must contribute to be able to receive the State Insurance allocation the full State money. We always contribute that amount on occasion we will contribute more to make sure we get that amount. We want all the State Funds that go into the pension and we want to get them as quickly as possible into that fund and to get them invested. The issue then becomes there is now an additional amount that has to be met, which will allow the fund to extend COLA's to the members. That is the \$116,00.00 amount in this case. I am not sure about the dollar figure that you mentioned.

Councilman Ash

Mr. Taylor put this in writing?

Tom Maher – Finance Director

It is actually provided in the Pension Report that we distributed to City Council.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

I have a copy if you would like to see a copy.

Councilman Ash

These are all things we should have way in advance. I get a packet on Friday night and expect to know all this on Monday. Councilman Ash made a motion to Table.

Councilman Jackson

Mr. Mayor If I may speak with Mr. Ash's statement. My very first day of Council I sat here and somebody from Transit wanted \$7,500.00, and I asked for what and nobody could answer me. And I got railroaded to the newspaper and every other dam publication that could. How dare Councilman Jackson not give them \$7,500.00, and all I asked for was why. And I talked privately to each and every one of you. Most of you and I said anything over X amount of dollars we should be given a 30 day window to research it. I was told no. I was told some are time sensitive issues. No, this is time sensitive tax payer money that we decide on a daily basis. We get these packets on a Friday night and Monday we are due to vote on them. The thousands of dollars that pass through our desk in 72 hours and we have no time because it is a weekend to research them. So again, going back to my very first Council Meeting as a newly elected Councilman and I brought that up, I asked for it to be a 30 day window anything over X amount of dollars that we can all decide on can we have 30 days to research things. So this type of stuff doesn't happen because there is going to come a time when it is a pressing issue when we have to vote and we can make an exception for that. That was a proposal to solve the time sensitive issues.

Councilman Ash

I would ask the City Manager to write a Resolution for next Council Meeting that we do that and get the amount Doug of what you think is X amount of dollars is.

Councilman Jackson

In my company, we match anything over what the City Manager is allotted to spend or the City Attorney is allowed to spend. What are you allowed to spend before you come to Council \$4,999.99. Anything over that amount, I believe, should have a 30 day window so we can do our due diligence. We operate at a very litigious society now. Our votes or not having all the

information as you just demonstrated could lead us into something that we don't ever want to go into.

Councilman Ash

I would also like back to this

Mayor Harold Miller

We tabled the motion. I just want to reply to his comments. Managers make a note of that, and I think we talked about that. I remember specifically though and we can take a look at what we can do to outline some policy procedure to do that. We will look at the dollar amount.

Councilman Jackson

I don't want to tie the City Managers hands or your hands or the Attorney's hands. We have to run a City so you don't have to come to Council every single time you have to pay a bill. But anything like this, Council should be given the appropriate respect for them to do their due diligence. I rest.

6. Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of a 2016 Ford F550 4x4 Regular Cab/Chassis, for the Street Department at Public Works (\$46,477.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Jackson

Motion passed 7/0

7. Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of a Dump Body, Hoist, Snow Plow and Spreader, for the Street Department at Public Works (\$31,424.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Wright

Motion passed 7/0

8. Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of a Elgin Whirlwind Street Sweeper, for the Street Department at Public Works (\$274,495.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Fracasso

Motion passed 7/0

9. Resolution to Enter into Professional Services Contract for Website Design and Hosting with CivicPlus (\$45,430.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Fracasso

Motion passed 6/1

Councilman Ash

Question, on the next two resolutions we are going to spend \$72,000.00 or more and we can't hire people to work the garbage trucks on a full time basis.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

On Resolution number 9 the \$45,430.00 is coming from your Economic Development Fund, and Resolution number 10 is coming from TIF Funds. Both of which can be used for certain categorized items. Both of these items we believe are specific items those can be used especially given the discussions with bond Council Item number 10 that item can be used for that and given discussions that we had over the Website that is a Community Development tool it can be used for that Economic Development fund as well. Those are funds that could be used for that specific item.

Councilman Jackson

I raised the same questions that Mr. Blosser had very quickly, and read verbatim the actual. I am on the same page, and then I logged on and did my own research and Mr. Blosser is exactly right.

10. Resolution to Enter into Agreement with Pompan Hospitality Global, Inc. to perform a Market Study relating to the Viability of a Hotel/Conference Center Development within the TIF District (\$28,000.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Jackson

Motion passed 6/1

11. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Northern Panhandle Home Consortium for the Period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Fracasso, second by Councilman Connell

Motion passed 7/0

BHJ – MPC

APPOINTMENT: (1 Community At-Large)

Mike Chek

A motion was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Connell

Motion passed 7/0

APPOINTMENT: (2 Hall of Fame)

Jeannie Duffy

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, second by Councilman Wright
Motion passed 7/0

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Alexander

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Utilities – Water and Sewer – A. D. Mastrantoni

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Code Department – Bruce Lamp

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Fire Department – Chief Shumate

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Library – Rik Rekowski

April 11, 2016 the library will be celebrating National Library week. The Library Board is encouraging patrons to bring back their books fine free. During National Library week, information on the significance of American Public Libraries will be given out. The Amazing Race will occur on May 3 before the next council meeting. There will be eight counties in the top of West Virginia and non-profits doing a fundraiser on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from midnight to midnight. The Library Board encourages participation and awareness. Eight-five local non-profits are encouraged to participate. On Thursday, April 14, 2016, the Family Resource Network is doing a ASAP program on marijuana. The public is invited to attend.

Public Works – Rod Rosnick

Four months for Sweeper.

Park & Recreation – Terry Weigel

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Finances— Thomas Maher

General Fund Cash Report for March 2016

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$3,009,596.78
Interest on Checking:	\$786.98
Deposits:	\$1,153,852.85
Draw-downs on Investment:	\$0.00
Disbursements:	\$1,065,060.41
Deposits to Investments:	\$0.00
Ending Cash Balance:	\$3,099,176.20
Beginning Investment Balance:	\$0.00
Interest on Investments:	\$0.00
Investment Proceeds:	\$0.00
Change in Value:	\$0.00
Deposits:	\$0.00
Withdraws:	\$0.00
Ending Investment Balance:	\$0.00
Petty Cash:	\$800.00
Total Cash and Investments Available:	\$3,099,976.20

Three (3) Additional Bills to be paid.

Councilman Ash

What are the three invoices?

Tom Maher – Finance Director

Roush Equipment Company \$6,780.52

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Repair of the paver.

Councilman Ash

Has it been repaired?

Travis Blosser – City Manager

It is being repaired as we speak.

Councilman Ash

The paver is being repaired as we speak?

Rod Rosnick – Public Works Director

Yes

Councilman Ash

So you put it out to bid and you put it before Council approves it.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

The parts are being ordered. You have only one qualified person who had those parts in the area. You don't have any other person who meets requirements for those parts for that paver.

Councilman Ash

You don't spend over \$5,000.00 until you come to Council. You don't put it out there.

Travis Blosser – City Manager

At the same time the parts have not gotten here yet.

Councilman Ash

What is the second one.

Tom Maher – Finance Director

Municipal Signs and Sales - \$8,040.50

This is stock inventory – sales order

The Omni Associates - \$15,900.00

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Model for the Gilson Avenue Fire Station.

Motion was made to pay the bills by Council Fracasso and second by Councilman Connell

Motion passed 7/0

Councilman Jackson

May I ask since we are spending money buying all this equipment or have the budget workshop every Councilmen here was given a list of all these beat up trucks that we owned and all this dilapidated equipment. I suggested that we sell all the bad stuff so we can have some good stuff. Where are we on the sale of the bad stuff? Have we contacted an auction company or are we selling anything or are we opening it up to the City first before we go to auction. Where do we stand on this? We need to get the money coming back in. It is all going out. Where do we stand on it? Anybody

Travis Blosser – City Manager

Some of that will be sold as some of your new equipment comes on board, which are trucks that are budgeted and some of that will be liquidated. Part of that process, I don't think,

we will go with an auction company. At first, I think, they will try to put that out locally some local individuals will have access to that first. I think there are some assets that are here that we will be also putting out for auction. It will be local and then if it does not go local we would also be utilizing that to also an outside auction company as well if it does not go locally first. That is moving forward and some of these equipment pieces are for instance are the equipment \$6,000.00 repair is an emergency repair it was a piece of equipment just purchased I think last year.

Motion was made to pay the bills by Councilman Wright and second by Councilman Connell
Motion passed 7/0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miller called for a motion to adjourn the meeting after the closing prayer which was recited by Councilman Connell.

Motion was made by Councilman Fracasso, second by Councilman Connell.
The motion passed, 7/0.