

# **WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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, June 13, 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	<b>ABSENT</b>
Enzo Fracasso	Councilmember Ward 6	
Terry Weigel	Councilmember Ward 7	

## **City Officials in Attendance:**

Rob Alexander	Police Chief
Travis L. 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 Connell to approve the minutes of the:

### **May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting**

The motion passed, 6/0

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

**May 23, 2016 Special Meeting**

The motion passed, 6/0

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

**June 1, 2016 Special Meeting**

The motion passed, 6/0

**Mayors Awards and Proclamations:**

Proclamation for Bruce Hornick – His dedicated military service to our country

Award – Chris Connell – Recognizing all Veterans

**Citizens Remarks:**

**Sandra Gajtka – Teacher/Instructor – Tennis Courts Spokes Person**

**Sue Wesie – Library Technician – Courts/Starvaggi**

**Ray Gajtka – CAD Operator – Courts/Starvaggi**

**Kelly Molyneaux Sinstgalli – Teacher/Coach – Tennis**

**Sandra Gajtka – Tennis Courts**

Hi, I am Sandra Gajtka, Ray Gajtka, Sue Wesie, and Kelly Sinstgalli we represent the people in the area who are very interested in tennis and particularly interested in upgrading the court at Starvaggi Park. Currently we have three courts that are in very much need of repair. In fact, there are major asphalt cracking, deteriorating fencing, noticeable fencing and structural deterioration at the base and also the base of the light structures causing many safety concerns. We have had in the last couple years four people who got hurt on the courts, Sue being one of them, she broke her hand/finger falling on the court; and three friends of ours, who one sprang her ankle the other had a cracked rib and the other caught her shoe the bottom of her shoe on the wide crack. Consequently, they will not come over and play tennis with us anymore at Starvaggi Courts. As far as the high schools, we have two high schools that play there, Madonna and Weir High. There are only three courts, and it is very difficult to get all the matches in before it gets dark. And sometimes I see them out there playing as long as 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock at night trying to get all the matches in. So our proposal is for four courts. As you remember we use to have six courts at Starvaggi and two of them were removed from Broadview property. The other one is now being used for roller blade hockey. That gives us three courts as we said it is in disrepair. We have support of the Starvaggi Memorial Park Association to allow us to write grants to obtain money through their 501C-3 Tax Exempt Organization. We are here basically to solicit support from the City for our efforts particularly in grant writing and any funds that the City can allow for some improvement at the courts. There is a program

through the USTA (United States Tennis Association) it is a facility assistance program. The city itself would have to apply for this. Part of this they will help resurface tennis courts, renovate or build new. So there is something out there through the USTA that the city could get for us.

### **Sue Weslie – Library Technician – Courts/Starvaggi**

I have two pages of petitions with 107 names that the kids are in our tennis camps, and their family and friends. We also have tennis leagues as well, and we are trying to get more signatures as well. Not only do our two high schools use these courts, but the teams that play our high schools. There is a lot of scheduling that has to be finagled to get everybody in.

### **Sandra Gajtka – Tennis Courts**

We have schools coming in as far away as Fairmont and Morgantown that come up here to play on our courts, and it is rather embarrassing because of the condition they are in. Not the fact that we only have three courts, and we have boys and girls teams, we have to play four single matches three double matches. That gets to be a long day and a long night. Also, Sue and I have a junior tennis league that we started. It is our fourth year. We practice up here. We play at least one match up here. We have spring and fall sessions up here. We go to Wheeling to play, and the Wheeling team came up here yesterday to play. I want you to know that there is interest in tennis. I believe there would be more interest in tennis if we had four nice courts. We could even put on USTA Championship Tournaments which we have done in the past when we had six courts. That would bring revenue in for the city. We just would have to organize them, people pay to come and play. They will not come to pay to play on courts the way they are now.

The petition of signatures was given to the City Clerk.

Right now, what we have is preliminary plans that are drawn. We had a representative from Musco Lighting that came down and visited the site. He is getting an estimate ready for the lighting. Very interesting about the lighting, Ray will explain.

### **Ray Gajtka – CAD Operator – Courts/Tennis**

Up at Starvaggi we need 13 light standards and Musco Lighting put all the lighting at Belleview, all the ball fields, and tennis courts. We have to get 13 light standards at the pool up here at Starvaggi's. That way we can light up the basketball courts by adding some additional lighting.

### **Sandra Gajtka – Tennis Courts**

You are getting into the more efficient lighting.

### **Ray Gajtka – CAD Operator – Courts/Tennis**

You will be into the LED lighting, and Musco Representative told me he can save 50% on the lighting bills at Starvaggi. Plus there is an additional thing, if a person wants to play for an hour, they can flick the button and when it gets close to the one hour expiring, there is

a little sensor and the person will have to go back and hit the button again if they want to play longer.

### **Sandra Gajtka – Tennis Courts**

That way, the lights will not be on when a person is not playing. Right now that is what is happening, the system that we have the lights stay on until 10 o'clock at night. Right now they are coming on at 7 o'clock in the evening and it is still daylight so there is a waste there. You will be saving quite a bit as far as energy.

### **Mayor Miller**

Thank you very much.

### **Travis L. Blosser – City Manager**

I just want to put out there that the implementation of the 1% Sales Tax is coming around the corner July 1 that the sales tax is effectively implemented. This week, as of Thursday, a mailing will be going out to business owners from the city with a notice with the 1% sales tax as well as the B&O reduction on wholesale classification. Also through that, we will be doing several media outreach things. We will be working with Craig with the newspaper and TV 9 and try to make sure that information gets out to the business owners in the community. The reason why the business owners need to be so cognizant of this, is the fact, they will be collecting the tax before they receive any notice from the State. So the State has put out limited notice, in terms of, the website and some information that they have sent. Business owners need to be cognizant, especially small business owners that they have to be collecting that sales tax July 1 as the quarter period for that return has not happened yet. I just wanted to put that out there.

**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. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1995. Ordinance to the Amendment No. 769 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214 of the City of Weirton to paint curb yellow the full length of guard rail at the end of Mercer onto Oak Street (Councilman Connell)**

Motion was made by Councilman Connell and second by Councilman Ash

Motion passed 6/0

**2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1996. An Ordinance Adopting the Zoning Map Amendment from R-1 to R-3 of a certain parcel located at 115 Boley Street (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Marsh and second by Councilman Ash  
Motion passed 6/0

**3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1996. An Ordinance Adopting the Zoning Map Amendment from R-1 to C-3 of a certain parcel located at 3531 West Street (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Ash and second by Councilman Connell  
Motion passed 6/0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution to Renew the City's Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement with Mountaineer Computer Systems, Inc. for the City's IT-Systems Hardware and Software (\$6,375.00) (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Fracasso, second by Councilman Connell  
Motion passed 6/0

**2. Resolution to Enter into Contract with Lash Paving Company for Milling and Paving of CDBG Eligible Streets (\$101,298.00) (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Connell  
Motion passed 6/0

**3. Resolution to enter into Contract with Kelly Paving for City Wide Milling and Paving of Various City Streets (\$609,694.00) (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Ash  
Motion passed 6/0

**4. Ordinance Updating and Amending the Building Code for the City of Weirton (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Connell  
Motion passed 6/0

**5. Resolution to Support the Expansion of Route 2 and Extension of I-68 (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Wright  
Motion passed 6/0

**6. Ordinance to the Amendment No. 770 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214 of the City of Weirton to extend yellow line from curb on Grimm Way and Ardmore Avenue to end of driveway in front of Pellegrino’s property located on Ardmore Avenue (Councilman Wright)**

**Request Emergency Reading**

Motion was made by Councilman Fracasso, second by Councilman Connell

**ROLE CALL:**

<b>Councilman Ash</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Councilman Weigel</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Councilman Marsh</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Councilman Wright</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Councilman Fracasso</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Councilman Jackson</b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
<b>Councilman Connell</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>

Motion passed 6/0

**7. Resolution to Adopt and Implement Updated Purchasing Procedures for the City of Weirton (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Fracasso  
Motion passed 6/0

**8. Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Replacement of the Gilson Avenue Fire Station Façade (\$79,842.00) (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Connell  
Motion passed 6/0

**9. Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Purchase Protective Jackets and Trousers for Structural Firefighting (3 sets) (\$6,288.00) (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Fracasso  
Motion passed 6/0

**10. Resolution to renew the City's Annual Support Contract with Accufund, Inc. for the Continued Support, Maintenance and Enhancement of the City's Accounting Software (\$8,999.25) (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Connell  
Motion passed 6/0

**11. Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Air Cleaning Technology for Plymovent Replacement Parts for the Fire Stations at Gilson Avenue and Headquarters (\$22,826.00) (City Manager)**

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Wright  
Motion passed 6/0

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**FIRE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Vince Trupiano – To serve four-year term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2020  
Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Fracasso  
Motion passed 6/0

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Nora Coleman – To serve three-year term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019  
Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Connell  
Motion passed 6/0

Scott Douglas - To serve three-year term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019  
Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Wright  
Motion passed 6/0

### **MARY H. WEIR LIBRARY BOARD**

Karen Gould – To serve five-year term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021  
Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Wright  
Motion passed 6/0

### **PARK BOARD**

Deb Witkowski – To serve six-year term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2022  
Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Fracasso  
Motion passed 6/0

### **SANITARY BOARD**

Thomas N. Banketas – To serve three-year term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019  
Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Connell  
Motion passed 6/0

## **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 – Matt Burskey**

Would like to mention the state is developing the 2015 International Code Council.

### **Fire Department – Chief Shumate**

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports. Would like to thank you all Mr. Blosser for all the hard work and Mr. Mastrantoni has done.

### **Mayor Miller**

How about Unit 7? It is still sitting at Nick's and has a for Sale sign.

### **Chief Shumate**

It does not have a for sale sign they actually painted it. They had a very hard time with the 87 vehicle finding a hood board, bumper and painting it.

### **Library – Rik Rekowski**

Some announcements from the Library, on June 21<sup>st</sup> it is a Tuesday at 1 o'clock we are going to have Richard Fleming, Professor from the University of Michigan with his book Historical fiction book about Wetzel County. It is the historical fiction regarding the individual from which the county is named after Wetzel County. He will be here in Weirton at 1 o'clock this Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, talking about his book, signing and autographing his book. He will be in Moundsville one day before but on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> will be here. That is the book name Wetzel.

Also, summer reading begins before the next City Council Meeting July 5<sup>th</sup>. On your mark, get set, and read, is the summer reading program. It will be on Monday and Tuesday's here at the Library.

Also finally, the Governor has sent out a Minecraft Contest. Minecraft is a software built and it is pre-K to senior high school students. They have to register by June 20<sup>th</sup> of next week. The entries must be in by July 31<sup>st</sup>. What are they suppose to do? They are building a new State Capital and I have seen some of the local student works here. The registration is still open and seems to be rather creative. Adults are playing Minecraft but the children are too. There is more information at the Library. Thank You.

### **Public Works – Rod Rosnick**

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

### **Park & Recreation – Terry Weigel**

We are currently taking entries for the Independence Day Parade so anybody interested to be in that it will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and followed immediately by the Renaissance Festival which will held on Main Street.

### **Planning & Development – Mark Miller**

Look forward to meeting all of you and working with you.

Travis L. Blosser – City Manager introduced Mark Miller as the new Planning and Development Director for the city.

### **Finances– Thomas Maher**

## **General Fund Cash Report for May 2016**

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$3,143,522.36
Interest on Checking:	\$845.66
Deposits:	\$1,049,007.31
Draw-downs on Investment:	\$0.00
Disbursements:	\$1,784,638.17
Deposits to Investments:	\$0.00
Ending Cash Balance:	\$2,408,737.16
Beginning Investment Balance:	\$0.00
Interest on Investments:	\$0.00
Investment Proceeds:	\$0.00
Change in Value:	\$0.00
Deposits:	\$0.00
Withdrawals:	\$0.00
Ending Investment Balance:	\$0.00
Petty Cash:	\$800.00
Total Cash and Investments Available:	\$2,409,537.16

No additional invoices to be paid.

Motion was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Fracasso  
Motion passed 6/0

### **Councilman Connell**

Mr. Mayor I would like to make a comment please. I would like to extend congratulations to Rod Rosnick in Public Works. The people have noticed all around town that he has crews out there with summer workers cleaning a lot of messes. Especially on Penco Road where they tore out the islands completely, cleaned them up with rocks, and put some very nice shrubbery in there. We started the beautification in the City. He has crews stringing them out all day long and they work very very hard. I would like to compliment Rod and give him congratulation on his crews.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Wright  
Motion passed 6/0