

WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 12, 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
Travis L. Blosser	City Manager
Vince Gurrera	City Attorney
Ken Fletcher	Chief Code Official
A.D. Mastrantoni	Utilities Director
Mark Miller	Planning & Development Director
Rik Rekowski	Library Director
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director
Jerry Shumate	Fire Chief

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

August 8, 2016 Regular Meeting

The motion passed, 7/0

A motion was made by Councilman Ash and second by Councilman Jackson to approve the minutes of the:

August 22, 2016 Special Meeting

The motion passed, 7/0

Mayors Awards and Proclamations:

International Literacy Day Proclamation

National POW/MIA Recognition

Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day Proclamation

Quiet Strength Award 2015/2016 to Travis L. Blosser, City Manager which he received at the West Virginia Municipal League

Citizens Remarks:

Frank Carey – Weirton Elementary School – One Book One School

Denise Miller – Weirton Elementary School – One Book One School

Both spoke about the book Humphrey and that they will be doing another one. Kick off will be on October 18, 2016. Weirton Elementary and Hancock County was in the top 10 of all the schools for the scores for the smarter balance that they took. Weirton Elementary was recognized as the biggest growth school. They Suggested a Proclamation for Literacy for the school and also would like everyone to wear Red on Fridays.

Councilman Marsh suggested having a special Council Meeting to give this Proclamation at the school on October 17, 2016, or October 18, 2016.

Dan Greathouse – Top of West Virginia – CVB

He submitted to the council members, Mayor, and City Manager all the checks and deposits for CVB. I want to state that this summer, at the Event Center, that it did great and also wanted to thank the city for the grass always being cut. The Water Department does a great job turning off the water. The Police also do a great job, and they are always there Friday nights and never had an issue, and Ricky Stead does a great job also. I thank the city for all the support they give us.

Ryan Weld – State Delegate – State Government

I wanted to come in and introduce myself. My name is Ryan Weld, and I am the Delegate for portions of both Brooke and Ohio Counties. I live in Wellsburg, WV. I am originally from Weirton. I know a lot of you. We are ready to go into special sessions next week, in case there is anything that Weirton needs help with. I do not have this portion of Brooke County in my house district, but if there is anything that you want me, Mark, or Pat that

you need some help with, I am more than happy to help out. This is my first home town. If there is anything I could ever do from that respective, please let me know.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Miller made an announcement that Halloween will be held on October 31, 2016, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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. PUBLIC HEARING for the consideration of Ordinance No. 2003. John C. Stump, Attorney at Law of Steptoe & Johnson, spoke on behalf of the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2003. One final action of City Council to be at your meeting in October will be a Supplemental Resolution which I will have at that time. I will be at the Informational Meeting to answer any questions the public or Council may have.

2. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2003 Authorizing Acquisition and Construction of Additions, Betterments and Improvements to the Existing Public Waterworks System of the City of Weirton and the Financing of the Cost, Not Otherwise Provided, Thereof through the Issuance by the City of Weirton of not more than \$5,000,000 in Original Aggregate Principal Amount of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 B (West Virginia DWTRF Program); Providing for the Rights and Remedies of and Security for the Registered Owner of such Bonds; Authorizing Execution and Delivery of All Documents Relating to the Issuance of such Bonds; Approving, Ratifying and Confirming a Loan Agreement Relating to such Bonds; Authorizing the Sale and Providing for the Terms and Provisions of such Bonds and Adopting other Provisions Relating Thereto (City Manager) (Third Reading)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, second by Councilman Connell.

ROLE CALL:

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

Motion passed 7/0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An Ordinance Abandoning a Nine Foot Alley at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Fracasso, second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

2. Resolution to place Liens against Real Properties for Costs Incurred in Demolition of Unsafe Properties Pursuant to Ordinance 250 (2406 Weir Avenue) (\$6,000.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Fracasso.

Motion passed 7/0

3. Resolution to place Liens against Real Properties for Costs Incurred in Demolition of Unsafe Properties Pursuant to Ordinance 250 (149 Hillcrest Road) (\$5,900.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Fracasso.

Motion passed 7/0

4. Resolution for GASB Accounting Services (\$30,000.00) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Wright.

Motion passed 7/0

5. Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of Road De-Icing Salt for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 (\$64.38 Per Ton) (City Manager)

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

6. Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of One 2017 Hino 338 2½ Ton Dump Truck for the Street Department – Public Works (\$127,306.50) (City Manager)

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

7. Resolution to Become a Participating Employer of the West Virginia Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System (MPFRS) for Municipal Firefighters (City Manager)

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

8. Resolution to Enter into Contract with Kelly Paving Inc. for Milling and Paving of CDBG Eligible Streets (\$137,982.00) (City Manager)

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

Councilman Ash stated he wanted to make it understood, that although, I agree with the streets that was picked, it was picked inappropriately. Article V, Section I of the Charter says that Council paves the Streets, not the City Manager, not the Public Works Department. I want to make that clear that Council is suppose to pick those streets. I will agree to do those streets because they need it. But I do not want the City Manager, or the Public Works Director, or anybody else to pick the streets again in my Ward. I don't care what the rest of council does, but in my ward I pick the streets. That is the Charter and I will adopt it.

APPOINTMENTS:

Disruptive Activity Board

Jon Phillips – Three Year Term – 9/1/2016 – 8/31/2019

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

Hall of Fame Committee

Jeannie Duffy – Three Year Term – 9/1/2016 – 8/31/2019

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, second by Councilman Wright.

Motion passed 7/0

Paul Swiger – Three Year Term – 9/1/2016 – 8/31/2019

Motion was made by Councilman Marsh, second by Councilman Fracasso.

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 – Ken Fletcher

I would like to thank you, and I am glad to be here. It seems like a great city that has a lot of potential.

Fire Department – Chief Shumate

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Library – Rik Rekowski

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Public Works – Rod Rosnick

Fall cleanup will be announced tomorrow.

Transit – Marke Henne

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Planning & Development – Mark Miller

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Park Board – Terry Weigel

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Finances– Travis L. Blosser, City Manager

General Fund Cash Report for August 2016

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$1,502,300.47
Interest on Checking:	\$490.59
Deposits:	\$1,259,142.93
Draw-downs on Investment:	\$0.00
Disbursements:	\$1,018,672.20
Deposits to Investments:	\$0.00
Ending Cash Balance:	\$1,743,261.79
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:	\$1,744,061.79

No additional invoices to be paid.

Motion was made to approve the bills, accept the financial report and all departmental reports by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion was made by Councilman Wright, second by Councilman Jackson.

Motion passed 7/0