

**CITY OF WEIRTON**  
**MONDAY, February 10, 2020**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

*Executive Session shall be held only if a majority vote of the members of the governing body vote to hold an executive session and the items for consideration shall consist of any and all of those contained within West Virginia Code 6-9A-4*

MAYOR’S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Veteran’s Proclamation – John E. Potocnik
- Certificate – West Virginia’s Sweetest Bakery in America – Vanessa Beaver

CITIZENS’ REMARKS

READING OF MINUTES

- January 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Resolution to Enter Into Contract for Property and Liability Insurance Coverage for the City of Weirton (\$533,531.00) (WV Surcharge \$3,184.42). (City Manager)
2. An Ordinance Implementing a 90-Day Pilot Program Installing Speed Reduction Devices in Certain Areas Within the City for Street Safety. (Councilman Fracasso, Councilman Connell)
3. An Ordinance of the Council for the City of Weirton, Amending Ordinance No. 858, Codified as §553.03 Discharging Firearms; Hunting, in the Weirton Code of Ordinances. (Councilman Marsh, Councilman Fracasso)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER

**INFORMATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, February 10, 2020**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**6:55 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES  
WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Council Meeting  
Weirton Municipal Building – Council Chambers  
200 Municipal Plaza, Weirton, WV 26062

Monday, February 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

**Assistant City Manager DeeAnn Pulliam**, recited the opening prayer.

**Mayor Harold Miller**, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

**Mayor and Council Members in Attendance**

Harold E. Miller	Mayor
Tim Connell	Councilmember Ward 1 – ABSENT
Mike Adams	Councilmember Ward 2
Fred S. Marsh	Councilmember Ward 3
George E. Ash, Sr.	Councilmember Ward 4 – ABSENT
Flora Perrone	Councilmember Ward 5
Enzo Fracasso	Councilmember Ward 6
Terry Weigel	Councilmember Ward 7

**City Officials in Attendance**

Rob Alexander	Police Chief
Matt Burskey	Code Official
Joseph DiBartolomeo	City Manager
Donna Gialluco	Weirton Transit Manager
Jessica Gumm	Planning and Development Director
Vincent S. Gurrera, Esq.	City Attorney
Butch Mastrantoni	Utilities Director
DeeAnn Pulliam	Assistant City Manager
W. Coty Shingle	Park Board Executive
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director

## **MAYOR'S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

### **PROCLAMATION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

This proclamation was presented to Helen Jackson-Gillison, Earlean Jones, Bill "Ox" Curenton and Jonathan Curenton.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, do hereby proclaim February as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the City of Weirton and encourage all residents to recognize African Americans in their contributions in making our City, and our Nation what it is today.***

### **CERTIFICATE – WEST VIRGINIA'S SWEETEST BAKERY IN AMERICA**

This certificate was presented to Vanessa Beaver.

*Certificate of Congratulations In Recognition of Sweet Temptations Pastry Shop for being awarded West Virginia's "Sweetest Bakery in America".*

### **VETERAN'S PROCLAMATION – JOHN E. POTOCHNIK**

This proclamation was presented to John E. Potocnik.

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, Brooke and Hancock Counties, do hereby recognize JOHN E. POTOCHNIK for his dedicated military service to our country and his community, on this day February 10, 2020.***

## **CITIZENS REMARKS**

**George Gresko, Assure America, and Dave Stacy, USI:** Mr. Gresko asked if they could express comments regarding their proposal to the City since the property and liability insurance is on the agenda. **City Manager Joseph DiBartolomeo** said they can make comments and have three minutes for final remarks. While Mr. Gresko was handing out papers, Dave Stacy, who manages Traveler's Insurance, expressed concern about the article in the newspaper related to Traveler's. Mr. Stacy stated that, as our current insurance advisors, they are recommending this issue to be tabled at this time. **Councilman Fracasso** disagreed.

**George Ramage, sewer project.** Mr. Ramage stated he attended a Council Meeting five to six months ago and talked about the project down in Bellaire, Ohio, and the facility that they built that uses the waste by-product to produce electricity. Mr. Ramage asked Council and Butch Mastrantoni if any follow-up research regarding cost savings has taken place. **City Manager Joseph DiBartolomeo** stated that Butch has the plans under way and public meetings/town halls will be held when the time comes to explain what is going on. Announcements regarding any upcoming meeting will be posted on the City's website.

**Matt Provenzano, Pro Insurance Group, and Brent Burton, Assured Partners:** Mr. Provenzano expressed their appreciation for the chance to serve the City of Weirton.

## **READING OF MINUTES**

January 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting

The City Clerk informed Council that Coty Shingle will be added to the Minutes as attending the January 13, 2020, Council Meeting.

**Motion to Approve the Minutes as Amended: Councilman Weigel**  
**Motion Approved 5/0**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Council Marsh** noted that the property liability insurance is on the agenda tonight. It was passed with a 2/0 vote for recommendation to Council.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. A Resolution to Enter Into Contract With Assured Partners Company dba Commercial Insurance, 340 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E. – Suite 200, Charleston, WV 25314 / Pro Ventures, LLC dba Pro Insurance Group, 151 Archer Hill Road, Suite 2, Follansbee, WV 26037 for Zurich American Insurance Company property and liability coverage for the City of Weirton, effective 12:00 a.m. on February 16, 2020, through February 16, 2021, in the amount of Five Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$533,531.00)  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an additional amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$3,184.42) will be paid as the West Virginia State Surcharge. (City Manager)

Discussion took place regarding the thoroughness of the comparison of the coverage options.

### **Roll Call Vote was Requested for the Motion:**

<b>Councilman Mike Adams</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
<b>Councilman Fred Marsh</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
<b>Councilwoman Flora Perrone</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
<b>Councilman Enzo Fracasso</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
<b>Councilman Terry Weigel</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>

**Motion Approved 5/0**

2. An Ordinance Implementing a 90-day Pilot Program Installing Speed Reduction Devices in Certain Areas Within the City for Street Safety. (Councilman Fracasso, Councilman Connell)

**Motion to Amend Paragraph 2 remove "speed bumps and humps" and state: Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Weirton has determined it necessary to implement a 90-Day Pilot Program for speed reduction devices, such as rumble strips, to be installed in area(s) where they could be beneficial: Councilman Terry Weigel**  
**Motion to Amend Approved 5/0**

**Motion to Approve as Amended: Councilman Terry Weigel**  
**Motion Approved 5/0**

3. An Ordinance of the Council for the City of Weirton, Amending Ordinance No. 858, Codified as §553.03 Discharging Firearms; Hunting in the Weirton Code of Ordinances (Councilman Marsh, Councilman Fracasso)

**Motion to Accept: Councilman Marsh**  
**Motion Approved 5/0**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

**Joseph DiBartolomeo, City Manager** - The City of Weirton has established a Public Safety Committee. This is not an official board or an official committee. The committee will report directly to City Manager Joseph DiBartolomeo. It will consist of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Director, and one citizen from in the community. The ground rules have not been established yet. DeeAnn Pulliam, Assistant City Manager, is the Chairperson for the committee. The purpose of this committee is to develop a collaboration tool for the concerns and issues that arise in the community. Tom Zielinski has been chosen by **Joseph DiBartolomeo** as the citizen to be on the Public Safety Committee, and Mr. Zielinski has agreed to voluntarily serve on the committee. It is noted that nothing is being taken away from Council; this is just another tool to use to resolve issues in the community. Once we get the processes and procedures established, they will be reported back to Council.

A second program, Building Utilization, has been established and will also be under Assistant City Manager DeeAnn Pulliam. There is lack of storage space and office space, and this program is to develop a plan to gain the necessary space. Assistant City Manager Pulliam is also working on developing a recycling program for all city facilities.

**City Manager Joseph DiBartolomeo** commented that while researching some things in our old minutes books, he noticed that the agendas were not included in front of the minutes, which makes it harder to find the contents of the books. Mr. DiBartolomeo is requesting that the Council Meeting agendas now be included in front of the minutes in the minute books.

**City Manager Joseph DiBartolomeo** received some compliments towards the Police Department and Public Works regarding how they fixed some things in the city. However, some citizens expressed their displeasure at not being serviced as quickly as they thought they should be regarding snow removal. City Manager DiBartolomeo stated that the city will not tolerate any kind of harassment to our city employees.

Discussion went back to the Public Safety Committee. **Councilwoman Perrone** asked if Code Enforcement is going to be part of the Public Safety Committee. **City Manager DiBartolomeo** stated not currently but they could be.

Discussion went back to Building Utilization. **Councilwoman Perrone** stated that The Police Department is very congested, and **Councilman Weigel** said we should be looking at another building for the Police Department.

**Rob Alexander, Police Chief**, The Police Department has been pretty busy; several search warrants were served which resulted in getting more drugs off the streets. Three people were taken into custody with more to come. Police testing will be taking place on February 11, 2020. Hopefully, within the next 30 days or so, 2 officers will be hired to put the department up to the number of officers budgeted for.

**Diana Smoljanovich, Finance Director**, The auditors will be here the week of the February 24th; if anyone is available, please stop in as they like to talk to the Mayor or Council members.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

**Councilman Fracasso** recognized Butch for his great job on the leak on School Street.

**Mayor Harold E. Miller** introduced Kevin Himmelrick as the Interim Fire Chief who has taken on this roll while we do some testing for a new Fire Chief.

**Mayor Miller** thanked Public Works for their fast response and great job of taking care of the streets during the recent winter weather.

**Mayor Miller** welcomed Kimberly Long as the new City Clerk.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Weigel**  
**Motion Approved 5/0**

**Assistant City Manager DeeAnn Pulliam**, recited the closing prayer.

**Minutes approved as amended at the March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.**

**Signed by: Kimberly Long, City Clerk**