

**CITY OF WEIRTON  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022  
COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
7:00 p.m.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MAYOR’S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Proclamation – Black History Month

CITIZENS’ REMARKS

***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***

READING OF MINUTES

- January 10, 2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2181 to Amend the Traffic Control Map, Ordinance No. 214, to Place a Yellow Line Indicating a No Parking Zone 5 Feet on Either Side of the Maintenance Access Fixture (Sewer Clean Out) Located Across from 132 National Road. (City Manager, Councilman Jonczak)
2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2182, Modifying Ordinance No. 2084, Codified as Article 1790 “Rental Dwelling Units”. (Councilman Ash, Councilman Fracasso, Councilman Jonczak)
3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2183, Amending Ordinance No. 1458, Article 505.11 (A): Animals, Adding Additional Provisions for a Restriction Prohibiting Chaining/Tethering/Restraining Animals Outdoors Under Certain Conditions. (Councilwoman Perrone)

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution to Authorize Revisions to the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget. (City Manager)
2. A Resolution to Enter Into Contract for Property and Liability Insurance Coverage for the City of Weirton. (City Manager)
3. An Ordinance Modifying Ordinance #1313, as Amended, Establishing New Salaries for Firefighters who are Members of the Weirton Firefighters Association Local #948, and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the New Contract Necessary to Place These Changes into Effect. (City Manager)
4. A Resolution Designating a Portion of the Municipal Plaza Parking Lot as a Landing Zone for Emergency Helicopters in Downtown Weirton. (City Manager)

## CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

## ADJOURNMENT

## PRAYER

**MEETING MINUTES  
WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL**

Special Council Meeting  
Weirton Municipal Building – Council Chambers  
200 Municipal Plaza, Weirton, WV 26062  
Monday, February 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

**Pastor Darrell Cummings** recited the opening prayer.

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

**City Clerk Kimberly Long** conducted roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor and Council Members in Attendance

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

City Officials in Attendance

Charlie Kush	Police Chief	IN PERSON
Kevin Himmelrick	Fire Chief	IN PERSON
Butch Mastrantoni	Utilities Director	IN PERSON
Rik Rekowski	Library Director	IN PERSON
Bruce Lamp	Superintendent	IN PERSON
Jessica Gumm	Planning and Development Director	IN PERSON
W. Coty Shingle	Park Board Executive Director	IN PERSON
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director	IN PERSON
Matt Burskey	Code Official	ABSENT
Pamela Wright	Employee Benefits Administrator	IN PERSON
Phil Gilcrest	Weirton Transit Manager	IN PERSON
Mike Adams	City Manager	IN PERSON
DeeAnn Pulliam	Assistant City Manager	IN PERSON
Vincent S. Gurrera, Esq.	City Attorney	IN PERSON
Brian Stewart	IT Analyst	IN PERSON
Kimberly Long	City Clerk	IN PERSON

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

### **PROCLAMATION – Black History Month**

***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.*

### **CITIZENS' REMARKS**

There were none.

### **Request by Council to convene into Executive Session consistent with West Virginia Code 6-9A-4.**

**A Motion to convene into Executive Session was made by Councilman Ash.  
Motion passed 6/0**

**Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Ash.  
Motion passed 6/0**

**City Attorney, Vince Gurrera,** stated that in Executive Session the purpose was to discuss contracts, obligations and litigation.

### **READING OF MINUTES**

#### **January 10, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to Approve the January 10, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes:  
Councilman Ash  
Motion Approved: 6/0**

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

**Councilman Marsh** – At their last meeting, the Finance Committee discussed three major items that are on tonight's agenda. Those items are the General Fund Budget Revision No. 2, the property and liability insurance coverage, and negotiations on the IAFF contract.

**Finance Director, Diana Smoljanovich** – There is one invoice from Pullman SST in the amount of \$54,000.00 for the beam, ceiling and column repairs at the Community Center. That brings the total spent to date to \$445,676.62, leaving a balance of \$54,823.38 to be used for additional invoices.

**Councilman Marsh** made a motion to pay the bill.

**Councilman Ash,** asked for clarification of what portion of Phase 2 of the project has already been paid. **Park Board Executive Director, Coty Shingle,** explained that tonight's invoice is necessary because when the engineers walked through and did an inspection of the interior walls of the filter

room, it was deemed necessary to stabilize and reinforce the columns. The part of Phase 2 that has been already paid for was the stairwells in the approximate amount of \$70,000.00.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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**Motion to Approve: Councilman Jonczak**

**Motion Approved: 6/0**

2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2182, Modifying Ordinance No. 2084, Codified as Article 1790 "Rental Dwelling Units". (Councilman Ash, Councilman Fracasso, Councilman Jonczak)

**Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash**

**Motion Approved: 6/0**

3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2183, Amending Ordinance No. 1458, Article 505.11 (A): Animals, Adding Additional Provisions for a Restriction Prohibiting Chaining/Tethering/Restraining Animals Outdoors Under Certain Conditions. (Councilwoman Perrone)

**Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Perrone**

**Motion Approved: 6/0**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A Resolution to Authorize Revisions to the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget. (City Manager)

**Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash**

A Roll Call Vote was Required for the Motion:

Councilman George Ash	Yes
Councilwoman Flora Perrone	Yes
Councilman Enzo Fracasso	Yes
Councilman Terry Weigel	Yes
Councilman Tim Connell	Absent
Councilman Mike Adams	Yes
Councilman Fred Marsh	Yes

**Motion Approved: 6/0**

2. A Resolution to Enter Into Contract for Property and Liability Insurance Coverage for the City of Weirton. (City Manager)

**City Manager, Mike Adams**, announced that based upon deliberations with Council, the blanks in the Resolution are to be filled in with the agent being Assured America and the company being Travelers insurance. The amount is \$469,585.00.

**Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash**

**Motion Approved: 6/0**

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**Motion to Approve: Councilman Marsh, seconded by Councilwoman Perrone**  
**Motion Approved: 6/0**

4. A Resolution Designating a Portion of the Municipal Plaza Parking Lot as a Landing Zone for Emergency Helicopters in Downtown Weirton. (City Manager)

**Discussion: Chief Himmelrick**, explained that there have been occasions where the emergency helicopter is not able to land on the ballfield because of the condition of the field. They will then land in the parking lot which creates a safety issue. He further explained that his plan would involve the use of approximately 12 parking spaces just outside of the skate park. Temporary barriers would be used so that any future use of that space would not be hindered. **Councilman Fracasso**, expressed concern that by using this location, it would take away the opportunity of this being a potential site for the proposed new public safety facility, and feels that this item should be tabled until a decision is made as to the location of the facility.

**Motion to Table: Councilman Fracasso**

A Roll Call Vote was Requested for the Motion:

Councilman Enzo Fracasso	Yes
Councilman Terry Weigel	Yes
Councilman Tim Connell	Absent
Councilman Chris Jonczak	Yes
Councilman Fred Marsh	No
Councilman George Ash	Yes
Councilwoman Flora Perrone	Yes

**Motion Approved: 5/1**

## **CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Police Department – Chief Kush** – The hiring process for probationary police officers has begun. The new officers hired last year most likely will be going to the academy in April and graduating July 1.

**Fire Department – Chief Himmelrick** – Thanked all who helped in setting up the emergency shelter at the Community Center.

**Utilities – Butch Mastrantoni** – There have been a lot of line breaks that threaten tank levels. Fire department tankers are on stand-by if needed. A work session with Council and Water and Sewer Boards will be held on February 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., to go over the water and sewer treatment plant upgrades.

**Public Works – Rod Rosnick** – Nothing further to add to the submitted report.

**Planning and Development Director – Jessica Gumm** – Waiting for the execution of the contract for the Park Drive Development project.

**Parks and Recreation – Coty Shingle** – Park Board meeting this Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

**Library – Rik Rekowski** – African American celebration is now on display for the month. The library will be part of an online service that will enable people to take college courses for continuing education. Paper tax forms continue to arrive at the library.

**Transit – Phil Gilcrest** – Nothing further to add to the submitted report.

**Finances – Diana Smoljanovich** – The second budget workshop will be this Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. If you didn't receive your W2 yet, you can contact Jamie and she can print out a copy. They were mailed out on January 28th and the company said it would take 10-12 business days.

**Benefits – Pam Wright** – Nothing to report.

**City Manager – Mike Adams** – WVML conference was very productive and interesting. A productive meeting was held with the DEP regarding the Park Drive project. Thanks was extended to all who helped in handling the recent storm.

**Assistant City Manager – DeeAnn Pulliam** – The 2022 Ohio Valley Leadership General Session will be this Friday, February 19, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The website redesign concept meeting will be February 17<sup>th</sup>. Work continues with Libby Durr on testing sites for led lighting to see how successful they will be. A determination will be made on how many test areas there will be and how many lights will be within each site. Work continues on the CGI promotional videos with the welcome video being released soon.

**IT - Brian Stewart** – Nothing to report.

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

**Mayor Miller** – Some of our forces are getting older and with the anticipation of retirements, the hiring and recruiting processes for the police and fire departments are continuing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Weigel**  
**Motion Approved 6/0**

**Park Board Director, Coty Shingle,** recited the closing prayer.

Minutes approved at the March 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Signed: *Kimberly Long*, City Clerk