

**CITY OF WEIRTON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

**COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL
6:00 PM
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.

REVIEW THE BUDGET

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER

**MEETING MINUTES
WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL**

Special Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Weirton, WV 26062

Thursday, February 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Tim Connell recited the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Kimberly Long called the meeting to order and conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mayor and Council Members in Attendance

Harold E. Miller	Mayor	ABSENT
Tim Connell	Councilmember Ward 1	BY TELEPHONE
Mike Adams	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

Joseph DiBartolomeo	City Manager	IN PERSON
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director	IN PERSON
Brian Stewart	IT Analyst	IN PERSON
Kimberly Long	City Clerk	IN PERSON

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

Councilman Weigel requested that Executive Session be moved to the end of the agenda in order to conduct tonight's business first.

REVIEW THE BUDGET

Discussion: During the last workshop, it was proposed that a reduction in the B & O Tax be evaluated. **Finance Director, Diana Smoljanovich**, drafted three different proposals for consideration, with the recommendation of the best option to give a discount of 10% for the remainder of the fiscal year to all businesses that pay the B & O Tax. This figure will cost the City about \$100,000.00 per quarter for the next two quarters; however, there is approximately \$935,000.000 in the contingency fund that can help absorb any loss in revenue. This would be a credit on the tax due and would be implemented on the actual tax form. In order to qualify for the discount, it will need to be filed on time. Extending this past the current fiscal year can be discussed at a later time. It is important to note that the funds received from this tax are earmarked for street paving. An ordinance will be drafted and presented to the Finance Committee for their next meeting.

Also during this discussion, it was requested that budgeted figures for salaries be dumped into contingencies and not shown on the individual line item.

The subject of a new police facility was discussed. It was suggested that up to \$50,000.00 be earmarked to begin engineering and architectural studies. A resolution will be will be drafted and presented to the Finance Committee for their next meeting.

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager, Joseph DiBartolomeo, provided information on how to look up the current status of the bills in the legislature, provided an update on the traffic lights and road projects, and shared the promotional documents created by the Planning and Development Department showcasing the new developments throughout the City. There is a trip to Charleston scheduled with the Frontier Group for the purpose of discussing industrial access road funding and other grant opportunities.

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

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by **Councilman Terry Weigel**
Motion passed 7/0

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by **Councilman Fred Marsh**.
Motion passed 7/0

Kimberly Long, City Clerk, announced that in Executive Session contract negotiations were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved 7/0**

Councilman Tim Connell recited the closing prayer.

**Minutes approved at the March 8, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.
Signed: Kimberly Long, City Clerk**