

**CITY OF WEIRTON  
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 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

Monday, March 1, 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	IN PERSON
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
Kevin Himmelrick	Fire Chief	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.**

**No motion was made to go into Executive Session.**

## **REVIEW THE BUDGET**

**Discussion:** The final revision presented tonight reflects the changes that Council requested. The proposed raises were put into contingencies, and the suggested new positions were eliminated. It was confirmed that the cap is 10% for the money that is allowed to be in contingencies. Out of the CARES Act money, \$2 million has been put in the rainy day fund and there is a carryover of about \$2.8 million. Approximately \$1 million CARES Act money has been used so far.

The need for a new fire engine was discussed. The newest truck is 15 years old and needs to be replaced. After a new truck is even ordered, it will take about 16-20 months to get it. The AFG grant is being submitted which, if awarded, would allow for the replacement of the oldest fire engine (Engine 3), but it could take several months to find out whether or not we received the grant. An alternative to look at would be to lease/purchase a new engine, financing it over 7-10 years. It was ultimately agreed upon to wait to see if we get the grant, and if not, look at the lease/purchase option. While we are waiting to hear about the grant we can start researching the lease option. It was confirmed that when the term lease/purchase is used, it means that we own the equipment.

The capital items listed in the budget are the current leases. It makes sense to lease because of the life cycle of the equipment. This year's budget focuses heavily on the equipment needs of Public Works.

It was requested that within the next 3 to 4 months for the numbers to be run on the sanitation department to see if the expenses coincide with the revenues and if there will be a need to adjust rates. This is something that should be reviewed yearly so that, if necessary, small increases can be made accordingly.

It was unanimously agreed upon that the proposed budget as presented is good to proceed to the finance committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Councilman Tim Connell** recited the closing prayer.

**Minutes approved at the April 12, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.  
Signed: Kimberly Long, City Clerk**