

WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018, 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, March 12, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the Weirton Municipal Building.

Councilmembers in Attendance:

Tim Connell	Councilmember Ward 1
Matthew Provenzano	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
Matt Burskey	Interim Code Official
Vince Gurrera	City Attorney
A.D. Mastrontoni	Utilities Director
Kathy Mrvos	City Clerk
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director
Coty Shingle	Park Board Executive Director
Jerry Shumate	Fire Chief

Mayor Harold Miller - Absent

Kathy Mrvos, City Clerk presided over the Council Meeting.

Kathy Mrvos, City Clerk led everyone in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Jackson

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The motion passed 7/0

Mayors Awards and Proclamations:

National Vietnam War Veteran's Day Proclamation – Matt Provenzano presented the Proclamation to Councilman George Ash and Councilman Tim Connell, The Vietnam War was the longest war in United States history and on March 29, 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in Vietnam arrived on American soil. On March 29th of each year has been designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day and this annual commemoration honors the sacrifices of veterans who served during the Vietnam War, of whom many were denied a proper welcome upon returning home. More than 58,000 American troops were killed, more than 304,000 were wounded, and 75,000 Vietnam veterans are severely disabled. This day serves to remind each of us to show great respect, treat with dignity, and thank those patriots who have served our country during this particular war. We do hereby recognize March 29, 2018 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in our community, and urge citizens to observe this day and display the flag to express their respect and gratitude for our Vietnam War Veterans, and to keep them in their prayers.

National Kick Butts Day 2018 – Advocates for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Coalition requested Proclamation - Presented to local ASAP Youth Council - The Kick Butts Day dates back to 1996 and is organized by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to help in the reduction of tobacco use and its devastating consequences. The vision of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is: A future Free of Death and Disease Caused by Tobacco. 90 percent of all adult smokers begin this deadly addiction as teenagers, or earlier and tobacco use is still the Number 1 cause of preventable death in the United States. Our youth are critical and powerful voices for encouraging their peers to be tobacco-free and to avoid deceptive marketing. The City of Weirton does hereby recognize March 21, 2018 as National Kick Butts Day and call this annual observance to the attention of all our citizens and encourage them to become aware of this program.

Citizens Remarks:

Angela Lilley – Ordinance pertaining to Property Maintenance

I have come to the City Council Meeting tonight to focus attention on a problem I have been dealing with for a number of years. I need to know why the City Inspection Department will not fine landlords in violation of the City Ordinance that requires their properties to be maintained. I own my home for over 30 years. Season-after-season, I

have raked a massive amount of leaves falling from two giant trees. The trees grow completely over my property. Several large and small branches have fallen in my back yard. The tree branches cause a risk of bodily injury and damage to my house and vehicle. The trees are growing on Mark Orecchio rental property. I have filed a complaint with the City Inspection Department. I have talked to the City Manager in person, and on the phone to Councilman Weigel. I have consulted with a lawyer, and a phone call to the magistrate's office. The accumulation of leaves on the rental property will surely prove to be a fire hazard. I can't continue to rake, pick up leaves, and branches falling from the rental properties tree. I am 67 years old with a heart condition. It is not if a branch will fall, it is when a branch will fall and cause me harm. I was told that the City will not force Mark Orecchio to trim the tree. Can someone at this Council Meeting explain why I have to deal with the rental property? Please review the Ordinance and give serious consideration to changes. Thank You.

Councilman Weigel – Mayor I have talked with Angela, and we have had conversations on the phone. Recently, I have had conversations with Travis. He is going to be looking into it with the Inspections Department. Currently this is not something we can address through our own code. I have asked that they take a look to see if there is anything out there that other cities are doing, and that this is a common problem throughout town. The big problem in her situation we can see that. It is something worth looking into, and see if there are other ways that this could be addressed.

Ed Porter – Police Case

I had to partake in a rescue with an Alzheimer's victim last year. My mother who has Alzheimer's and I we were at Long John Silver's parking lot. I am the only child, and if you know any victims of Alzheimer's, it is a full time job taking care of them. It is very exhausting taking care of her. We came over one night and went to Long John Silvers to get food. My mother went in to get the food, I was sitting there in the car, and then we had something to eat. I told my mother I am so exhausted I cannot drive. I am a pilot also, and I am trained to recognize my conditions. My mother who is sitting next to me, and has Alzheimer's, which she is not the person she use to be, she can get unpleasant. Seeing that I was exhausted she asked, let me drive or I am going to get out of the car. I said mother, I am not going to let you drive the car. She started getting out of the car, and I had no idea what else to do. I am not comfortable man handling my mother. I said to my mom, if you get out of the car I am going to have to call the cops. So I called the police, and thought I was doing a good thing. I was totally exhausted and I passed out. A really deep sleep after I called 911. A police officer pulled up and was very kind asking me what was going on, and I showed him the bracelet on my mom's wrist. I gave him a little background of who I was. Next thing I know, the officer asked me, Mr. Porter can you get out of the car. You need to take a blood test (I do not like to be poked) or they were going to make me go to the hospital. I said, no sir I do not want to go to the hospital, I am just tired. I called you thinking that you would tell my mother to stay seated. They forced me into the ambulance. I have MS and no matter how healthy I am that is why my vocal cords are a little messed up they are loose. Next thing I know, I am being pushed up into an ambulance. They said I could get a cab to get back to the car. I have no relatives, no

brothers, etc. that can help. We end up at the Weirton Emergency Hospital, and being there five (5) hours. They did a CT Scan and who knows how big the bill will be. I know just the ambulance alone was \$800.00. Finally released, and the diagnosis is tired... surprise.... surprise probably \$8,000.00 in bills afterward. I called the cab and their computers were down. I am stuck there, and it is 5 o'clock in the morning. A nice gentleman who appeared to be a drug addict was there, and he said I know the cab company. Could you give me your phone? I gave him my phone, and he apparently has a good relationship with the cab company, and he got me out of there. The cab arrived to pick us up, and he got in there with us, and he asked for a dollar for helping us. I would like to ask, how can I get some help on the \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00 worth of medical bills? I have no insurance, and I was forced to get into the ambulance, and I talked with the ambulance director, and he said, you cannot be forced to get into the ambulance. I said to him I did not want in there.

Kathy Mrvos, City Clerk, stated to Mr. Porter that his three minutes was up. Mr. Porter said thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

Request by Council to convene into Executive Session consistent with WV Code 6-9A-4-A(9) to consider personnel matters.

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2031. 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).**

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

2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2032. An Ordinance to Abandon a Portion of an Unnamed 16' Alley, the Western Portion of Avenue F with Utility Easement, and a 15' Alley known as Alley K. (Councilman Ash)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing for consideration of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets. (City Manager)

Roll Call:	Councilman George Ash	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Terry Weigel	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Fred Marsh	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Matt Provenzano	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Enzo Fracasso	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Douglas Jackson	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Tim Connell	<u>YES</u>

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

2. Resolution to Approve the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets. (City Manager)

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

Roll Call:	Councilman George Ash	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Terry Weigel	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Fred Marsh	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Matt Provenzano	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Enzo Fracasso	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Douglas Jackson	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Tim Connell	<u>YES</u>

Motion passed 7/0

3. Ordinance No. 2033. An Ordinance to the Amendment No. 787 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214 of the City of Weirton to Establish Dedicated Residential Disability Parking Space at 216 Lane Street (for Ray and Edith Kaczynski) (Councilman Weigel) EMERGENCY READING

A motion was made by Councilman Weigel, and second by Councilman Connell.
Motion passed 7/0

Councilman Marsh, just reminding everybody that this being a disabled space one reading.

4. Ordinance to the Amendment No. 788 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214 of the City of Weirton to Establish a Sign "15 Minute Parking 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, Except Sundays" in front of Sweet Temptations, 3666 Lindberg Way. (Councilman Jackson)

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

5. Resolution to Adopt the Updated Brooke Hancock Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. (City Manager)

A motion was made by Councilman Jackson, and second by Councilman Connell.
Motion passed 7/0

6. Resolution to Authorize Revisions to the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget. (City Manager)

A motion was made by Councilman Weigel, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Roll Call:	Councilman George Ash	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Terry Weigel	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Fred Marsh	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Matt Provenzano	<u>YES</u>

Councilman Enzo Fracasso YES
Councilman Douglas Jackson YES
Councilman Tim Connell YES

Motion passed 7/0

7. Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into Settlement Agreement and Release with Plaintiffs in FF James Brueck, et al. v. the City of Weirton and Sgt. Ricky Grishkevich et al. v. the City of Weirton (City Manager)

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

8. Resolution to place Liens against Real Properties for Costs Incurred in Demolition of Unsafe Properties Pursuant to Ordinance 250. (Mavis Kukich 224 Avenue E) (\$6,700.00) (City Manager)

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Hall of Fame Committee:

John Sorrenti 4/1/2018 to 3/31/2021

Linda Krynicki 4/1/2018 to 3/31/2021

A motion was made by Councilman Ash for both appointments, and second by Councilman Connell.
Motion passed 7/0

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Alexander

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Utilities – Water and Sewer – Butch Mastrontoni

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Code Department – Matt Burskey

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Fire Department – Chief Shumate

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Library – Rik Rekowski

ABSENT

Public Works – Rod Rosnick

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Transit – Donna Gialluco

Just wanted to let everyone know that the buses that we received in December, all three are out on the road, and are planned to expand an express route from the Downtown Weirton area, to the Three Springs Drive area, and then onto the Med Center will probably begin the first week of April.

Planning & Development – Mark Miller

ABSENT

Park Board – Coty Shingle

Park Board Meeting on Thursday.

Finances– Travis Blosser, City Manager

General Fund Cash Report for February 2018

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$2,500,806.02
Interest on Checking:	\$1,010.07
Deposits:	\$953,632.32
Draw-downs on Investment:	\$0.00
Disbursements:	\$1,156,522.40
Deposits to Investments:	\$0.00
Ending Cash Balance:	\$2,298,926.01
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:	\$2,299,726.01

Additionally we do not have any outstanding invoices due at this time.

Motion to approve the Finance Report by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Motion passed 7/0

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Mrvos, City Clerk, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting after the closing prayer which was recited by Councilman Connell.

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Jackson.

Motion passed 7/0