

CITY OF WEIRTON
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022

COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 PM
REGULAR BUSINESS FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 p.m. – PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2185. An Ordinance Establishing and Fixing Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges of the City of Weirton, West Virginia and Approving the Construction of Sewer Improvements for the Sanitary Board.

Ordinance No. 2186. An Ordinance Establishing and Fixing Water Rates, Fees and Charges of the City of Weirton, West Virginia and Approving the Construction of Water Improvements for the Weirton Area Water Board.

COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

- March 7, 2022 – Regular Meeting

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

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15. A Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into Contract with CDW Government for the Purchase of a Back-Up Server in the Amount of Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$9,694.88). (City Manager)

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER

WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – WATER AND SEWER RATES MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, Weirton Municipal Building, 200 Municipal Plaza, Weirton, WV 26062, for the purpose of hearing citizens' comments on the following proposed Ordinances:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2185 Establishing and Fixing Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges of the City of Weirton, West Virginia and Approving the Construction of Sewer Improvements for the Sanitary Board.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2186 Establishing and Fixing Water Rates, Fees and Charges of the City of Weirton, West Virginia and Approving the Construction of Water Improvements for the Weirton Area Water Board.

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

Mayor Harold Miller called the Public Hearing to order.

Attendance:

Mayor and Council Members

Harold E. Miller	Mayor	IN PERSON
Tim Connell	Councilmember Ward 1	IN PERSON
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

Michael A. Adams, Esq.	City Manager	IN PERSON
Vincent S. Gurrera, Esq.	City Attorney	IN PERSON
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director	IN PERSON
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director	IN PERSON
Mark Miller	Planning and Development Director	IN PERSON
Matt Burskey	Code Enforcement Official	IN PERSON
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Charlie Kush	Police Chief	IN PERSON
DeeAnn Pulliam	Assistant City Manager	IN PERSON
Butch Mastrantoni	Utilities Director	IN PERSON

W. Coty Shingle
Rik Rekowski
Kimberly Long

Parks & Recreation Director
Library Director
City Clerk

IN PERSON
ABSENT
IN PERSON

David Klar, spoke in opposition of the water and sewer rate increases. He stated the following reason(s) for the opposition:

Developers are developing properties and making a huge profit on the possible sale of these properties. I am in agreement with the Public Service Commission's view that the developers who benefit from the project should pay their own way and that existing customers shouldn't pay an unfair share of the project costs. The water quality is going to be the same before and after the project; the availability of water and sewer service will still be the same. There will be no benefit to the current citizens of Weirton. The day after the plants are upgraded, the properties are sold and developed. Then new businesses move in and develop and purchase all the extra capacities of both plants. The city is going to reap all of the financial gains from the sale of the utilities, property owners will reap all of the profits from their property sales, and utility payers will get stuck with the debt at an actual cost of about \$70 million dollars over the next 20 to 25 years. Residents will be looking at a 45 to 50% overall utility bill increase. Citizens all throughout the city are already struggling financially. Developers should at least be paying their fair share of these projects; projects that are going to benefit them. The developers are paying nothing for the water and sewer service to enhance their property values and help ensure their 450% profit or more.

(Summarized Comments)

Chris Gruda, spoke in opposition of both Ordinances. He stated the following reason(s) for the opposition:

After talking to the State Ethics Commission, the Public Service Commission, and private lawyers, nothing about this rate increase seems like the right thing. It's going to line the pockets of investors and other local groups that have interests, but nothing for the citizens. I think we need to step back and look how the money is going to be spent. I'm not against economic growth. We are in an economic downward spiral. We have people in the city making \$1523 per month on Social Security. 50% of our town is under the poverty line. We can't do it; I can do it, but there's a lot of people who cannot, or who don't have the internet, or who are afraid of you guys, who won't speak. I have people who wouldn't sign the petition because they were afraid their water would get shut off if their bill was a day late. That's what they think of our water department.

(Summarized Comments)

Edward J. Zawatski, spoke in favor of both Ordinances. He stated the following reason(s) for his support:

This is important to bring businesses into the City. We can't ignore the future of the City. City officials have a great vision for the future. You want to bring businesses to the City that are going to bring good jobs, good paying jobs, to the citizens. As citizens, we have to have vision ourselves. There is a rumor going around that the City is going after this water infrastructure program to appease the Marcellus shale drilling and that this is the furthest thing from the truth. These ordinances have nothing to do with providing water service for Marcellus shale drilling and I want to dispel that rumor right now.

(Summarized Comments)

Edward W. Zawatski, spoke in favor of both Ordinances. He stated the following reason(s) for his support:

To dispel the rumor that this is going to provide water for the Marcellus shale drilling, in the water management plan Southwestern Energy submitted, Weirton is not mentioned in there once; it states they are going to get water from all over the tri-state area, not the City of Weirton. The plants are old and they are getting to the age that they need to be replaced. If you don't put the money into the plants now, you're going to have bigger problems down the road.

(Summarized Comments)

B. Keith Fabianich, spoke in opposition of both Ordinances. He stated the following reason(s) for the opposition:

Last month, he asked how many people in the city were using below the minimum 1000 gallons and has yet to receive an answer. There's a lot of minimum users, fixed income and low income. By raising the minimum on 1000 gallons you're forcing those people to subsidize all those that want to water their grass, wash their cars, or hose down their porches, because they are being forced to pay for water they didn't use and to pay for sewer they didn't create. I've been told the 1000 gallon minimum is pretty much the industry standard. I think we need to set a trend and take care of our people. If prices are raised, you're going to have more people living in poverty.

(Summarized Comments)

Emmanuel Lucas, stated:

He has no sewage and asked who he should talk to about getting it off of his bill. Mr. Lucas was directed to call the Water Department.

(Summarized Comments)

Mark McEvoy, spoke in favor of both Ordinances. He stated the following reason(s) for his support:

The actual project should be looked at for the merits and what it would cost if it isn't pursued. There's going to be more anxiety if we don't go through with the project. Mechanical equipment breaks down and only lasts so long. It's important to think of the City's future, and infrastructure is a critical and vital part of bringing industry into the City.

(Summarized Comments)

No additional comments were offered.

Mayor Harold Miller asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing:

Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

Minutes approved at the May 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Signed: Kimberly Long, City Clerk

MEETING MINUTES WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting
Weirton Municipal Building – Council Chambers
200 Municipal Plaza, Weirton, WV 26062
Monday, April 11, 2022, Following Public Hearing

Mayor Harold Miller called the meeting to order.

City Clerk Kimberly Long conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mayor and Council Members in Attendance

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W. Coty Shingle	Parks & Recreation Director	IN PERSON
Rik Rekowski	Library Director	ABSENT
Kimberly Long	City Clerk	IN PERSON

CITIZENS' REMARKS

Resident, Jean Czernek, spoke about Southwestern Energy's plans for drilling wells in the City.

Resident, Bradley Wilcox, spoke about rats in the sewers/storm drains on Marland Heights.

Resident, Tom Zielinsky, spoke about fracking.

Resident, Reverend James Brown, provided information on an upcoming health fair taking place on June 11, 2022, from 11-3, at the Millsop Community Center.

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.

READING OF MINUTES

March 7, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the March 7, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Marsh – The municipal waste and recycling contract has had a fairly significant increase. The resolution for the balance of the invoice to James White Construction will need to be debated tonight. The Finance Committee made the determination for this item to come to Council to be discussed. The total of the three resolutions related to the police cruiser totals \$51,916.00. The fireworks will be held on July 2nd instead of July 4th for a savings of several thousand dollars. The City Manager will be explaining the resolutions related to the City's website in more detail. There is a bill for approval tonight from James White Construction related to the Park Drive project. These funds will be coming from the TIF Fund, not the General Fund.

Finance Director, Diana Smoljanovich – The bill from James White Construction in the amount of **\$127,253.70** for the Park Drive project needs to be approved. To confirm, the payment comes out of the TIF Fund, not the General Fund.

Motion to Pay the Invoice as Presented: Councilman Marsh

Motion Approved: 7/0

Ms. Smoljanovich reported that the number of hits on the City's website averages about 18,000 per month. About 1,300 customers pay their utility bills online every month.

General Fund Cash Report for March 2022:

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$2,978,154.72
Deposits:	\$1,690,914.10
Interest:	\$ 235.62

Disbursements: \$1,813,231.71)
Petty Cash: \$ 800.00
Total Cash on Hand: \$2,856,872.73

One of the items on the budget revision tonight is to reflect the James White Construction invoice related to the Community Center wall project. If payment is not approved, the money can be transferred into contingencies.

Helen Brancazio was introduced as the City's new Benefits Manager.

City Manager Mike Adams welcomed Mark Miller back as the City's Planning Director.

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved: 6/1
Councilman Jonczak voted against the Ordinance
2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2186 Establishing and Fixing Water Rates, Fees and Charges of the City of Weirton, West Virginia and Approving the Construction of Water Improvements for the Weirton Area Water Board. (City Manager)
Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved: 6/1
Councilman Jonczak voted against the Ordinance
3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2187 to Amend and Re-Enact Police and Fire Service Fee for the City of Weirton. (City Manager)
Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved: 7/0

Councilman Ash asked for clarification that all of tonight's spending resolutions went out for bid as per the Charter. **Councilman Marsh** confirmed that they did with the exception of the resolution to fix the fire department's roof, which is considered an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Motion Approved: 7/0
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Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell
Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Discussion: Mr. Adams reported that from 1/1/2021 to 1/31/2022, there were 141,591 visits to the website and 262,459 page views. Hits on the website in March 2022 were 18,758, February hits were 17,552, and January hits were 15,426. The website is used for alerts and notices (boil orders and road closures), city events, meetings, agendas, minutes, bid applications and job postings. This invoice appears to reflect an incorrect charge for the custom mobile app annual fee which had previously been discontinued due to lack of use. CivicPlus has been contacted for an explanation and confirmation of these charges, but no response has been received yet. Mr. Adams suggested that both resolutions relating to the website should be tabled tonight until a final number can be confirmed.

Motion to Table: Councilman Fracasso

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Table: Councilman Fracasso

Motion Approved: 7/0

8. A Resolution Authorizing a Budget Revision to Fund a \$40,457.32 Payment to James White Construction for Work Completed on Two Stairwells as Part of the Weirton Millsop Community Center South Wall and Footer Project (\$40,457.32). (City Manager)

Mr. Adams explained that the Park Board has invested over \$1M since 1995 on capital improvements without seeking major funding input from the City. The stairwells were done in the interest of efficiency, and not done to circumvent Council's authority.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Marsh

Discussion: Councilman Marsh stated that there have been a lot of pros and cons on both sides and this has gone back and forth in Finance, and he was one of the members of Council from the very beginning that said \$500,000.00 for the project; no more, no less.

Councilman Marsh made a motion to amend the Resolution to add the words "\$40,457.32 is to be deducted from next year's Park Board's appropriations."

Mr. Shingle responded if it is done this way, the Park Board would still be paying for it because it will be coming out of the allotment for next year. This expenditure is eligible for ARPA funds if the City pays it. The option to not replace the stairwells was explored, but they are mandated in order to meet emergency requirements. The \$90,000 increase in cost due to steel prices tripling is what really hurt the project costs.

Councilman Ash stated that he doesn't object to what was done but that fact that it was done before coming to Council to ask for the money. **Councilman Fracasso** agreed and stated that possibly an emergency meeting could have been held to approve those funds. **Mr. Adams** commented that this may not have fallen under the definition of an emergency for a meeting. **Mr. Shingle** stated that this was treated as a change order. This expenditure happened before going inside and finding other things that needed to be done. **Councilwoman Perrone** asked **Ms. Smoljanovich** to confirm that this expenditure is an eligible expense under ARPA funds. **Ms. Smoljanovich** confirmed that it is an eligible expense under ARPA funds. **Councilman Connell** agrees this should have been handled differently, but the project should not be held up and the bill needs to be paid.

A Roll Call Vote was Requested for the Motion to Amend the Resolution:

Councilman Fred Marsh	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman George Ash	<u>Yes</u>
Councilwoman Flora Perrone	<u>No</u>
Councilman Enzo Fracasso	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Terry Weigel	<u>No</u>
Councilman Tim Connell	<u>No</u>
Councilman Chris Jonczak	<u>No</u>

Motion Failed: 4/3

Motion to Approve the Resolution as Originally Presented: Councilman Connell

A Roll Call Vote was Requested for the Motion:

Councilman Tim Connell	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Chris Jonczak	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Fred Marsh	<u>No</u>
Councilman George Ash	<u>No</u>
Councilwoman Flora Perrone	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Enzo Fracasso	<u>No</u>
Councilman Terry Weigel	<u>No</u>

Motion Failed: 4/3

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

Motion to Approve: Councilman Marsh

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell

Motion Approved: 7/0

14. A Resolution to Enter into Contract for Disposal of Municipal Waste and Recycling with the Brooke County Sanitary Landfill. (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Discussion: Mr. Rosnick clarified that from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024, the fees will be \$40 per ton, and from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, the fees will be \$42 per ton.

Motion Approved: 7/0

15. A Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into Contract with CDW Government for the Purchase of a Back-Up Server in the Amount of Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$9,694.88). (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

City Manager – Mike Adams – We are in the beginning stages of the rental registration program; on March 22nd, ground broke on Park Drive; Senator Manchin’s representatives announced that of the \$58M available in congressionally directed earmarks, the City will be receiving \$22.5M to be used for the water project; plans for the City’s 75th anniversary celebration are underway. The celebration will be on July 2, 2022, with a day full of activities such as a parade, food trucks, games, and fireworks. The Top of WV is helping by holding events up at the Event Center. Paving on Cove Road will probably not get done until after the new fiscal year starts. Cove Hill is supposed to be done from the bottom of the hill to Gilson Avenue in late April or early May. New businesses continue to open throughout the City.

Police Department – Chief Charlie Kush – The probationary police officer written exam took place on April 8, 2022. Three recently hired officers entered the state police academy and are slated to graduate on July 1, 2022.

Assistant City Manager – DeeAnn Pulliam – In March, the State’s lighting crew took care of a majority of the lights that were out. The Three Springs Drive Interchange area is not working due to damage caused by guardrail posts. For DataMax, payments from two new businesses and six businesses paying their renewal fees were received for a total paid of \$1,550.17 in March.

Utilities – Butch Mastrantoni – Expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Council for approving the Ordinances for the infrastructure development. It was noted that the \$22,470,000.00 received was the largest in WV history ever to come from a congressional earmark. Work will continue to try to secure federal funds to help with the sewer project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were no additional comments or communications.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved 7/0

Councilman Tim Connell recited the closing prayer.

Minutes approved at the May 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Signed: *Kimberly Long*, City Clerk