

**WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the Weirton Municipal Building.

Councilmembers in Attendance:

Tim Connell	Councilmember Ward 1	ABSENT
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:

Travis L. Blosser	City Manager
Rick Stead	Police Captain
Vince Gurrera	City Attorney
Sam Stoneking	Assistant Utilities Director
Mark Miller	Planning & Development Director
Rik Rekowski	Library Director
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director
Coty Shingle	Park Board Executive Director
Jerry Shumate	Fire Chief
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director

Mayor Harold Miller led everyone in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Connell recited the opening prayer.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve the May 7, 2018, minutes was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Marsh.

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The motion passed 6/0

Citizens Remarks:

Patricia Evano – Benefits for BOT Workers

Mayor Miller, City Manager, Blosser, Council, City Attorney, Gurrera, Finance Director Smoljanovich

I am Patricia Evano, and I am here again to discuss the plight of the Back of the Truck Sanitation and Recycle Workers. All of us with yellow armbands stand in solidarity.

Thank you for the glimmer of hope you gave my committee the last meeting.

Mr. George Ash requested that holding a Commercial Driver's License be removed from the requirements to apply for full time status for the Back of the Truck Workers. Has that been accomplished?

Mr. Tim Connell suggested that the Finance Committee and the Budget Committee have a meeting regarding the matter of full time employment for the Back of the Truck Workers. Has there been a meeting, and what was the result?

Because you seemed to not be satisfied with the petition presented with 1,291 signatures, I am sure you are even less satisfied, after the petition's certification of only 703 names, I understand that signatures were eliminated because of location of residence, lack of sanitation account, and multiple signatures from the same household. My committee was not given the guideline that only the account holder should sign. We are not discouraged though by this certification. Because 703 still speaks volumes!

You, as Council have expressed the desire to get a good feel for the wishes of your constituents in your ward. Have you done any canvassing or have you received calls from those in your Ward? Have you had negative responses in excess of the 703 favorable? If not, then how can you oppose making the Back of the Truck Workers full time employee with full benefits? I assume that you will submit a list of constituents in your Ward and their address who oppose our effort, so they can be verified by the same committee that verified our petition.

When you imposed the \$50 Safety and Security Fee, did the majority of your constituents agree with you, and tell you, you should do so?

When you imposed the 1% Sales Tax, what percentage of residents called you and said yay, let's do this?

When you imposed the B&O Tax, what percentage of business people in your district, in your Ward encouraged you to do that?

Yet, you expect to hear from a great majority of your Ward indicating that they want to pay an additional fee to enable the Back of the Truck Workers to be full time with all the benefits thereof. I rest my case. Go forward; Do good, God Bless you.

Councilman George Ash – Ms. Evano, before you leave, I would like to know also if that committee ever did meet. Finance Committee, and what was the other one?

Councilman Tim Connell – Budget.

Councilman George Ash – Finance Committee and Budget Committee, did they ever meet?

Councilman Fred Marsh – the Finance did.

Councilman George Ash – but you were supposed to meet with the other committee. I was just wondering if they ever did. I guess not.

Councilman Enzo Fracasso – I do not remember having to meet with the budget committee. I do not think that ever came up.

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – we technically do not have a budget committee, we have a finance committee, and that is the only committee we have that regularly meets prior to a council meeting. Anytime we are dealing with budgetary matters, full council is engaged in budget appropriations and laying out the budget documents, so there is no budget committee that I ever been part of since I have been here.

Councilman George Ash – so I guess the answer was no. The second thing is, I am in my ward all the time. People see me all the time there. And I have not had one person object to this ordinance. Not one, No phone calls about it, and I have walked down the streets and talked to different people. And no one has been against it in my ward that has talked to me. I do not know about the rest of the councilmembers what they do.

Councilman Enzo Fracasso – I have had quite a few calls against it.

Councilman George Ash – I have not seen anybody, I have not seen any petitions you asked about that is against it.

Patricia Evano – And you have had several calls?

Councilman Enzo Fracasso – I have has several calls and people out in the public come up to me, and I have had some that were in favor, but I can tell you the majority of them were not.

Patricia Evano – ok, now we can only count the head of the household that pays the bill, we cannot count the woman who walks up to you and says, "I do not want to do this."

Councilman Enzo Fracasso – the first thing I ask them is, "Are you a customer?"

Patricia Evano – Wait a minute, being a customer and being the spouse of the account holder are two different things.

Councilman George Ash – which reminds me, sorry Mrs. Evano, that reminds me, my wife is very upset about that, she is a registered voter. She said, "I do not have any say in this. She helps pay the taxes, she helps with everything, and she said, "I have no say on this."

They would not allow her name to be on the account with mine, or her name would be on there with mine. It is not her fault they will not allow it.

Patricia Evano – I would say though that nobody exceeded 703 negatives.

Mayor Harold E. Miller – thank you, Patty. Gentleman I think we can have our discussion when it comes time to vote for the ordinance to be removed from the table. I think we can have more talk about it. I think we all have an opinion.

Mike Mudrick – Marland Heights Road

Good evening Council, my name is Mike Mudrick. I am a lifelong resident of the City of Weirton. And I am here tonight to discuss the incident today on Marland Heights Road. As you all know, Marland Heights Road was closed once again for a significant period of time. And throughout the day, it became a big topic of conversation on social media, and there were a lot of people that said were going to council. I do not know if there is anybody here for that reason, but I am here because I made that commitment to come.

I know we have talked, and it has been discussed in the past about having a secondary access road. And that may not be feasible for the City, and I understand that. But we need to come up with a secondary emergency access road. Something that is going to be sustainable for a period time, and that period of time could be several hours, could be several weeks, or could be several months. If you go up there right now on Marland Heights Road, and look at the hillside you will see that the hillside is starting to come down. All over the valley, we are seeing hillsides coming down, roads being washed away. How long is it going to be that Marland Heights Road is undermined, and we lose the road completely? When that happens, that is not going to be a quick fix. It is going to take several weeks, if not several months to fix. I am concerned of a resident at Marland Heights, and I know there are others that are concerned. I just believe the time for discussion has long gone by. We need to take action. I am coming to you as councilmembers and asking that you quit talking about it, and let's come up with a secondary road. Maybe not something that is a fully traveled daily commute type road, but something that is going to provide emergency access for police and fire, and which by the way, I want to say thank you to you guys as well as the police department and fire department because they mobilized quickly, and got the resources in place to make sure if something did happen on the hill we were protected and covered. But that is today. Tomorrow the whole hillside could be washed out, and we are going to have a problem, so I am asking that you guys put together some sort of committee and look at the feasibility with coming up with some sort of secondary emergency access road.

Councilman Doug Jackson – Mayor, I would like to address that. Mark I have known you my whole life. And I believe I am the single largest landowner on Marland Heights. I was raised right up the street from you, and I think I also share in your concern. As the councilman of Marland Heights, it goes back to 1976 when the first feasibility study was done. And that was they wanted to cut a road down the backside of Marland Heights, and make it into Half Moon. Twenty-eight million dollars was the price tag associated in 1976 with adding a secondary road with the West Virginia Department of Transit. In 1991, a feasibility study was done to extend Heaslett Avenue. Heaslett Avenue, there is only about

50 feet unpaved. 50 yards, excuse me that is unpaved from where it comes down from the Marl Inn, make the right on State Street , you would make a left. In 1991, the business men of downtown pressured the Department of Trans with the State of West Virginia to veto that access road because they were afraid the people would make a right, go up Freedom Way, and across the Fort Steuben Bridge, as it was called in those days, so it was vetoed then.

The facts of the situation today are basically documented. Two lanes were only closed for seven minutes, and that was at the request of the power company, so people who say that Marland Heights Road was closed for emergency vehicles, it is not true. I am saying this for the general public, for seven minutes both lanes were closed. They had full accessibility for emergency vehicles. You know as well as I do, that we have landed helicopters on the Marland Heights ballfield more times in the last three years than anytime I can remember in the past. So to align the public's fears, both lanes were not closed. Does something need to be done? Yes. Will it be open twenty-four seven? Will there be two lanes up on Marland Heights and two lanes down 247365? I will veto that to my very last breath. If that happens, I will sell every single property I own on Marland Heights and leave because I believe Marland Heights is a hamlet. One road up, one road down, it has always kept us safe. To extend Heaslett Avenue is the most cost effective, least intrusive, and now that we have a true demonstrated need, I think that is the avenue we need to go for further conversations, so I back what you are saying. I live on Marland Heights still, so thank you for bringing it to our attention. It will not be swept underneath the rug. Unfortunately, it is how do we get the funds. I believe that I spoke to the City Manager, Travis Blosser today. There is a petition and a process we need to fill out with the DOT in order to get that done. But we have demonstrated a need, and today was just another incident in the long list of incidents that we will bring forward. So thank you, I back you, but the facts are this issue goes back to 1976, since we were kids.

Blaze Hogan – Sanitation Workers

Last time you stumped me with a question. I had a brain freeze. You asked me where I came up with \$43,000 per individual for the nine men on the back of the truck. It is very simple. I reversed engineered his figures. Your City Manager gave a \$4.00 rate increase per month, per customer to Pat Evano to give these guys benefits. To hire them full time. You have approximately 8,000 customers. You actually have 7, 905 that pay their bills. I do not know how many don't. I am going to round that up to 8,000 to make the math simple. 8,000 times \$4.00 gives you \$32,000 a month in an increase of revenue. Multiple that by 12 you get \$384,000 a year that is what somebody here is claiming you need to give these guys benefits. Simply divide 384,000 by nine men you come up with \$42,000 and change. Now, by your reaction, that figure is too high. That you are not going to pay people \$21,500 then double their salary in compensation.

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – I do not have the spreadsheet in front of me, the Finance Director and I put the numbers together, and I think the numbers are more like \$3.94, is what I think the actual figure is in terms of the rate increase that is in the ordinance. To be specific, the actual health insurance benefits on average for a full family benefit plan is about \$22,000 a year, so for 10 employees that would roughly average about \$220,000 a year. Then when you assumed the \$3000 for the retirement benefits that is going to get you to roughly another probably twenty to thirty thousand dollars a year. So when you start

adding up all those expenses and you start getting into the minor ones, which then start to add up. Those minor ones, which are the vision benefits, the dental is paid by the employee, the life benefit, when you start adding up those minor changes, and while there is some savings moving away, which is all calculated in our numbers, when you move away from paying out the little amount to the temporary agency for when those employees move from us to them there are still some overages that are there. So that number is the accurate number in terms of the \$3.94 based on what is provided by the Finance Department in terms of the health benefit and all of the other benefits that come along with that, which are the retirement benefits and everything else. That is the drilled down number. So it is just not benefits, it also includes some wages because of overtime wages that are factored into that because once employees become full time here you have the fact that employees will take vacation. Overtime kicks in with that, so that has to be accounted for within the City, which is currently not accounted for, so those benefits are also included in those numbers as well.

Blaze Hogan – so what is the total per person?

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – I do not have those numbers in front of me.

Blaze Hogan – you have researched this for 2 months and you don't know those totals.

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – I do not have them in front of me.

Councilman Doug Jackson – Excuse me, I would like to speak. What is your name? You did not introduce yourself when you came up.

Blaze Hogan – my name is Blaze Hogan, she introduced me.

Councilman Doug Jackson – do you employ people?

Blaze Hogan – No

Councilman Doug Jackson – have you ever been in a position to where you did employ people?

Blaze Hogan – yes

Councilman Doug Jackson – and you understand benefits are a complicated matter, right? I employ 96 people on a full-time basis. Benefits are my number one thing. I don't think that a question about 60 days does anybody due diligence. I think that it takes a long time to put together a comprehensive benefit package. And you who have employed people would agree with that I would hope, correct?

Blaze Hogan – you already have employment benefit packages for years here. I do not think it takes any extra. You know what the drivers are making and you know what their employment benefits are. It is just not that much of a transition to be back of the truck.

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – what I am trying to say is that I have the numbers plugged in, and they are downstairs in Diana's office. I do not physically have them here in

my presence this moment. I am giving you numbers that I have off the top of my head that I know are specific in terms of the 22,000 number, which comes to about \$220,000. I am giving you specific numbers I can give you. But as far as giving you the other ones, I am not going to spitball other numbers for you.

Blaze Hogan – I think the last time I was here when I mentioned the \$22,000, I think you mentioned Mr. Mayor that was the Cadillac health insurance policy, and that it was more like \$17,000.

Mayor Harold E. Miller – you have to throw them all in there to figure it out and determine where you need to go figure a rate increase.

Blaze Hogan – like I said I reversed engineered the \$384,000, that is in addition to the profit you already make. And you are saying there is a little bit of overhead for the lease with the agency. My understanding is when you lease somebody you double their wage to give to the lease.

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – No, that is not true, and from a profit standpoint, when we are talking about budgetary matters on sanitation it has been clear and evident with city council we approximately have this year \$84,000 that is not accounted, and that is essentially in contingency for sanitation. And about \$40,000 of that within the tipping fees that are proposed within the new tipping fee contract will be eating away at that \$84,000. So there will be about \$40,000 programmed there. That leaves the window so council is not coming back year after year for rate increases, it gives the ability as health insurance costs are continuing to rise year after year, and there is no progress in tipping down, the costs are continuing to go up. We have been able to hold them flat recently, but they just continue to go up. That gives council flexibility in terms of appropriations so they are not coming back year after year for rate increases.

Blaze Hogan – what I just read in the paper here, you are planning to change from Imperial to Brooke County. And that you are going to save \$20 per ton on the recycle, and you are going to save the fuel from driving up to Imperial and back because you are just driving up the street.

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – No, we are actually paying for recycling where we did not have to before.

Blaze Hogan – You did not pay Imperial for recycling?

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – No, we used to not pay for recycling, but now we are required by both groups to pay for recycling where we were not required to pay before.

Blaze Hogan – okay, let me quote you please. Imperial used to not charge for recycling, Lamp said, not you, Mr. Lamp. The landfill has instituted a charge \$61.67 per ton for recycling. Blosser added that the Brooke landfill has not changed their prices in the last four years. He noted there is an \$84,000 buffer. I read somewhere that recycles was going to \$43.00 a ton and the other was \$37 for regular garbage. My point is I do not know how you are going to increase costs by going to Brooke County. We are going to save money. I

want to get back to my point. You went from \$61 dollars at Imperial. That is what this paper says.

Mayor Harold E. Miller – Your three minutes has well been exceeded.

Blaze Hogan – It has been exceeded by these people talking. I have not had three minutes to talk yet.

Mayor Harold E. Miller – One thing that I was waiting for was the contract with the new tipping fees. That is very important to the numbers and what we are talking about here, so we are not talking about the same issues and covering the cost. Because we put a utility fee increase in, I want to make sure that we are covering these costs. We should be in a position to move forward with this, hopefully tonight.

Blaze Hogan – it did not account for the \$123,000 on average you have made in profit for the last five years, because the rates were raised five years ago by \$2.00.

Mayor Harold E. Miller – you know what the profits were used for capital improvements, equipment, and all the things you do when you run a business. That is the only thing the profits go to. We do not have a profit sharing plan here.

Blaze Hogan – I understand that. But when you say the revenue is so much \$1.3 million and the sanitation expenses are \$1.2 million. There is a profit there, isn't there?

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – those revenues carry over year to year, and are reinvested back into sanitation through equipment purchases. We are continuing, and have continued to invest in new equipment. And this council has been very aggressive with acquisitions of brand new equipment and not through lease purchases. One of the things we had done in the past is lease purchasing equipment. The average cost of a dump truck... Rod, how much was the last dump truck we brought?

Rod Rosnick – the small ones are \$77,000 each and the large ones are \$120,000.

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – so, we have been buying those dump trucks in cash.

Blaze Hogan – you have purchased 3 in the last 5 years. But you have still shown a profit.

City Manager, Travis L. Blosser – from that aspect we have been continually investing in our fleet. We continually carry over those revenues year after year in the budgeting process.

Blaze Hogan – I am showing an average of \$123,000 in profit over and above all that is what you are talking about, and that is for nine guys, that alone, how much is that, \$12,000?

Councilman Doug Jackson – are you under the dogma that this council does not want to provide the best for our sanitation workers? Is that the point you are trying to make tonight on this floor?

Blaze Hogan – the point I am trying to make is that from day one I thought the \$4.00 rate increase.

Councilman Doug Jackson – please answer my question. Are you under the impression that this council sitting before you tonight, does not want what is best for our sanitation workers. Is that the point you are trying to make?

Blaze Hogan – Mr. Jackson I tell you what, the first time I wrote about this was five years ago, and they still have not gotten the benefits. Now you tell me? You answer the question?

Councilman Doug Jackson – I have been on this council for two years, and this has been the first time that this has come to this conjecture.

Blaze Hogan – then you must not read the paper.

Councilman Doug Jackson – I do not read your articles sir. I have read a few of them, and they are not for me. But this is the first the City has ever had money thanks to this City Manager, this Mayor, and this Finance Director to where we can invest in equipment, so if you want to go back five years let us take a photograph of the dangerous equipment that these sanitation workers were forced to work with. And let us look at it today. It is much safer and much better. I do not think that in 60 days we can put together a solid proposal to get these sanitation workers get what they deserve and what is fair for the taxpayers of this city. Now, I have spoken. And your three minutes are up.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilman George Ash – yes, Mayor, I am sorry, one thing. Where is Rick at, I saw him here earlier. Rick, I want you to know that I did put in that resolution in I promised you for the \$2500. However, the City Manager called me, and it makes sense for what he wants to do. Because at the end of the year, we have to make adjustments anyhow, so when we vote on it we are going to vote on those adjustments. I just wanted to let you know.

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

Mayor Harold E. Miller – I am going to make a recommendation for a change on our agenda to go into executive session later in our meeting so we do not hold up the public on some personnel issues. We are going to put it after the administrative reports so the press and public do not have to sit because we may be in there for an extended period of time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An Ordinance Revising, Amending and Re-Enacting Garbage and Refuse Ordinances 16, 74, 106, 130, 146, 210, 752, 876, 984,

1020, 1281, and 1765. (Councilman Ash) TABLED 4/9/18 and 5/7/18

A motion to remove from the table was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell. Motion passed 5/1

A motion to pass the ordinance was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Weigel.

Councilman Fred Marsh – If I can, just one piece of discussion. I have had maybe twelve people come in and tell me to do this, and I have had one maybe two say not to. It really does not matter to me which way this goes as long as my garbage is picked up. If this were a private service, we would not be having this discussion. I just hope, and I am going to vote for this just to get it off the table because this is what everybody wants. I hope it does not catch them in the rear end. That is my only fear on this.

Mayor Harold E. Miller – Any more comments.

Councilman Terry Weigel – Patty, I did receive a number of phone calls, and I did go out and solicit different people throughout the ward, and I did read the petition to check for the people from my ward who signed it was in favor of it. I did my homework, and I talked with Travis, and we discussed a lot of things. One thing I see wrong with the government today is egos and people letting themselves talk without thinking. I think I am elected to represent what the people from my ward want, and I found an overwhelming majority of my ward supported this, so I will support it.

Councilman Tim Connell – Patty, I will tell you that, I had the same thing. I had requested that the people get a hold of their councilmen. And I had a lot of my constituents get in touch with me, and so go ahead, I want you to vote yes. I am not voting for it myself. I am voting for you who elected me. They said yes, and I will say yes.

Councilman Doug Jackson – and as far as Marland Heights is concerned, everybody loves everything that the sanitation workers do. Everybody does. And I as a councilman am not against anything they want to do. I simply want to make sure the taxpayers' dollars are represented and the sanitation worker get the best package out there and is available to them. I also want to make sure that every avenue in the last 60 days has been looked at and turned over, so they get the best dollar rate they can get also. How do we know that there is not more money out there we can tap into that they can be being paid? For \$17.00 an hour for them to do what they do and to ride in the snow on the back of a garbage truck they deserve a heck of a lot more than that, but we have to be able to find the funding for them.

Councilman George Ash – I would like to comment on that. We are going to give them the same package, if this passes, that every other City employee has. Are you trying to say that this is not the best? You voted for it.

Councilman Doug Jackson – I am saying it is the best, but I want to make sure there is no dollar increase. That there is not any other monies out there in any other funds that we

could give them, because honestly if you think about it, \$17 an hour is not much above minimum wage.

Councilman George Ash – I do not know where you got the \$17 an hour.

Councilman Doug Jackson – whatever the dollar rate was, but when we were talking in general. I simply want to make sure that every I was dotted and T was crossed, and they got the top dollar rate they could get, and that was my conjecture from day one. Are they getting the best package available? Because nobody on this council wanted to take anything away from them. We wanted to make sure they got the best, correct?

City Manager Travis L. Blosser – I think I have to be specific. There is a contractual side to this that has to be discussed with City Council in Executive Session regarding this, if the item should pass. I need to mention that side of this, and the health insurance side is the standard of whatever everyone else has.

Councilman Doug Jackson – I wanted to make sure the total package was discussed in executive session to make sure they got everything that they deserve, and nothing was left off the table.

Councilman Enzo Fracasso – all I can say is the majority of the calls I have gotten and the people I have talked to were against. I have had some that were for it, and like Tim said, and everybody else says, I work for my constituents. That is the way I have to go.

Mayor Harold E. Miller – speaking as the Mayor all I did was go to Shop 'n' Save or Walmart, and I could not get in or out without talking about this issue. They all wanted to tell me how in favor they were of this. I can tell you we get a lot of compliments on the works on the back of the truck. They make extra efforts. From my point of view, that is how the information came. And across the board in the City, I have not heard anything but positives.

Councilman Tim Connell – Mayor, may I make one statement. In my canvassing, I spoke to a lot of people who did not even realize that the men on the back of the truck were not hired and did not get benefits. They were shocked when they found out.

Councilman George Ash – one more question. I would like this to be an emergency reading, and get it done with this month one way or another if it passes all councilmembers we are done with it.

A motion to do an emergency reading was made by Councilman Ash

Roll Call was requested:

Roll Call:	Councilman Ash	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Weigel	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Marsh	<u>YES</u>
	Councilman Provenzano	<u>ABSENT</u>
	Councilman Fracasso	<u>NO</u>

Councilman Jackson YES
Councilman Connell YES

Ordinance passed 5/1, but not as an emergency, it will have a second reading next month.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2037. An Ordinance to the Amendment No. 790 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214 of the City of Weirton to Establish a Yellow Curb 3 Feet North and South of Driveway at 4225 Brooke Street (Councilman Ash)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Weigel. Motion passed 6/0

3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2038. An Ordinance to the Amendment No. 791 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance 214 of the City of Weirton to Extend the Yellow Curb turning left off of Beech Road onto Pikeview Road another 12 Feet which would be on the same side of 101 Pikeview Road (Councilman Fracasso)

Motion was made by Councilman Fracasso, and second by Councilman Connell.
Motion passed 6/0

4. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2039. An Ordinance to the Amendment No. 792 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214 of the City of Weirton to Establish a Yellow Curb around the Cul-De-Sac of Denese Drive and also Yellow around the outer Curb extending 10 Feet from end of Cul-De-Sac up on both sides of the Street (Councilman Weigel)

Motion was made by Councilman Weigel, and second by Councilman Ash.
Motion passed 6/0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to Place Liens Against Real Properties for Costs Incurred in Demolition of Unsafe Properties Pursuant to Ordinance 250 (1072 Pennsylvania Avenue) (\$16,582.25) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Ash.
Motion passed 6/0

2. Resolution to Place Liens Against Real Properties for Costs Incurred in Demolition of Unsafe Properties Pursuant to Ordinance 250 (437 Cove Road) (\$9,118.75) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Fracasso.
Motion passed 6/0

3. Resolution to Place Liens Against Real Properties for Costs Incurred in Demolition of Unsafe Properties Pursuant to Ordinance 250 (3304 Weir Avenue) (\$7,805.50) (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.
Motion passed 6/0

4. Resolution to Enter Into a Contract for Disposal of Municipal Waste and Recycling (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.
Motion passed 6/0

Councilman Fred Marsh – just to clear things up. The Finance Committee did go through this. We vetted it, so it is clear to the public. I cannot remember what our current fee is now, the one we are paying which is Imperial. I think it was twenty nine.

City Manager Travis L. Blosser – it is a total package because based on what Public Works did there are some assumptions in terms on what we believe will be some savings from our trucks not driving to Imperial.

Councilman Fred Marsh – what I am hearing, and I want to make this clear. We are currently paying \$29 a ton and no recycle. Imperial came back higher than what Brooke was. The current proposal is \$37 a ton on waste and \$40 a ton for recycle which takes \$42,000 out of the profits we use to buy the equipment. I just want to make sure it is clear that we vetted that. It was a major question we talked about.

5. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Northern Panhandle Home Consortium for the Period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.
Motion passed 6/0

6. Resolution to Approve and Adopt The City of Weirton Title VI Program (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Ash.
Motion passed 6/0

7. Resolution to Enter into Engineering Contract for Certain Services Related to The City of Weirton's Code Enforcement Department Plan Reviews With The Thrasher Group, Inc. (Amount not to Exceed - \$55,000)(City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Fracasso.
Motion passed 6/0

APPOINTMENTS:

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Nancy Prosser – 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2021

Motion to approve appointment by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell
Motion passed 6/0

Christina Johnson – 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2021

Motion to approve appointment by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell
Motion passed 6/0

PARK BOARD

Iris Himmelrick – 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2024

Motion to approve appointment by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell
Motion passed 6/0

FIRE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Jeff Bertha – 7/1/2018– 6/30/2022

Motion to approve appointment by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.
Motion passed 6/0

MARY H. WEIR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Kathy Bowman – 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2023

Motion to approve appointment by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.
Motion passed 6/0

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Department – Captain Stead

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Utilities – Water and Sewer – Sam Stoneking

Nothing additional to add.

Fire Department – Chief Shumate

The issue they had today at ArcelorMittal Steel is they had an oil spill at Gate 5, and they anticipate they will be working through tonight, and most of tomorrow to get the cleanup done. One lane north bound will be blocked. Public Works brought cones out to help protect the guys from ArcelorMittal, so there will be a one lane restriction until they get the cleanup done.

Public Works – Rod Rosnick

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Inspections – Matt Burskey

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Planning & Development – Mark Miller

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Park Board – Coty Shingle

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Transit – Donna Gialluco

Good evening, I passed out a flyer that the Transit has partnered with the Park Board for the summer. We are doing a demand response throughout the City Monday – Thursday that will be in the different parks in the different areas in the City. I believe we have touched on every single ward. We will be transporting any child age 12 and up to the pool at 11:30 a.m. and back to their destination at 3:00 p.m. We will run a pool special. For \$5.00, you can get to and from the pool, and into the pool, and a coupon

for a hot dog. You can buy the passes in advance at the Transit Office or at the Millsop. This went home to all Weir Middle students also.

Library – Rik Rekowski

Before the next City Council Meeting, the library is getting ready for their Summer Reading Program. I mentioned it at the last City Council Meeting that we are going to have four youth age groups library's rock summer reading program. There is going to be program for toddlers, a program for preschoolers, a program for elementary, and there is going to be a program for elementary school aged children. The registration begins June 28, and the program will run from June 28 through August 9.

Finances – Diana Smoljanovich, Finance Director

General Fund Cash Report for June, 2018

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$3,255,786.19
Interest on Checking:	\$1,330.54
Deposits:	\$774,945.75
Draw-downs on Investment:	\$0.00
Disbursements:	\$1,354,558.39
Deposits to Investments:	\$0.00
Ending Cash Balance:	\$2,677,504.09
Beginning Investment Balance:	\$0.00
Interest on Investments:	\$0.00
Investment Proceeds:	\$0.00
Change in Value:	\$0.00
Deposits:	\$0.00
Withdraws:	\$0.00
Ending Investment Balance:	\$0.00
Petty Cash:	\$800.00
Total Cash and Investments Available:	\$2,678,304.09

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

Motion to approve by Councilman Marsh, and second by Councilman Jackson Motion passed 6/0

Motion to go into executive session made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell Motion passed 6/0

Motion to come out of executive session made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell Motion passed 6/0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Harold Miller called for a motion to adjourn the meeting after the closing prayer which was recited by Councilman Connell.

Motion was made by Councilman Weigel, and second by Councilman Marsh
Motion passed 6/0