

WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017, 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, July 10, 2017, 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
Vince Gurrera	City Attorney
Jerry Shumate	Fire Chief
Matt Burskey	Code Official
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director
Sam Stoneking	Utilities
Mark Miller	Planning and Development Director
Rik Rekowski	Library Director
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director
Kathy Mrvos	City Clerk

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Marsh

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The motion passed 7/0

Mayors Awards and Proclamations:

None

Citizens Remarks:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Travis Blosser, City Manager – Mr. Mayor, first I would like everyone to welcome our Library Director, Rik Rekowski back. It is a pleasure to have you back Rik, I know everyone feels the same too.

Second thing is, my counterpart, from Steubenville, Ohio, City Manager, Jim Mavromatis is here at the meeting in the back. I would like to welcome him here as well. He is going around, and trying to see how other Council people have meetings. I think you have meetings every Tuesday?

Jim Mavromatis, City Manager, Steubenville – Every Tuesday sir. Thank You.

Travis Blosser, City Manager – That is all I have Mr. Mayor.

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:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Northern Panhandle Home Consortium for the Period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (City Manager)

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

Motion passed 7/0

2. Resolution to Place Liens Against Real Properties for Cost Incurred in Demolition of Unsafe Properties Pursuant to Ordinance 250 (3232 Orchard Street) (City Manager)

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

Motion passed 7/0

3. Resolution to Place Liens Against Real Properties for Costs Incurred in Demolition of Unsafe Properties Pursuant to Ordinance 250 (320 Kentucky Street) (City Manager)

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

Motion passed 7/0

4. Resolution to Enter into Agreement for OM & R Cost Share Program for Harmon Creek Watershed Structures (City Manager)

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

Opposed Councilman Marsh

Motion passed 6/1

5. Resolution to Enter into Contract with Kelly Paving Inc. for Milling and Paving of CDBG Eligible Streets (City Manager)

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

Motion passed 7/0

Councilman Marsh – I would like to make a comment, at the Finance Committee we learned that two streets were pulled off the list because of the price. I do not know if that came up in the CDBG meeting tonight or not. We need to take care of ours.

Travis Blosser, City Manager – No

Councilman Marsh – We need to take care of ours. That is it.

6. Resolution to Enter into Engineering Services Contract for Development and Updates to the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) with Thrasher Group, Inc. (City Manager)

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

7. An Ordinance Modifying Ordinance #1313, as Amended, Establishing New Salaries of Employees who are Members of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #84, and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Contracts Necessary to Place these changes into Effect (City Manager)

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

Councilman Ash – I have one question Mayor, are we going to be able to see the contract?

Travis Blosser, City Manager – A copy was provided in your weekly report two weeks ago. We will more than happy to get another copy to you, and they were sent via email as well. The email was sent from DeeAnn.

APPOINTMENTS:

Councilman Ash made a motion to accept all the appointments on the list.

Park Board

Reappointment
Mike Adams 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2023

Reappointment
Edwin J. Bowman 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2023

Reappointment
Doug Finton 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2023

Appointment
Iris Himmelrick 7/10/2017 – 6/30/2018

Planning Commission

Reappointment
Mike Adams 7/1/2017 – 12/31/2018

A motion was made by Councilman Ash, Second by Councilman Fracasso
Councilman Weigel abstained
Motion passed 6/0 on all Appointments

Mr. Mayor stated that he would like to make note that the one recommendation is a just a recommendation from the Mayor's Office to the Park Board, to appoint Iris Himmelrick once someone resigns from the board or a replacement as selected from the Park Board Members, and not appointed by the Mayor. She is going to serve the remainder of Mr. Dragisich's Park Board term if she agrees. Next year, she will be appointed permanently to the Park Board. Good luck Iris.

Iris Himmelrick – Thank You.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Alexander

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Utilities – Water and Sewer – Sam Stoneking

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

I would like to say this is going to be a summer of children's activities, and your Public Library, your City Library is going to be doing wonderful things with children. We had an artist here from New York City who actually worked with art workshops with children at the library just before the 4th of July celebration. His work is up in the exhibition at the gallery. That was made available during the Fourth of July parade, and the celebrations during the weekend.

Also, we would like to say that the summer reading program all over the State of West Virginia has the theme is Build a Better World. Build a Better World seems so appropriate. The kick off was June 19th, and it goes on for eight weeks. But I will tell you Build a Better World seems so appropriate because of the City Council's plan for the Comprehensive Plan for the future of the City of Weirton, and also talking about the art, and the emphasis on Main Street. All our children in the community and High School to be able to read books, and the theme for all of West Virginia is Building that Better World.

We are expecting Lego Based Batman coming in July 15th. It is a pre-show theatre here in Weirton at the Mary H Weir Public Library. I would also like to mention that the Teddy Bear T, which I believe, will be going into our 10th year, is scheduled for the last Wednesday of July at 1 o'clock at the library.

Right now, all the Library Director's in the State are compiling the W Stat Report. This is how many people come into your building, how many notaries, how many books are checked out, how many books did you buy, how many people attended a workshop, how many people brought in children for the story hour program. All these programs are tracked throughout the State, and it is every year that it is reported to the Library Commission. The Library Commission takes this data, and also gives it to the U.S. Congress. I will tell you that, we are currently working with the statistics right now, and the City of Weirton and our usage pattern here has now reached over 10,000 electronic downloads. This means ebooks on tablets, Ipads, computers, and audio music over 10,000 items during the last 12 months. That shows the technical expertise of our community, and our description of our library users. Some of these people are not coming into our building anymore. The emphasis of the Mary H Weir Public Library is to be a place of destination and support this area of downtown Weirton. Yes, the statistics look very, very good they are up. With that, I say thank you.

Public Works – Rod Rosnick

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Transit – Marke Henne

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Planning & Development – Mark Miller

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Park Board – Terry Weigel

Nothing additional to add to the submitted reports.

Finances– Diana Smoljanovich, Finance Director

General Fund Cash Report for June 2017

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$2,912,566.23
Interest on Checking:	\$1,010.04
Deposits:	\$446,822.32
Draw-downs on Investment:	\$0.00
Disbursements:	\$1,809,103.39
Deposits to Investments:	\$0.00
Ending Cash Balance:	\$1,551,295.20
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:	\$1,552,095.20

Travis Blosser, City Manager – I would just like to mention that the number may seem larger. A large majority of that, probably upwards of \$550,000.00, was for your move at the end of the fiscal year into rainy day fund. So based on what we had appropriated in last year’s budget to move into the rainy day fund. I just wanted to mention that to you.

Councilman Marsh – Just a revision?

Travis Blosser, City Manager – Yes, you are going to have substantial amounts of revenue to come in that are due for June.

Motion was made to accept the financial report and all departmental reports by Councilman Marsh, and second by Councilman Fracasso
Motion passed 7/0

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 Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0