

**CITY OF WEIRTON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022  
COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
7:00 p.m.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MAYOR'S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Mr. Paul Christian
- National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness
- National Stalking Awareness Month

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

- December 13, 2021

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

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4. A Resolution Re-Appointing Mr. John Thomas to the Planning Commission for the City of Weirton. (Mayor Miller)
5. An Ordinance Modifying Ordinance No. 2084, Codified as Article 1790 “Rental Dwelling Units”. (Councilman Ash, Councilman Fracasso, Councilman Jonczak)
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#### CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### PRAYER

**INFORMATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 10, 2022**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**6:55 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES  
WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Council Meeting  
Weirton Municipal Building – Council Chambers  
200 Municipal Plaza, Weirton, WV 26062  
Monday, January 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

**Mayor Harold Miller** called the meeting to order.

**City Clerk Kimberly Long** conducted roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor and Council Members in Attendance

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 in Attendance

Charlie Kush	Police Chief	IN PERSON
Kevin Himmelrick	Fire Chief	IN PERSON
Butch Mastrantoni	Utilities Director	IN PERSON
Rik Rekowski	Library Director	IN PERSON
Bruce Lamp	Superintendent	IN PERSON
Jessica Gumm	Planning and Development Director	IN PERSON
W. Coty Shingle	Park Board Executive Director	IN PERSON
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director	IN PERSON
Matt Burskey	Code Official	IN PERSON
Pamela Wright	Employee Benefits Administrator	IN PERSON
Phil Gilcrest	Weirton Transit Manager	ABSENT
Mike Adams	City Manager	IN PERSON
DeeAnn Pulliam	Assistant City Manager	IN PERSON
Vincent S. Gurrera, Esq.	City Attorney	IN PERSON
Brian Stewart	IT Analyst	IN PERSON
Kimberly Long	City Clerk	IN PERSON

## MAYOR'S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

### PROCLAMATION and PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION – Paul Christian

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, HAROLD E. MILLER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEIRTON, BROOKE AND HANCOCK COUNTIES** do hereby recognize **PAUL CHRISTIAN** as Weirton's oldest known living veteran and honor him for his dedicated military service to our Country and his community, on this day January 10, 2022.*

### PROCLAMATION – Christopher Jonczak

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, HAROLD E. MILLER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEIRTON, BROOKE AND HANCOCK COUNTIES** do hereby recognize **CHRISTOPHER JONCZAK** and honor him for his dedicated military service to our Country and his community, on this day January 10, 2022.*

### PROCLAMATION – National Human Trafficking Awareness Month – January 2022

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2022 as "**National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness**" in the City of Weirton and honor the Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Help Center which consists of professionals and volunteers who work tirelessly to protect and care for those who have been impacted by human trafficking.*

### PROCLAMATION – Stalking Awareness Month – January 2022

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim January, 2022 as "**Stalking Awareness Month**" in the City of Weirton and applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, police officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.*

## CITIZENS' REMARKS

**Bill Visnic, resident**, spoke about timbering within City limits.

**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

### December 13, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve the December 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:**

**Councilman Marsh**

**Motion Approved: 7/0**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Councilman Marsh** - The Finance Committee had one item on their agenda, which was the acceptance of the grant for the body cameras for the police department.

**Finance Director, Diana Smoljanovich** – At the Finance Committee meeting, it was proposed to have budget workshops on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. instead of in the evenings. Once the department heads submit their budget information, the Finance Director and City Manager will meet with each one, finalize the numbers, and then schedule the first workshop – hopefully by the end of January. There is one invoice for the Community Center foundation repair project from Ram Jack in the amount of \$23,151.62, and a change order from Pullman for the Community Center foundation repair project in the amount of \$19,134.00. This brings the grand total to date for the project to \$410,810.62 out of the \$500,000 that has been appropriated.

**Motion to pay the invoices: Councilman Marsh**  
**Motion Approved: 7/0**

### **General Fund Cash Report for December 2021**

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$3,414,721.50
Deposits:	\$ 584,255.94
Disbursements:	(\$1,946,400.88)
Petty Cash:	\$ 800.00
Total Cash on Hand:	\$2,053,376.56

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**Motion to Approve: Councilman Marsh**  
**Motion Approved: 7/0**

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**Motion to Approve: Councilman Weigel**  
**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 Jonczak**  
**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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**Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash**  
**Motion Approved: 7/0**
  
6. A Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Consultant to Initiate the City of Weirton Residential Inspection Program Pursuant to the City of Weirton Ordinance No. 2084 (up to \$50,000.00). (Councilman Ash)  
**Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash**

**Discussion: Councilman Ash** explained the need for this RFQ is for the City to find a company best qualified to do the initial phase of implementing the residential inspection program. This company would be responsible for the initial inspections, creating the initial database, training, and developing a guide for our employees to follow. **City Manager, Mike Adams**, further explained that we are following the RFQ and RFP process that was established a few city managers ago. There are approximately 3,000 units within the city that this will encompass.

**Motion Approved: 7/0**

7. A Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) of Professionals to Provide Human Resource Services/Consultation to Audit and Assess Current Human Resource Needs and Functions. (Councilwoman Perrone, Councilman Ash)  
**Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Perrone**  
**Motion Approved: 7/0**
  
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**Councilwoman Perrone made a motion to amend** Part A., 1. (c) by inserting "for an unreasonable amount of time under the circumstances" after the word "premises".

**Motion to approve the amendment: Councilman Fracasso**  
**Motion Approved: 7/0**

**Motion to Approve the Amended Resolution: Councilman Ash**  
**Motion Approved: 7/0**

9. A Resolution Appointing Ms. Earlene Jones to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Weirton. (Councilman Connell)

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

**Councilwoman Perrone** offered a reminder that if anyone is in need of any assistance with their pets, especially this time of year, the Weirton Chamber of Commerce Leadership Team created a Blessing Box that sits at the back of the Municipal Plaza parking lot that contains food and other items for animals. Also, the Hancock County Animal Shelter is willing to provide help that may be needed this time of year in taking care of pets.

**CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**City Manager – Mike Adams** – continues to work on the proposed public safety facility; the budget process has begun; working on a COVID policy; met with the new District 6 Traffic Engineer for the WV DOH regarding lighting and traffic signal issues throughout the city; had meetings with Park Drive development group; dealt with multiple FOIA requests; and working with various insurance agencies regarding our liability policies. The Final Rule for the ARPA SLFRF funds was released, which clarifies what the money can be used for.

**Police Department – Chief Kush** – thanked Jessica Gumm and Kaleb Knowlton for their work on the grant for the body cameras.

**Fire Department – Chief Himmelrick** – Nothing further to add to the submitted report.

**Utilities – Butch Mastrantoni** – continuing to put the finishing touches on the financing for the water and sewer projects. As the next phase of the project is approaching, which will ultimately involve more Council actions, it is suggested that a Council workshop be held in the second half of February. This will ensure that everyone is informed and up-to-date on the projects. A date and time will be communicated to everyone once it has been established.

**Public Works – Bruce Lamp** – Nothing further to add to the submitted report, except that the cases of COVID among their employees is rising.

**Planning and Development Director – Jessica Gumm** – The sidewalk project on the Walmart side of Park Drive is to begin in April.

**Code – Matt Burskey** – Nothing further to add to the submitted report.

**Parks and Recreation – Coty Shingle** – Sarah's Lane will be reopened soon, but will just be gravel for right now until spring when it can be paved. Due to increased steel prices and unforeseen issues, there is a good chance that the first phase of the Community Center foundation repair project will be at least a little bit over on its projected costs. Also, some parts of Phase 2 became a part of



Phase 1. With a \$10,000.00 grant received from the Mary Jane Brooks Foundation, the Park Board has so far received \$40,000.00 for the Panhandle Rail Trail paving project. A favorable update was received indicating the possible award of the \$70,000.00 DOH TAP grant previously applied for. If this is received, a much as a mile and a quarter of the Rail Trail could be paved. The Park Board continues to pursue grant opportunities for this paving project.

**Library – Rik Rekowski** – 2021 tax year forms are on order. Instruction forms will be available. There is no Vita program again this year. Online resources are available.

**Benefits – Pam Wright** – Nothing to report.

**Assistant City Manager – DeeAnn Pulliam** – In the past 17 months, DataMax has collected approximately \$56,314.95 in unpaid business taxes and fees, and has located 67 new businesses that were not paying either business license fees, B & O taxes, or Munis. The new design concept for our website is being presented on February 3 to the website redesign team. Editing of the new promotional videos is ongoing, but we hope to have the videos completed within the next couple of months.

**IT - Brian Stewart** – Nothing to report.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Miller announced that January 23-29, 2022, is National School Choice Week.

Councilman Marsh announced that he is appointing Mr. Dean Makricostas to serve as the Ward III representative on the Hall of Fame Committee.

Councilman Fracasso announced that he is appointing Mr. Luke Myers to serve as the Ward VI representative on the Hall of Fame Committee.

These appointments do not need Mayor or Council approval.

**Councilman Weigel** provided an update on the proposed public safety facility. The City Manager has been tasked with researching issues that may arise with the Land Soil Water Conservation Grant related to one of the proposed sites involving the Bowman Field, as well as the financing options for the project. Thanks was extended to everyone for their efforts on this project. Due diligence continues, and the gathering of information will continue before any decision is made.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Minutes approved at the February 14, 2022 Special Council Meeting.

Signed: Kimberly Long, City Clerk