

**CITY OF WEIRTON
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021
COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
7:00 p.m.
MILLSOP COMMUNITY CENTER – WEIRTON ROOM**

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MAYOR'S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Certification of Recognition – Holly Sigley, First United Methodist Church Children's Ministry "Grab and Go" Food Program
- Proclamation – National Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- Proclamation – 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 7, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- December 9, 2020 – Special Meeting
- December 15, 2020 – Special Meeting

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2144 Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater for Potable Purposes. (City Manager)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution Adopting Response Plans for Landslides, Snow and Ice, Floods, and Pandemics/Infectious Diseases for the City of Weirton. (City Manager)

2. A Resolution to Enter into Agreement with Pulice Construction for the Demolition of the Structure Located at 407 Engle Street (\$4,700.00). (City Manager)
3. A Resolution by the Common Council of the City of Weirton, West Virginia, Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, a State Administrative Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security, for the Purchase of License Plate Readers. (City Manager)
4. A Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of a 3,000,000 BTU Lochinvar Crest High Efficiency Boiler for the Public Works Building (\$105,198.00). (City Manager)
5. A Resolution to Authorize Financial Support by the City of Weirton to the Business Development Corporation (BDC) (\$33,062.50). (Councilman Marsh)
6. A Resolution to Authorize a Contribution to the First United Methodist Church for Their Children's Ministry's "Grab and Go" Food Program (\$1,000.00). (Councilman Ash)
7. A Resolution Appointing a Member to the Sanitary Board for the City of Weirton. (Mayor Miller)
8. A Resolution Re-Appointing Mr. Bill Frohanapfel to the Zoning Board for the City of Weirton. (Councilman Fracasso)
9. A Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of an International Chassis with a Loadmaster 25 Yard Packer for the Sanitation Department at Public Works (\$165,608.08). (City Manager)

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER

INFORMATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2021

MILLSOP COMMUNITY CENTER – WEIRTON ROOM

6:55 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES
WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Council Meeting
Millsop Community Center – Weirton Room
Weirton, WV 26062

Monday, January 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Tim Connell recited the opening prayer.

Mayor Harold Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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
Mike Adams	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	BY TELEPHONE
Rik Rekowski	Library Director	BY TELEPHONE
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director	IN PERSON
Donna Gialluco	Weirton Transit Manager	IN PERSON
Jessica Gumm	Planning and Development Director	IN PERSON
W. Coty Shingle	Park Board Executive Director	IN PERSON
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director	BY TELEPHONE
Matt Burskey	Code Official	IN PERSON
Pamela Wright	Employee Benefits Administrator	IN PERSON
Joseph DiBartolomeo	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

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – Holly Sigley, First United Methodist Church Children’s Ministry “Grab and Go” Food Program

Thank you for ministering to the children of the City of Weirton and surrounding communities. Your love for children as well as your testimony as a Christian and service to our Lord is extraordinary. Thank you for your dedication and faithfulness.

PROCLAMATION – National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2021, as ***"National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness"*** in the City of Weirton and honor the professionals and volunteers who work tirelessly to protect and care for those who have been impacted by human trafficking.

PROCLAMATION – National Stalking Awareness Month

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim January, 2021, 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

There were no citizens’ remarks.

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 7, 2020, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the December 7, 2020, Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

December 9, 2020, Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the December 9, 2020, Special Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

December 15, 2020, Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the December 15, 2020, Special Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Fred Marsh reported that the Finance Committee recommends all finance related items on tonight's agenda to Council, with the exception of Item #6, the contribution to the First United Methodist Church. This item died for a lack of a motion at the Finance Committee meeting, but still comes to the Council floor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2144 Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater for Potable Purposes. (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell

Motion Approved: 5/2

Councilman Ash and Councilman Marsh voted against the Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution Adopting Response Plans for Landslides, Snow and Ice, Floods, and Pandemics/Infectious Diseases for the City of Weirton. (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Motion Approved: 5/2

Councilman Ash and Councilwoman Perrone voted against the Resolution

2. A Resolution to Enter into Agreement with Pulice Construction for the Demolition of the Structure Located at 407 Engle Street (\$4,700.00). (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Weigel

Motion Approved: 6/1

Councilman Ash voted against the Resolution

3. A Resolution by the Common Council of the City of Weirton, West Virginia, Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, a State Administrative Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security, for the Purchase of License Plate Readers.

(City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

It was confirmed that the grant was applied for through the Planning and Development Department. The \$40,000.00 grant allows for the purchase of two readers. There is a requirement of a \$20,000.00 match from the City, so the City will be getting three readers.

Motion Approved: 7/0

4. A Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of a 3,000,000 BTU Lochinvar Crest High Efficiency Boiler for the Public Works Building (\$105,198.00). (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Marsh

Motion Approved: 7/0

5. A Resolution to Authorize Financial Support by the City of Weirton to the Business Development Corporation (BDC) (\$33,062.50). (Councilman Marsh)

Councilman Marsh - Move for discussion

Councilman Marsh - After reading a report I was given, I have some questions. I would request our two representatives to the BDC set up a special council meeting just for this resolution so that we can discuss these issues and get it passed us.

Motion to Table: Councilman Marsh

Motion to Table Approved: 7/0

6. A Resolution to Authorize a Contribution to the First United Methodist Church for Their Children's Ministry's "Grab and Go" Food Program (\$1,000.00). (Councilman Ash)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash

Discussion: It was clarified that this is the kind of request that could go through the CDBG grant program. As a non-profit, the church would be eligible to apply for CDBG funding, but other documentation, such as verification of income of those served, would come into play in order to be eligible for reimbursement. It was confirmed that there is a civic contribution budget line item; however, all the money budgeted this year has been allocated by contributions that have been given out to several organizations.

A Roll Call Vote was requested for the Motion:

Councilman Ash	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Weigel	<u>No</u>
Councilman Fracasso	<u>Yes</u>
Councilwoman Perrone	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Marsh	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Adams	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Connell	<u>Yes</u>

Motion Approved 6/1

7. A Resolution Appointing a Member to the Sanitary Board for the City of Weirton. (Mayor Miller)

Due to the resignation of Mr. Tom Banketas from the Sanitary Board, the Mayor, as Chairman of the Sanitary Board, is nominating Mr. Joe Barnabei to fill the open spot.

Motion to Approve: Mayor Miller

Motion Approved: 7/0

8. A Resolution Re-Appointing Mr. Bill Frohanapfel to the Zoning Board for the City of Weirton. (Councilman Fracasso)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Motion Approved: 7/0

9. A Resolution to Enter into Contract for the Purchase of an International Chassis with a Loadmaster 25 Yard Packer for the Sanitation Department at Public Works (\$165,608.08). (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Motion Approved: 7/0

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Works – Rod Rosnick – We started a skeleton crew of night turn last night.

City Manager, Joseph DiBartolomeo thanked Public Works for doing a great job during the snow storms, especially with the shortage of personnel.

Fire Department – Chief Himmelrick – Starting this morning at 7am the department is back to running normal EMS calls. All guys that were out because of COVID are back except one. The exam for the position of Fire Captain is taking place on February 17, 2021.

City Manager, Joseph DiBartolomeo expressed appreciation to the department for their continued good work, especially since there have been a large number of firefighters affected by COVID.

Police Department – Chief Kush – Nothing further to add to the submitted report.

City Manager, Joseph DiBartolomeo announced that on January 19, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., there would be a swearing in ceremony of the new Deputy Chief, Scott Cook. A number of police officers have also been affected by COVID.

Utilities – Water and Sewer – Butch Mastrantoni – Nothing further to add to the submitted report.

City Manager, Joseph DiBartolomeo reported that Utilities Director, Butch Mastrantoni, asked that a meeting be set up so that he can give council an update on where the construction plans are for the expansion and upgrade of both the water and sanitary plants. It is hoped that this can take place during the end of January, but he is waiting for some additional information relating to the funding of the project. About 38% completion on the plans has been made.

Planning and Development – Jessica Gumm – Reported that on January 22nd the Park Drive development group (the park group, the BDC, the city, the architects and the engineers) will be meeting to go over the final documents for submission to the federal EDA for approval. The sidewalk project that goes along Walmart has been extended into the bend past the Pizza Hut plaza. The City is going to work with Walmart to improve their entry into their parking lot with better signage and to mimic what we're doing on the Park Drive side. That intersection is going to be very busy. The WV DOH stated that we would have to do a study to see if we will need a light there. We will be working with the Frontier Group for their submission of the Industrial Access Road (IAR) grant. We will be reapplying for the BUILD grant and are working on the grant for the fire truck, with only about a 15% chance of getting a truck out of it. Frontier has four pretty good leads on businesses and that may help them get the IAR grant. Regarding the battery recycling plant, a meeting with the planning commission to do a study will be on January 20, 2021. There has been no contact from them to the City since last December when they backed out of a meeting that was scheduled. Regarding the intersection mentioned above for a traffic study, the state would conduct the study by counting traffic

through a machine. It would possibly be an option for the City to put stops signs coming out of the development only; the City could not place any signs on Three Springs Drive which is a state road.

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

Parks and Recreation – Coty Shingle – Approximately \$42,000.00 from the CARES Act reimbursement was received. As soon as the weather breaks, we will begin executing the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant at the ballfield.

Weirton Transit – Donna Gialluco – The next transit board meeting will take place on January 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Transit will be running a normal schedule on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and will be participating by providing any necessary travel assistance during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk. Thanks were expressed to the Public Works Department for the great job clearing the roads during the recent snow events, as the buses have had no issues.

Finances – Diana Smoljanovich – at the end of the council packet is an invoice that needs to be approved by council. A resolution was approved in December 2020 for walls to be put back up in the Finance Department. The quote used was a year old and now that the project is finally moving forward, the cost is \$1,000.00 more. It was asked what official action needs to be taken and it was stated that council just needs to make a motion to approve the invoice. Since this is the only bill that needs approved, **City Attorney, Vince Gurrera**, stated that council can just move to approve to pay the bills.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Councilwoman Perrone

Motion Approved: 7/0

Finance Director, Diana Smoljanovich, reported that the last CARES Act reimbursement for \$1.2 million was just submitted. The Finance Committee requested that once we find out how much we're going to get from this submission, they want a breakdown on what was received, what we've been reimbursed for, and an income analysis up to this point to see how far behind we are compared to last year. The auditors will be here the week of February 8th and they usually want to talk to a couple council members.

Assistant City Manager, DeeAnn Pulliam, reported that out of the \$13,825.60 of collections received from Datamax in 2020, \$7,643.23 was from business licenses and \$6,182.37 was from B & O taxes. We began utilizing Datamax's services in March 2020, but due to the COVID crisis, we did not start seeing any profit or revenue generated from them until July 2020. During the December meeting with the DOH, many issues were discussed, among those being lighting, traffic studies, paving, trees, drainage on the bridge and the rail trail. On Friday, there will be a meeting with the DOH traffic engineer to discuss many items, including the traffic study that was done on American Way and prioritization regarding certain lights throughout the city being out due to paving and crosswalks will be discussed. A Public Safety Committee will be held

tomorrow. Thanks were extended to Chief Himmelrick, Rod Rosnick and Tom Zielinsky for the time and effort put into developing the emergency response plans. Liability quotes are due back by January 22, 2021.

City Manager, Joseph DiBartolomeo, commended the work of the Public Safety Committee for the development of the response plans. It is important to note that the plans are works in progress.

Library - Rik Rekowski reported that the library is preparing for the registration for the children's virtual library winter programming. The Family Resource Network of Brooke and Hancock Counties, along with Iowa State University, is offering a virtual program. The purpose of the "Strengthening Families Program", for parents and youth 10-14 years of age, is to teach communication skills and family values. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact the library for further registration information. The program begins Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

No additional comments were made

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved 7/0

Councilman Tim Connell recited the closing prayer.

Minutes approved at the February 8, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.
Signed: Kimberly Long, City Clerk