

**CITY OF WEIRTON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021**

**COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An Ordinance Amending Provisions of Article 161 of the Ordinances of the City of Weirton. (Councilman Ash)

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Discuss Proposed Revisions to the Current 2020-2021 Budget

ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER

**MEETING MINUTES
WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL**

Special Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Weirton, WV 26062

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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

City Clerk Kimberly Long called the meeting to order and conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mayor and Council Members in Attendance

Harold E. Miller	Mayor	ABSENT
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

Butch Mastrantoni	Utilities Director	IN PERSON
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director	IN PERSON
Joseph DiBartolomeo	City Manager	IN PERSON
Vincent S. Gurrera, Esq.	City Attorney	IN PERSON
Brian Stewart	IT Analyst	IN PERSON
Kimberly Long	City Clerk	IN PERSON

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An Ordinance Amending Provisions of Article 161 of the Ordinances of the City of Weirton (Councilman Ash)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash

Discussion: It was asked why is it being proposed now to change from a five to a seven person board and will it have any effect on the bonding issue related to the water and sanitary plant expansion and upgrade projects. A response was given that neither bond counsel nor the water board are enthusiastic about the changes and prefer that nothing happen. The water board was under the impression that council wanted to add two members to all of their boards and this proposal is what was presented to the board. It was noted that the Mayor is the one to make the appointments and the Mayor is not at this meeting tonight to be able to confirm the facts being presented. To destabilize a board that is working well now, at the forefront of big projects, is a concern. Lenders and banks like stability and they have expectations. Any changes could result in delays to the project, which ultimately could affect funding. It was also noted that it would be unfair to bring two new people in at this point in the projects and expect them to make decisions on something they haven't been involved in.

DIED FOR LACK OF A MOTION

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Utilities – Water and Sewer - Butch Mastrantoni stated that he would like to have a joint meeting with the water board, the sanitary board and council to provide updates on the upgrade projects, even if it would be more informal, such as a workshop. Once proposed dates are supplied, then something can be scheduled.

City Manager, Joseph DiBartolomeo stated that it is very important that when special meetings are scheduled, they be scheduled when the Mayor can attend.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Discuss Proposed Revisions to the Current 2020-2021 Budget

Discussion: It was asked why this is being done here instead of in a finance committee meeting. Nothing can be done tonight because if any changes are made they have to go to the finance committee first before going in front of council. It was explained that this subject is being brought up in order to discuss any budget revisions that have or have not been done. The COVID reimbursements coming in have a monthly effect on the numbers. What is being presented tonight are just estimates.

Finance Director, Diana Smoljanovich explained the increase or decrease that was made to each line item.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved 7/0

Minutes approved at the February 8, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.

Signed: Kimberly Long, City Clerk