

**WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
MONDAY, March 11, 2019, 11:00 AM**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weirton, Hancock and Brooke Counties, West Virginia was held on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 11:00 AM in the Council Chambers of the Weirton Municipal Building.

Attendance:

Mayor and Council Members

Harold E. Miller	Mayor
Tim Connell	Councilmember Ward 1
Mike Adams	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

Rob Alexander	Police Chief
Matt Burskey	Code Official
Donna Gialluco	Weirton Transit Manager
Vincent S. Gurrera, Esq.	City Attorney
Butch Mastrantoni	Utilities Director
Mark Miller	Planning and Development Director
DeeAnn Pulliam	City Clerk
Rik Rekowski	Library Director
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director
Coty Shingle	Park Board Director
Jerry Shumate	Fire Chief
Diana Smoljanovich	Interim City Manager/Finance Director

Mayor Harold Miller, called the meeting to order.

DeeAnn Pulliam, City Clerk, conducted the roll call.

Councilman Tim Connell, recited the opening prayer.

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

THE FINAL ROLL CALL CEREMONY

Councilman George Ash, requested that everyone remain standing for the Final Roll Call Ceremony

Councilman George Ash, on behalf of the Mayor and Council of the City of Weirton and a grateful nation, we take a moment to honor our deceased veterans. When we call out their names, a bell will ring as a symbol of their honorable and faithful service.

DeeAnn Pulliam, City Clerk, read the names of the deceased veterans

Police Chief Rob Alexander, rang the bell after each name as a symbol of the veteran's honorable and faithful service

Final Roll Call – March 2019 Meeting

- Dennis Nagy
- John Salopek
- John Wesley Sargent
- John Tate
- Peter S. Wounaris

To end the ceremony, a video of Taps as performed by Pershing's Own at Arlington National Cemetery was played.

Councilman George Ash, asked for everyone to please be seated.

MAYORS AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 2019

Councilman George Ash, accepted the proclamation

The Vietnam War was the longest war in United States history and on March 29, 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil.

March 29 of each year has been designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This annual commemoration honors the sacrifices of veterans who served during the Vietnam War, of whom many were denied a proper welcome upon returning home. More than 58,000 American troops were killed, more than 304,000 were wounded, and 75,000 Vietnam veterans are severely disabled. This day serves to remind each of us to show great respect, treat with dignity, and thank those patriots who have served our country during this particular war. Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton hereby recognizes March 29, 2019, as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in our community, and urges our citizens to observe this day and display the flag to express their respect and gratitude for our Vietnam War Veterans, and to keep them in their prayers.

VETERAN'S PROCLAMATION – ARTHUR J. LASTORIA

Sergeant Major (E8) Arthur J. Lastoria was drafted in the United States Army in 1968, went to basic training and Advance Infantry Training (AIT) in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Arthur was both trained as and served as a Combat Infantry Medic in the jungles of Southeast Asia during his tour in Vietnam. As Sergeant Major Lastoria was assigned to multiple duty stations to include Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Germany; Beirut; Vietnam; Cambodia; Johannesburg, Africa; Taiwan; England; France. During his tour of duty in Southeast Asia (Vietnam), he violated Army Regulations by receiving Holy Water from a Priest and when a soldier died or when he found a deceased soldier, Arthur would perform the last rites by using Holy Water to place the sign of the Cross on their foreheads. Additionally, during his tour of duty in Johannesburg, Africa, Sergeant Major Arthur J. Lastoria was honored to perform the duties as MEDIC in 1990 assisting with the release of President Nelson Mandela. Arthur was the MEDIC that was assigned with the Special Forces which stood guard during Mr. Mandela's release. Arthur was honored to meet Mr. Mandela and had long conversations with him. Sergeant Major Arthur Lastoria earned an incredible number of awards and decorations. Arthur received the honor to train other medics in the uses of the newly formed Declamation Chamber prior to their deployment to overseas and combat duty. Arthur served a total of twenty-three years of service to our country, being discharged in September of 1991 when he became a Physician Assistant and served the elderly in Rest Homes until his retirement. HAROLD E. MILLER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEIRTON, BROOKE AND HANCOCK COUNTIES does hereby recognize veteran Arthur J. Lastoria, for his dedicated military service to our country, on this day March 11, 2019.

CITIZENS REMARKS:

Ed Bowman, Ordinances/ Charter Changes,

Mr. Ed Bowman attended the meeting because of the agenda and a number of the Charter changes on the agenda.

Ed Bowman, I have learned before the council meeting, and correct me if I am wrong Mayor, that this is a first reading, there will be a second reading and prior to the second reading, there will be a public hearing. I question that. If I understand it correctly, the public hearing will be at the next council meeting right before the meeting. I do not think that gives citizens a real opportunity to give their thoughts to be digested by the members of council. Some of these charter changes need some explanation. Mr. Ed Bowman went through the charter changes to gain clarity, and was in opposition of the following:

An Ordinance Amending Article III, Section 2 (c) of the City of Weirton Charter Relating to the Removal of Appointed Officers.

Reason: Is in support of 2/3 of a vote to remove an appointed officer, but not in support of a majority vote to remove an appointed officer.

Councilman George Ash, Mr. Bowman I want you to know right now, since you opposed it, the amendment will go on the ballot.

Ed Bowman, I am opposing the ordinance as it is currently written. If you change how it is written, I may not oppose the ordinance, and it may not go on the ballot.

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, it will not go on the ballot if you withdraw your objection before the Public Hearing or the Second Reading.

An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter Article VIII: Elections Relating to the Conduct of Municipal Elections.

Reason: Mr. Bowman agrees with the intent of the amendment, but not how it is written, and that is to get the City Election to conform to the National Elections. And that is for the following reasons:

- One, it will eliminate the Primary Election. I would be for it if the language would say if you have a Primary Election and any one candidate would get 50% of that vote, election should be over and no General Election, because of the votes that

were cast, the majority voted for the candidate. Anything short of 50% there should be a General Election.

- Second, if you try to conform with moving your elections to the National, this Mayor and Council will in effect of that Charter Change would get 1½ years added to their term, which will be 5 ½ years, and I do not think that is fair.

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, you are incorrect, the term would apply to our new Mayor and Council, this Mayor and Council would not get another 1 ½ years. We are having an election. And the new Mayor and Council would get the additional years so we can conform to the National Election. The reason we are doing that is because we are not getting anyone in Weirton showing up for the elections. If you match it with a National Election, you would get a lot more people, which would produce a higher percentage of voters. It would save the City money and reduce time of citizens having to vote.

Ed Bowman, I agree and disagree. We are going to have a City Election here in a matter of a month or, so the Mayor and Council at that time would get a 1½ years added to their term, correct?

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, correct. We took the added 1½ years into consideration, and our only other option would be to wait 20 years for the City Election and National Election to come along, and give someone an 6 extra months.

Ed Bowman, I submit to you to let the Citizens decide. Their choice will really be if they want to give the newly elected council another 1 ½ years on terms or stay with the election process in place. If it stays as it is, I object to the charter change.

Chuck Svokas, Ordinances/ Charter Changes, I am going to defer my comments until the public hearing that is going to be held before the next council meeting. I do think there should be more time in between the council meeting and the public hearing.

DeeAnn Pulliam, City Clerk, called Lester McHenry.

Lester McHenry, Ordinances/Charter Changes, I have nothing. Enough has been said already.

Joe DiBartolomeo, Letter to the Editor, I want to state that I do not think objections on the ordinances/charter changes made today count. It has to be at the public hearing. You need to look into that. At the public hearing is when you submit the objections.

I am here today to address a grossly inaccurate letter Tom Zelinsky submitted to the editor of the Weirton Daily Times. It was stated that Council doubled my salary

compared to the former City Manager's salary because I would not require health insurance, and in essence it would save the City money. The former City Manager was making \$75,000 a year plus his benefits. If you double that, it would be \$150,000, plus benefits. That is not an accurate statement. My salary per an ordinance that is public information, states I am getting paid \$84,000 a year, and not the \$150,000 being reported.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Finance Committee Comments

Councilman Fred Marsh, the only comments that really came out of the Finance Committee meeting is as follows:

- A Resolution to Approve the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets.**
 - o Two members asked for council to table the item
- An Ordinance Modifying Ordinance #1313, As Amended, Establishing New Minimum and Maximum Salary Levels of Non-Union Municipal Employees within Specific Departments of the City of Weirton General Fund and Adding/Eliminating Specific Positions**
 - o Two members asked for council to table the item

Councilman Fred Marsh, everything else was approved.

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

Motion to convene into Executive Session was made by Councilman Weigel, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Motion Passed 7/0

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion Passed 7/0

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, by way of a public notice the following was discussed during the executive session:

- City Council will have a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 6:00 PM relating to the charter changes.
- City Council will hold a Special Council Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 7:00 PM to have the second reading of the ordinances on today's agenda.

Councilman Tim Connell, where will the public hearing and special council meeting be held?

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, here in the council chambers.

READING OF MINUTES

- February 11, 2019 – Regular

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019, Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion Passed 7/0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2058. An Ordinance to the Amendment No. 801 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No.214 of the City of Weirton to yellow the curbs between the entrances in and out in front of the Christian Center located at 117 Ivy Street. (Councilman Marsh)**

A Motion was made to approve the second reading of the ordinance by Councilman Weigel, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion Passed 7/0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing for consideration of the 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets. (City Manager)

A Motion to approve the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Fracasso, and second by Councilman Ash.

Motion passed 7/0

2. A Resolution to Approve the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets. (City Manager)

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Councilman Terry Weigel, made a motion for the resolution to approve the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets to be tabled pending another workshop for this Thursday.

Mayor Harold Miller, asked for a second motion three times for the resolution to be tabled.

A second motion was not made, and the motion to table the resolution failed.

Roll Call to Approve the Resolution:

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

Motion to pass the resolution passed 6/1

3. An Ordinance Amending the Position of Treasurer and Auditor Throughout the City of Weirton Charter to Read City Financial Director a Permanent and Full-Time Position. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Motion passed 7/0

4. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter by Eliminating the Position of City Physician from the Charter. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

5. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter by Eliminating the Position of Recreation Director from the Charter. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

6. An Ordinance Amending Article III, Section 2 (c) of the City of Weirton Charter Relating to the Removal of Appointed Officers. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Councilman Terry Weigel, Mayor, I also feel the two-thirds majority is preferable in this. I do not like it being a simple majority. I think it is a distinct change of power from the mayor to council that we otherwise had for the last 60 years. Therefore, I will be voting against it.

Councilman George Ash, we get elected by majority vote, so why does council get elected by a majority vote. Why do we not do two-thirds or even higher. We got elected by the majority, so why are we allowing it to be more than the simple majority. I do not care what it has been. I care what it should be in my opinion.

Councilman Mike Adams, as far as this may affect autonomous boards, I think we need to be careful in lowering the standards to remove the appointees. Autonomous Boards are autonomous for a reason. Their autonomous so as things such as recreation, water, sewer that are controlled by autonomous boards continue to function without the specter of political expedient. I think that is the original idea behind making these removals subject to a super majority. Once people think it might be easier to remove somebody, the people might start making decisions that might have that specter of politics. I will probably join Councilman Weigel in voting against the ordinance.

Councilman George Ash, we have no control over autonomous boards, but all the heat comes to us. For example, someone complains about the Park Board, we are the ones that have to hear about it. And when we say they are an autonomous board, we get yelled at for not doing our jobs. As far as removing somebody from them, it would have to be gross negligence for them to be removed. We are not just going to remove someone. I do not know why people fight so hard to stay on these boards. We want to be able to remove someone from the boards when they are acting grossly negligent in doing their job.

Mayor Harold Miller, the only option that council has right now when their term is up is to not reappoint them.

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, we need to make something real specific. You guys are voting as council. If you are voting "no" on one of these, and are planning to make an objection as a citizen, you have to let that be known too. You cannot say "no" I am not in favor of this as a councilman but you are not going to object as a citizen. You need to be clear whether you are voting "no" for it to not pass or objecting it as a citizen because that would determine if it is to go on the ballot.

Councilman George Ash, these changes have been out for a while, and not one councilmember has contacted me to object to them. Now you want to come up here and "grand stand." Not one of you said a word for two weeks or longer. You ask me to do this, I do this, and now you sit here at a council meeting and objecting to the changes.

Councilman Terry Weigel, with all due respect, this is the first meeting we have had to discuss these items.

Councilman Mike Adams, before we vote, to the extent that whatever I have said or done has been characterized as "grand standing", that was the last thing I was looking for or expecting someone to say. I am only trying to do the right thing, and figure out exactly the reason why this was the way it was for all these years, and I am more than willing to hear reasonable objections and debates. I have been a public servant for a long time. "Grand standing" is not my thing.

Councilman George Ash, requested a roll call vote.

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, I think we should do roll call votes on any that the council does not agree on. Anyone who votes no on any of these items needs to be clear if they are voting as a citizen or a councilmember.

Roll Call to Approve the Ordinance:

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

Motion to pass the ordinance passed 5/2

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, does any of the councilmen who voted no also want to place an objection as a citizen. There has already been the objection by Mr. Bowman, but he may withdraw it. Is there anybody objecting to it as a citizen?

Councilman Terry Weigel, I will wait until the public hearing.

7. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter by Eliminating Article III, Section 3 (a) Qualifications and Requirements for Mayor and Councilman Being a Resident of Weirton for at Least Five Years Prior to an Election. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Motion passed 7/0

8. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter by Eliminating Article III, Section 3 (d) Qualifications and Requirements Requiring Mayor and Councilmen to Have Paid Taxes on at Least Five Hundred Dollars' Worth of Real or Personal Property for the Year Preceding His Election to Office. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Motion passed 7/0

9. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter Article III, Section 3 (f) Qualifications and Requirements to Include Appointed or Elected Office in the State of West Virginia. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Fracasso.

Councilman Weigel voted no

Motion passed 6/1

Councilman Terry Weigel, objected to the ordinance as a citizen, and wants it on the ballot for the community to decide.

10. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter Article III, Section 3 (g) Qualifications and Requirements from Missing Council Meetings for a Period of Six Months to Missing Regular Monthly Council Meetings Six Times Within the City's Fiscal Year. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

11. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter Article VII, Officers and Employees Section 1 (f) City Manager Relating to Contracts. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Marsh.

Councilman Weigel made a motion to accept the ordinance as amended to read "or best price" in paragraph two, on line eight, after the word lowest, and a second was made by Councilman Ash.

Motion to pass the ordinance as amended 7/0

12. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter Article VII Officers and Employees Section 1 (d) to Read the City Clerk Shall Work the Hours of Duty Determined by the City Manager. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

13. An Ordinance Amending the City of Weirton Charter Article VIII: Elections Relating to the Conduct of Municipal Elections. (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

14. An Ordinance Amending Appendix A of the Rules and Regulations of the Police Civil Service Commission of the City of Weirton.(City Manager)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

15. An Ordinance to the Amendment No. 802 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No.214 of the City of Weirton to Place a stop sign at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Delaware Avenue. (Councilman Connell)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Jackson.

Motion passed 7/0

16. An Ordinance to the Amendment No. 803 to the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No.214 of the City of Weirton to Establish a Residential Disability Parking Space at 3727 Woodlawn Way.(Councilman Jackson)

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Councilman Jackson, and second by Councilman Connell.

Councilman Marsh, if I am correct Councilman Ash, this is one reading.

Councilman Ash, yes.

Motion passed 7/0 (Emergency)

17. A Resolution to Make a Change in the Code Department Policy. (Councilman Marsh, Councilman Ash , Councilman Fracasso)

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Marsh.

Motion passed 7/0

18. A Resolution to Enter Into a Contract for Professional Services by and Between the City of Weirton, WV and Urban Design Ventures, LLC. (City Manager)

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Fracasso, and second by Councilman Marsh.

Motion passed 7/0

19. A Resolution to Enter Into a Professional Services Contract for Services Related to the Creation and Implementation of City of Weirton's Revolving Loan Fund Program with Environmental Resources & Consulting , LLC (ERC) and Environmental Standards (ENVSTD). (City Manager)

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Fracasso, and second by Councilman Connell.

Motion passed 7/0

20. A Resolution to Authorize Financial Support by the City of Weirton to the City of Weirton Park Board for Movies in the Park (amount not to exceed \$17, 500.00). (Councilman Ash)

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Councilman Fred Marsh, Councilman Ash, you are currently out there raising money for this, correct.

Councilman George Ash, yes.

Councilman Fred Marsh, to my understanding you have somewhere between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

Councilman George Ash, yes.

Councilman Fred Marsh, discussion was you were going to pay back the \$17,500 to the coal severance fund.

Councilman George Ash, you had discussed that with me, but I do not know if it is appropriate.

Councilman Marsh made a motion to accept the resolution as amended to read that any funds raised will be used for next year, and a second was made by Councilman Connell.

Councilman George Ash, what happens if it is a flop? I am going to give Coty the money today of all those who have donated, which comes out to \$9,500. I would need \$8,000 to finish the cost.

Councilman Marsh made a motion to remove his amendment, and second was made by Councilman Adams.

Motion to remove the amendment passed 7/0

Councilman George Ash made a motion to accept the resolution as amended to read not to exceed \$8,000, and a second was made by Councilman Connell.

Motion to accept the resolution as amended to read not to exceed \$8,000 passed 7/0

21. A Resolution to Enter into a Contract for the Purchase of Protective Fire Fighting Coats, Pants, and Leather Boots for Structural Firefighting (\$20,442.20). (City Manager)

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Adams.

Councilman Fred Marsh, we were supposed to find out how many there were.

Diana Smoljanovich, Interim City Manager, it was determined to be 6.

Councilman Enzo Fracasso, Chief how many sets?

Chief Jerry Shumate, 6 sets of turnout gear.

Councilman Enzo Fracasso, and this is to replace old gear?

Chief Jerry Shumate, this was replacing things that are old, and giving everybody new gear.

Councilman Enzo Fracasso, did we not buy new gear last year?

Diana Smoljanovich, Interim City Manager, it is so many sets per year.

Councilman Terry Weigel, so normally you would buy 7 sets, but with one retiring, you would be buying 6 sets?

Chief Jerry Shumate, we only had enough money for 6 sets.

Motion passed 7/0

22. A Resolution to Authorize Payment by the City of Weirton to Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc. (CEC) for Design Work on the Three Springs Drive Lighting Project (\$11,000.00). (City Manager)

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Marsh.

Motion passed 7/0

23. An Ordinance Modifying Ordinance #1313, As Amended, Establishing New Minimum and Maximum Salary Levels of Non-Union Municipal Employees within Specific Departments of the City of Weirton General Fund and Adding/Eliminating Specific Positions. (City Manager)

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Connell.

Councilman George Ash, the payroll administrator and our senior cash administrator along with our Finance Director get audited every year, so they have to be perfect. The more information I receive, the more I would like to see the maximum salary for the payroll administrator and cash administrator amended.

A motion to accept the ordinance as amended for the payroll administrator and senior cash administrator maximum salary to be \$40,500, a second was made by Councilman Connell.

Councilman Terry Weigel, stated no, and made a motion to table the ordinance until there could be further discussion on the ordinance to see how it will affect the budget.

Mayor Harold Miller asked for a second motion three times for the resolution to be tabled.

A second motion was not made, and the motion to table the ordinance failed.

Councilman Ash, requested a roll call vote on the motion to accept the ordinance as amended to read the payroll administrator and senior cash administrator maximum salary of \$40,500.

Roll Call to Approve the Ordinance as Amended:

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

Motion to accept the Ordinance as amended to read the payroll administrator and senior cash administrator maximum salary of \$40,500, passed 6/1

- 24. A Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Sustainable Strategies, D.C. to Submit an Application to the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA) for the 2019 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the Hiring of Five (5) Additional Entry-Level Firefighters. (City Manager)**

A Motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Connell, and second by Councilman Adams.

Councilman Fred Marsh, requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call to Approve the Resolution:

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

Motion to pass the resolution failed 5/2

APPOINTMENTS:

N/A

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Finances – Diana Smoljanovich, Interim City Manager

You all should have copies of the audit draft. If you do not have one, pick one up at the City Manager’s Office. I would appreciate if everybody, including the department heads and directors who got it, to review it over the next few days, I would like have it back to them by Thursday, so they can finalize it , give us our actual audit, so that we can get it submitted online by the end of next week.

All were advised that there was a conference call with Sustainable Strategies at 2:00 PM on Wednesday. If anything needs discussed with them, please attend the meeting or let me know.

General Fund Cash Report for February 2019

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$ 3,237,867.56
Interest on Checking:	\$ 1,148.69
Deposits:	\$ 1,257,554.21
Draw-downs on Investment:	\$ 0.00
Disbursements:	\$ (3,020,990.92)
Deposits to Investments:	\$0.00
Ending Cash Balance:	\$ 1,475,579.54
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:	\$ 1,476,379.54

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

Councilman Ash, after getting more information, I would like for an amendment for the Transit Corporation to receive \$15,000. They are entitled to \$55,000 a year, and only received \$40,000.

Councilman Weigel, I also received additional information, and agree with them receiving an additional \$15,000.

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Councilman Ash, and second by Councilman Jackson.

Motion passed 7/0

Public Works – Rod Rosnick

Reported that night turn crew would be ending in a couple weeks. Typically they end in the first week of March. A look at the long-range weather forecast will be made to determine the actual ending.

The fuel system is complete, fuel in the tanks, and data is being entered. Public Works is waiting DEP registrations before dispensing fuel to City vehicles.

Notification of Spring Cleanup will be sent out in a week or two.

Mayor Harold Miller, when do we start advertising for Mayor's Summer Youth?

Rod Rosnick, Public Works Director, typically starts happening in March and they start in May.

Police Department – Chief Alexander

Nothing additional to report

Park Board – Coty Shingle

Thanks were given to Councilman Ash and Jessica Gumm for working so hard on the Movies in the Park. Summer preparation has begun for the Park Board. A lock-in event occurred last week that broke records in attendance.

Councilman Fred Marsh, do you have a progress report on the letter I gave to you at the last council meeting?

Coty Shingle, Park Board Director, I took the letter to the Park Board. They have not taken any action, but are aware of it, and it is up for a discussion again this month.

Mayor Harold Miller, reminded everyone that the Festival of Nations would be Saturday.

Inspections – Matt Burskey

A question was asked if there was any action taken on amending the ordinance on hedges.

Councilman Doug Jackson, I believe there was a variance filled out and \$100 check was given.

Matt Burskey, Code Official, this is something you cannot apply a variance to and you will receive the check back.

Councilman Enzo Fracasso, I do not believe anything has been done.

Councilman George Ash, since we just passed a resolution for systematic and complaint drive issues and starting tomorrow morning that is to start.

Matt Burskey, Code Official, we need to develop a process for the systematics.

Weirton Transit -Donna Gialluco

Thanks were given to council for the reconsideration of the \$15,000. A bus will be transporting attendees to of the Festival of Nations to their cars and to the festival. A shout out was given to Public Works for being diligent on their work during the last snowfall, and one was given to the Police Department for their assistance on rerouting last Saturday.

Planning and Development – Mark Miller

Nothing additional to report

Library – Rik Rekowski

Gave a reminder of the deadline to file state and federal tax report, and that there was my free tax online and forms at the library. The library is closed is on Sunday. It was reported that the Weirton Women’s Club has a literary review every year, and is scheduled for the last Sunday of this month. There is a basket raffle in the library for the Women’s Club literary review.

Utilities – Water and Sewer – Butch Mastrantoni

Nothing additional to report

Fire Department – Chief Shumate

Stated, that they are severely and grossly understaffed in the fire department and he will continue to seek for more man power, and after consideration for not voting for the Safer Grant, he will look to general funds in support of gaining the man power needed.

Councilman George Ash, apologized to Councilman Weigel and Councilman Adams for stating they were “Grand Standing” or “Show Boating.” The comments were made

out of and angry, and he spoke of turn by making those comments. All were asked to not wait to wait two weeks to discuss issues.

Vince Gurrera, City Attorney, before we adjourn, I want to make clear that as for citizen objections to the Charter Changes, Senator Bowman objected to number 6 and 13, and Councilman Weigel as a citizen objected to number 9.

Councilman Tim Connell, recited the closing prayer.

Mayor Harold Miller, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion passed 7/0