

**CITY OF WEIRTON
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 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

- Proclamation – National Women’s History Month – Nichole Felouzis, Hancock County Animal Shelter
- Proclamation – National Vietnam War Veterans Day – American Legion Post #10
- Certificate of Recognition – American Legion Post #10 Honor Guard

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

- February 8, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- February 25, 2021 – Special Council Meeting

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CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER

INFORMATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 8, 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, Monday 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Tim Connell, recited the opening prayer.

American Legion Post #10 Honor Guard 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
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	IN PERSON
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	IN PERSON
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
Brian Stewart	IT Analyst	IN PERSON
Kimberly Long	City Clerk	IN PERSON

MAYOR’S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION – National Women’s History Month – Nichole Felouzis

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, do hereby proclaim March as **Women’s History Month** in the City of Weirton and recognize Nichole Felouzis for her contributions in making our community a better place.*

PROCLAMATION – National Vietnam War Veterans Day 2021 – American Legion Post #10

***NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, do hereby recognize March 29, 2021, as **National Vietnam War Veterans Day** in our community, and thank the American Legion Post #10 for their support and influence on our veterans and our entire community.*

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – American Legion Post #10 Honor Guard

For volunteering your time and talents to honor our departed veterans. Thank you for serving and making a difference in the City of Weirton and surrounding communities.

**Honor Guard
2021- WEIRTON POST 10**

Jim Bissett	Army
Tom Adams	Marine Corps
Gabe Arlia	Marine Corps
John Bianchini	Army
Jeff Boocks	Son of Veteran
Harold Elliott	Marine Corps
Frank Haber	Marine Corps
Ron Haggerty	Marine Corps
Bruce Hornick	Marine Corps
Mike Ovington	Non-Veteran
Ron Riter	Air Force
Stan Robinson	Navy
Rich Scott	Marine Corps
Tom Stiles	Marine Corps
Joe Tomei	Navy
Dave Walker	Marine Corps

CITIZENS' REMARKS

Jim McHenry asked if there are any plans for citizen support with issues they have experienced due to the pandemic, and feels that people should be allowed to make comments at tomorrow's night UDO workshop.

Eron Chek provided information on a potential site for the proposed new police annex.

Brenda Mull thanked council for supporting the proposed B & O tax credit.

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

February 8, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve the February 8, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes:
Councilman Ash
Motion Approved: 7/0**

February 25, 2021, Special Council Meeting Minutes

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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, including the budget. All of the capital expenditures were budgeted items. The paving contracts came in under budget, and it was the consensus of the Committee to get together with the rest of council to determine additional paving needs in order to use that extra money.

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Discussion: This will be an all-around city-use vehicle for things like hauling records from the city building to storage. Currently, the inspections department goes to public works to get a pick-up truck to use for different sites on occasion.

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Adams

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Adams

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Marsh

A Roll-Call Vote was Requested for the Motion:

Councilman Tim Connell	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Mike Adams	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Fred Marsh	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman George Ash	<u>Yes</u>
Councilwoman Flora Perrone	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Enzo Fracasso	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Terry Weigel	<u>Yes</u>

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Perrone

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Weigel

Discussion: The study is to include if the new annex should be built from the ground up, or if it should be a repurposed location; will it be something we already own, or something to be renovated.

Motion Approved: 7/0

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Finances – Diana Smoljanovich – The budget will be submitted to the state auditor for approval and it will be published during the next two weeks. We lay the levy the third Tuesday in April. WesBanco has been contacted and, if needed, they are prepared to finance a fire engine, as well as the proposed new police annex.

Assistant City Manager – DeeAnn Pulliam and City Clerk – Kimberly Long – met with the head election official and the deputy county clerk at Hancock County to get the planning started for the next city election. Work will need to be done to get the City’s wards to match up with the Brooke and Hancock Counties voting precincts. This means that some of the ward boundaries are going to have to be changed. The DOH roadway lighting crew is currently in the area and will be working on certain locations.

Public Works – Rod Rosnick – As of today, there is no more night crew.

Benefits – Pam Wright – Essential city employees will be going to the Brooke County Health Department to get their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Fire Department – Chief Himmelrick – reported that the lieutenant position has been filled. We are in the process of hiring one probationary firefighter to fill that position. Another firefighter resigned and that position will have to be filled also.

Police Department – Chief Kush – met with Luttamus to discuss the department’s needs for the new portable radios. The three probationary policemen will be starting the academy on March 22nd and they will graduate on May 18th. There are 37 police officers right now, and we would like to begin the process of a new civil service exam for probationary patrolmen.

City Manager – Joseph DiBartolomeo – will be in Charleston this Wednesday and Thursday for several meetings with government officials.

Planning and Development – Jessica Gumm – The SAFER grant will be submitted Friday. We are working on homeland security grants, and this year there is no limit on how many grants can be applied for and there is no match requirement. The fire department wants to go for a RZR vehicle. This vehicle would be able to be used to get through the mill faster, through the woods, and other locations where there is difficulty getting a truck through. The IT department would like to go for a cloud-based back up system for our server. Still waiting on

what the police department needs. Regarding Park Drive development, we will hopefully receive the specs tomorrow then they can be submitted to the EDA. After they are approved, we can start bidding jobs.

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

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

Parks and Recreation – Coty Shingle – Some programs are starting back up. In lieu of an Easter egg hunt, there will be an Easter bunny drive-thru event this year. An architect and engineer was secured to start the process of developing a list of companies to go out for bid for the wall. We are hoping to be out for bids by the end of the month, and will hopefully get on a construction schedule the beginning of April.

Library - Rik Rekowski – The number of circulation of electronic of items is up, and physical circulation of items continues. The library is continuing to provide WIFI, notary, and printing services. If anyone is in need of access to the Foundation Center database, contact the library for a link to gain access.

Weirton Transit – Donna Gialluco – The next transit board meeting is this Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.

Information Technology Department – Brian Stewart – We continue to monitor and fine tune the new sound equipment. Luttamus has installed new door locks throughout the city building.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

It was asked if there are plans to reopen the City building. City Manager, Joe DiBartolomeo, said that he will be making a decision soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Marsh
Motion Approved 7/0

Councilman Tim Connell recited the closing prayer.

Minutes approved at the April 12, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.

Signed: Kimberly Long, City Clerk