

**CITY OF WEIRTON
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021
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

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

- July 12, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
- July 16, 2021 – Special Council Meeting

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2159 Modifying Ordinance #1733 Implementing New Rules and Regulations for the Weirton Fire Department Personnel. (Councilwoman Perrone)
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4. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2161 Modifying Ordinance #1313, as Amended, Establishing New Salaries and Work-Related Provisions of Employees Who are Members of the Weirton Municipal Employees Union (WMEU), and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Contracts Necessary to Place These Changes Into Effect. (City Manager)
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NEW BUSINESS:

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CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER

INFORMATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 9, 2021

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, August 9, 2021, 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
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	IN PERSON
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director	IN PERSON
Donna Gialluco	Weirton Transit Manager	ABSENT
Jessica Gumm	Planning and Development Director	ABSENT
Kaleb Knowlton	Program Manager	IN PERSON
W. Coty Shingle	Park Board Executive Director	BY PHONE
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director	IN PERSON
DeeAnn Pulliam	Acting 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 IN MEMORY OF GLORIA JERREL

A highly dedicated woman whose eagerness to serve was a living example to others. Gloria made a tremendous impact on our community. Her faithfulness and devotion are missed by all.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – Weirton Traffic Commission: Romie Castelli, Dave Guglielmo, Douglas Branham, Jan Hicks, and Michael Hagg

We honor you for your great contributions to the City of Weirton. Your commitment to the Traffic Commission has been instrumental in the development and betterment of our community. Thank you for your dedication and service to our community.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – Amanda Castle, DVM and Town & Country Animal Hospital

We honor you for your great contributions to the City of Weirton's K-9 Division. Thank you for offering your time and talents to provide our K-9 heroes with the best care. Your love and passion for animals is evident and invaluable. Thank you for your dedication and service to the City of Weirton.

CITIZENS' REMARKS

Sarah Cale, Top of WV CVB, introduced herself as the new administrative assistant at the CVB and informed Council of upcoming events.

Nick Travis, a member of the board of Hancock County Parks and Recreation, explained what they do and has requested \$20,000.00 from the City to help bring more projects to life.

Joe DiBartolomeo, citizen, commented on the actions taken by Council during the July 2021 regular council meeting.

John Klinkner, citizen, commented on the actions taken by Council during the July 2021 regular council meeting.

Request by Council to convene into Executive Session consistent with West Virginia Code 6-9A-4.

A Motion to convene into Executive Session was made by Councilman Connell for the purpose of possible charter change and litigation issues.

Motion passed 7/0

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Ash.

Motion passed 7/0

City Attorney, Vince Gurrera, stated that in Executive Session litigation and a possible charter change were discussed.

READING OF MINUTES

July 12, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the July 12, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilman Connell

Motion Approved: 7/0

July 16, 2021, Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the July 16, 2021, Special Council Meeting Minutes:

Councilman Connell

Motion Approved: 7/0

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Fred Marsh – Three of the finance-related resolutions on tonight’s agenda are not budgeted items, and one is a pass-through from the insurance company. The Park Drive resolution has developed to a point that no COVID money can be used on it, so everything is coming from the TIFF fund. The only other major thing is the first invoice to start the wall project at the Millsop Community Center, and that will need to be approved tonight.

Councilman Marsh made a motion to approve the invoice to Moran Construction Inc. in the amount of \$173,025.00, for the previously approved resolution, to repair the wall at the Millsop Community Center.

Motion approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell

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

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso
Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion Approved: 7/0

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DIED FOR LACK OF MOTION

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved: 7/0

4. An Ordinance Implementing a Permanent Program for Speed Reduction Devices within the City of Weirton. (Councilman Fracasso)
Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso

Councilman Fracasso stated that this should be passed as an emergency reading because it is related to public safety.

Motion Approved: 6/1

Councilman Marsh voted against the Ordinance.

5. A Resolution to Enter into a Contract for the Purchase of a Replacement Utility Body for an Existing Squad Truck for the Weirton Fire Department (\$7,000.00). (Acting City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell

Motion Approved: 7/0

7. A Resolution Authorizing an Annual Contribution of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the Greater Weirton Senior Center (\$5,000.00). (Mayor Miller)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell

Discussion took place. It was determined that this Resolution should be amended to strike out the word "annual", to insert "fiscal year 2021-2022", and to change the amount of the contribution to \$25,000.00. Further discussion on this issue can take place during next year's budget sessions. It was explained that the request is to help support hiring a part-time secretary and a janitor.

Motion to Amend the Resolution: Councilman Marsh

Approved 7/0

Motion to Approve the Resolution as Amended: Councilman Adams

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 6/1

Councilman Marsh voted against the Resolution

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 6/1

Councilman Weigel voted against the Resolution

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Weigel

Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Marsh
Motion Approved: 6/0
Councilman Fracasso abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

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Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Adams
Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion Approved: 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved: 7/0

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Planning and Development – Kaleb Knowlton – Nothing further to add to the submitted report.

Public Works – Rod Rosnick – Nothing further to add to the submitted report.

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

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

Police Department – Chief Kush – The new speed trailer has been providing some great information.

Parks and Recreation – Coty Shingle – Extended thanks to the police and fire departments for the help provided during various events. The next Park Board meeting will be held on August 26th at the Marland Heights park at 5:30 p.m. Thanks was given to Council for the approved payment of the bill for the repair of the wall at the Center. The repairs are tentatively scheduled to begin the second week of September. Swimming pool season comes to an end this weekend.

Library – Rik Rekowski – Expressed the library's appreciation and thanked Council for approving the resolution tonight which will allow for the library to get much needed IT support.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Marsh thanked Rod Rosnick and Public Works for the work completed this summer, especially with limited resources and lack of personnel.

Councilwoman Perrone attended the West Virginia Municipal League conference. The conference was very informative and educational.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved 7/0

Councilman Tim Connell recited the closing prayer.

Minutes approved at the September 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Signed: *Kimberly Long*, City Clerk