

Minutes of City Council
January 17, 2023
Regular Session

The Council of the City of Lewisburg met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Paul R Cooley Council Chambers at 942 Washington St. West, Lewisburg, WV also available VIA a Zoom Teleconference call.

PRESENT: Mayor Beverly White, Councilmembers, Sarah Elkins, John Little, Franklin Johnson, Valerie Pritt & Arron Seams; City Manager Misty Hill, City Clerk Shannon Beatty, Treasurer Susan Honaker, Police Chief Chris Teubert, Deputy Chief Jonathon Hughes, Director of Public Works Tony Legg, Fire Chief Joey Thomas and City Attorney Tom White.

VISITORS: Reporter Carolyn Cleaton (ZOOM) with the WV Daily News, Reporter Sarah Richardson with the Mountain Messenger; Mike Kidd, Seth Kidd and Patrolman Steven Rodoussakis.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Police Corporal Promotion with related pay increase

Finance Committee and Public Safety Chair Seams stated that both the Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee recommended approval of promoting Patrolman Steven Rodoussakis to Corporal with a related pay increase of \$900.

Councilmember Seams made a motion to promote Patrolman Steven Rodoussakis to Corporal with a related pay increase of \$900. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Mayor White presented Corporal Rodoussakis with the new corporal badge and congratulated him on his promotion.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 504

Councilmember Elkins made a motion to approve Resolution 504 as presented. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Resolution 505

Councilmember Seams made a motion to approve Resolution 505 as presented. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Resolution 506

Councilmember Pritt made a motion to approve Resolution 506 as presented. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Volunteer of the Year 2022

Mayor White read a proclamation naming and honoring Mike Kidd as the 2022 Volunteer of the Year.

Revered Martin Luther King, Jr Week

Mayor White read a proclamation naming the week of January 16 to January 22, 2023 as the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week in Lewisburg.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- Mayor White stated the Martin Luther King, Jr. March on Monday, January 16, 2023 was an outstanding day that was well attended. She stated that Crystal Goode was the keynote speaker for the events at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church. She indicated she was happy to see so many children participate in the event.
- Mayor White listed all the placements Lewisburg received in the WV Living Magazine “Best of” contest for 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Greenbrier County Commission permit fee for the City water plant upgrade intake

Councilmember Seams made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:13 p.m. with City Manager Hill and City Attorney Tom White to discuss permit fees related to the water plant upgrade intake to the Greenbrier County Commission. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Elkins made a motion to leave executive session at 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Seams made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Seams made a motion to table the Greenbrier County Commission permit fee for the City water plant upgrade intake until further information can be obtained. Councilmember Little seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

City Manager's Report

- The Water Plant upgrade project is going great and is right on schedule.
- The Public Works building project is going to be put on hold for the winter. Excavating cannot be completed because of muddy conditions. Hill stated the City was going to wait until March 1st to see if conditions improved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission President Little reported on the following events of the January 5, 2023 Planning Commission working and regular session meetings:

- Little stated the Planning Commission is still finalizing small details concerning land use in the Zoning Ordinance update.
- During the regular session, John Little was elected President of the Planning Commission and Valerie Pritt was elected Vice President during the election of officers.
- A hearing was held for a conditional use permit for Monica Moore at 150 Scott Street to operate a three bedroom Air BnB. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

Mayor White opened the floor for a public hearing regarding a conditional use permit application for 150 Scott Street for Monica Moore to operate a three bedroom Air BnB at 8:04 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor White closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Little made a motion to approve a conditional use permit application for 150 Scott Street for Monica Moore to operate a three bedroom Air BnB. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion.

Little noted that the applicant had successfully proved the four items needed to be proved to grant a conditional use.

1. It will not endanger public health and safety,
2. It will not cause injury to any adjoining property value,
3. It will not be out of harmony with the surrounding area; or
4. Be out of conformity with the official community plan.

With all in favor the motion carried.

- The Planning Commission denied a conditional use permit request from Shuck Memorial Baptist Church at 841 Washington Street, to build an outdoor stage for outdoor activities in an OR zone. Little stated the Planning Commissioners did not feel the application met the requirements for a conditional use permit.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

No communications were given.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor White stated that a copy of Chief Teubert's report had been included in the information packet and asked if City Councilmembers had any questions for Chief Teubert.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor White stated that a copy of Chief Thomas's report had been included in the information packet and asked if City Councilmembers had any questions for the Chief.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee report

Councilmember Seams reported that the agenda items from the 01-10-23 Finance Committee meeting had already been covered in this Council meeting.

Public Safety Committee report

Councilmember Seams reported that the agenda items from the 01-10-23 Public Safety Committee meeting had already been covered in this Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mayor White stated that a copy of the Public Work's Director Legg's report had been included in the information packet and asked if City Councilmembers had any questions for the Director.

VISITORS REPORT:

No reports were given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 20, 2022

Councilmember Little made a motion To approve the December 20, 2022 regular session City Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Seams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.