

**Minutes of City Council**  
**January 26, 2023**  
**Special Session**

The Council of the City of Lewisburg met in special session on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Paul R Cooley Council Chambers at 942 Washington St. West, Lewisburg.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Beverly White, Councilmembers: Sarah Elkins, Franklin Johnson, John Little Valerie Pritt and Arron Seams; City Manager Misty Hill, City Clerk Shannon Beatty, Fire Chief Thomas, Police Chief Chris Teubert and City Attorney Tom White.

**VISITORS:** Bill Dyer, Greg Belcher (Zoom) Reporter Carolyn Cleaton with the WV Daily News (Zoom), and Reporter Sarah Richardson with the Mountain Messenger (Zoom)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

*Employee Health Insurance benefit renewal*

City Manager Hill noted that during the Health Insurance review meeting it was noticed that employees have not been taking advantage of their access to well visits. She stated that Robert C. Byrd Clinic will set up a mobile unit at Dorie Miller to offer wellness visits for employees.

Bill Dyer, the City's insurance broker reviewed expenses for the employee health insurance over the past year including prescriptions and wellness visits. A long discussion ensued. During the discussion City Council members discovered that a few years ago the City had initiated a spousal carve out. Spouses of City Employees that have access to health insurance at their place of employment cannot be on the City's health insurance. This was done as a cost savings. Several City Council members stated they did not like the spousal carve out. They asked to see how much it would cost to add spouses back onto the insurance. Bill Dyer stated the City could ask the underwriters how much it cost after the City found out how many spouses might want health insurance.

Councilmember Little made a motion to table approval of the employee health insurance renewal until further information could be provided about the possibility of adding employee spouses to the City health insurance. Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

*Change Order #1 to Contract 8A for the existing water plant intake*

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for Contract 8A for the existing water plant intake. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

*Change Order #2 for Contract 8A for the Harper Road Trail Parking Lot*

City Manager Hill stated the City was obligated to construct the parking lot on Harper Road to satisfy the agreement the City has with the DNR to close the trail for construction. She noted the cost was coming out of the contingency fund built into the USDA loans.

Councilmember Seams made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for Contract 8A for the Harper Road Trail Parking Lot. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

*Greenbrier County Commission permit fee for the City Water Plant upgrade intake*

Councilmember Pritt made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:37 p.m. with City Manager Hill and City Attorney Tom White to discuss the Greenbrier County Commission permit fees for the City Water Plant upgrade intake. Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Pritt made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:50 p.m. Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Seams stated that no decisions had been made in executive session.

City Attorney Tom White stated City Council needed to consider three issues:

1. County building permit fees for the intake structure at \$23,115.00. He stated it was his recommendation the City pay the fees.

Councilmember Elkins made a motion to pay the building permit fees for the intake structure at \$23,115.00. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

2. The County building permit fees for the new parking lot on Harper Road for the Greenbrier River Trail in the amount of \$734.67.

Councilmember Seams made a motion to pay the County building permit fees for the new parking lot on Harper Road for the Greenbrier River Trail in the amount of \$734.67. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

3. The County building permit fees the new Public Works building for the portion of the metal building which the contractor did not include in the building permit in the amount of \$1,065.25.

Councilmember Seams made a motion to pay the County building permit fees the new Public Works building for the portion of the metal building which the contractor did not include in the building permit in the amount of \$1,065.25. Councilmember Little seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Seams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Councilmember Little seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.