

Minutes of City Council
February 19, 2019
Regular Session

The Council of the City of Lewisburg met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers at 942 Washington St. West, Lewisburg, WV.

PRESENT: Mayor John Manchester; Recorder Shannon Patrick-Beatty; Council members, Heather Blake, Mark Etten, Joseph Lutz, Arron Seams, Beverly White; Director of Public Works Roger Pence, Police Chief Tim Stover, Treasurer Susan Honaker, Fire Chief Joseph Thomas, City Administrator-in-Training Jacy Faulker and Zoning Officer Charles Smith.

VISITORS: Reporters Peggy Mackenzie with the Mountain Messenger; Robert Bordelon with the West Virginia Daily News; Donna & Ed Johns; Misty Hill; Kris Tawney, Randy & Tammy Teubert, Fred Teubert, Joan Teubert, Kim Teubert, Mike Teubert, Scott & Melissa Teubert; Joshiah Teubert, Jeremy Teubert, Ryan Teubert, Justin Teubert, Tyler Teubert, Crystal Faulkner, Chris and Haley Teubert, Lisa Hart, Jeff Marple, Neal McClung, Amber Sanford, Jameson Hunter, Tim Stover, Doug Beard, and Emil Stalis.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Manchester called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recorder Shannon Beatty gave the invocation and Councilmember White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS REPORTS:

Kris Tawney

Lewisburg resident Kris Tawney approached Council with some concerns he had regarding an experience he had presenting information to the City administration regarding a health insurance package proposal for city employees. He stated he had received a letter from the Mayor indicating the City was not interested in procuring insurance from him and he thought City Council should be aware of this. Mayor Manchester thanked Mr. Tawney for bringing his concerns to City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 18, 2018

Councilmember Etten made a motion to remove the December 18, 2019 minutes from the table. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Etten made a motion to approve the December 18, 2018 minutes. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

January 15, 2019

Councilmember Blake made a motion to approve the January 15, 2019 minutes as presented. Councilmember White seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Appointment of the Chief of Police

Mayor John Manchester appointed Chris Teubert to the position of Chief of Police.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 468, bond draw down request from 2009 A BB& T (water system improvements)

Recorder Shannon Beatty read the following title of resolution 468 for passage:

“RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEWISBURG APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF”

Councilmember Etten made a motion to approve Resolution 468 for passage. Councilmember White seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilmember White thanked Mayor Manchester for being one of twelve mayors in the state of West Virginia write a letter to encourage the WV Legislature to pass legislation to protect members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community.

Recorder Beatty stated the special excess levy election was held on February 16 and that the unofficial results were 171 in favor and 18 against the levy. Mayor Manchester stated the city needed 60% to vote in favor and 90% did.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission Report

Zoning Officer Chuck Smith stated no regular meeting had been held on February 7 because there were no applications. He noted a working session to review the ongoing update to the Zoning Ordinance would be held on February 26 at 5:30 p.m. The deadline for the March meeting was February 15 and no applications were submitted.

Parks Commission Report

City Manager-in Training Jacy Faulker reported on the following events of the February 5, 2019 Parks Commission meeting:

- The commission welcomed new member Ian Lutz.
- A playground plan update was presented for Dorie Miller Park.
- The ongoing renovation of the concession stand at Hollowell Park was discussed.

- The next meeting will be held on March 6 at Dorie Miller Park.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Newly appointed Chief of Police Chris Teubert stated he was looking forward to working with everyone as the Chief of Police.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Joey Thomas distributed the Fire Department's monthly activity report noting they had received 90 emergency calls.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee Report

Finance Chair Mark Etten reported on the following events of the February 12, 2019 Finance Committee meeting:

- The Finance Committee recommended approval of the Civil War Trail Grant – Pay Request #2.

Councilmember Etten made a motion to approve Pay Request #2 for the Civil War Trail Grant in the amount of \$2,434.24 with JDL Contractors. Councilmember Blake seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

- The Finance Committee tabled action on the approval of the Greenworks Contract Renewal until the March City Council meeting to make revisions to the contract language.

Councilmember Etten made a motion to table approval of the Greenworks Contract renewal. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

- The Finance Committee recommended approval of the Employee Health Insurance Renewal as presented.

Councilmember Etten made a motion to approve renewal of the Employee Health Insurance with the current provider. Councilmember Lutz seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

- The Finance Committee held an executive session to discuss the salary of the new Chief of Police.

Councilmember Lutz made a motion to set the salary for newly appointed Chief of Police Teubert at \$60,00 per year with consideration to be revisited in 3 months. Councilmember White seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Public Works Committee Report

Director of Public Works Roger Pence reported on the following events of the February 12, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting:

- The annual renewal of the Greenworks recycling contract was discussed.
- The unaccounted for water report was reviewed.
- Various ongoing Public Works projects were discussed.
- A public auction was held on January 24, 2019. 12 pieces of equipment or vehicles were sold and \$48,266.50 was raised.
- The remodeling project of the concession stand at Hollowell Parks was discussed.

Public Safety Committee Report

Public Safety Committee Chair Joseph Lutz stated that no meeting was held. He welcomed Chris Teubert in his new role as the Chief of Police.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Lutz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Councilmember Etten seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.