

**Minutes of City Council
December 20, 2022
Regular Session**

The Council of the City of Lewisburg met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 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, Director of Public Works Tony Legg, and Fire Chief Joey Thomas.

VISITORS: Reporter Carolyn Cleaton (ZOOM) with the WV Daily News and Sarah Richardson with the Mountain Messenger; Nikki Dotson, Lee Crone, Myka Crone, Robert Crone, Margaret Hambrick, Skip Deegans and Tom O’Neil with Altice.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 312, Altice/Cebridge agreement, 2nd reading & public hearing

City Clerk Shannon Beatty read the title of the following ordinance for second reading:

“An Ordinance of the City of Lewisburg, West Virginia
Granting a Franchise to Cebridge Acquisitions, LLC
for the Construction and Operation of a Cable System”

Mayor White called the public hearing to order at 7:04 p.m. Lewisburg resident Skip Deegans discussed his year long experience trying to resolve issues with the cable company which culminated in his contacting the Attorney General’s office the Public Service Commission. He noted his issue was ultimately resolved.

Tom O’Neil with Altice/Cebridge stated the Pandemic had created an unusual strain on the network. He indicated the cable company has answered to the PSC and is taking steps to resolve issues such as creating a new call center in Scott Depot and having some customer service experts work out of Beckley for Lewisburg customers.

Mayor White closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Councilmember Elkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 312 for second reading. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

With all in favor the motion carried.

Ordinance 314 Historic Landmark Commission guideline update, 2nd reading & public hearing

City Clerk Shannon Beatty read the title of the following ordinance for second reading:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 141.11 OF THE LEWISBURG CITY CODE.”

Mayor White opened the floor for a public hearing regarding Ordinance 314 at 7:19 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public she closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Pritt made a motion to approve Ordinance 314. Council member Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 502

City Clerk Beatty read the following resolution by title for passage:

“RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEWISBURG APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO SERVICES FOR THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF,”

Councilmember Seams made a motion to approve Resolution 502. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Resolution 503

City Clerk Beatty read the following resolution by title for passage:

“RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEWISBURG APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LEWISBURG STORMWATER ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT STUDY AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.”

Councilmember Seams made a motion to approve Resolution 503. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Greenbrier Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office Pass through Grant

This agenda item was recommended for approval by the Finance Committee. The request is for the City to act as a certified local government entity for the Greenbrier Historical Society to receive a Survey & Planning grant from the State Historic Preservation office to conduct an archeological study behind the Barracks on Randolph Street in the amount of \$10,500 with a \$4,500 match.

Councilmember Seams made a motion for the City to act as a certified local government entity for the Greenbrier Historical Society to receive a Survey & Planning grant from the State Historic Preservation office to conduct an archeological study behind the Barracks on Randolph Street in the amount of \$10,500 with a \$4,500 match. Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor White stated she is gathering information for City Clerk Beatty to use to draft a proclamation for the 2022 Volunteer of the Year.

Mayor White stated she has received a letter from the WV Economic Development office stating the Lewisburg Parks had been inspected as part of the regularly scheduled onsite inspection as required by the National Park Service for projects that have been funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund-Assisted funds. The letter indicated the park areas were in good shape.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Funding Request- Shanghai Parade

City Manager Hill stated because the Shanghai Parade Committee did not have a 501c3 status they were not eligible for the City Arts and Humanities Grant. She noted the Treasurer indicated the money could be given from the Community Development Fund.

Councilmember Little made a motion to give \$1,537.00 from the Community Development Fund to the 2023 Shanghai Parade Committee. Councilmember Seams seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

*WV Dept. of Health and Human Resources water grant
purchase of security cameras at water plant*

City Manager Hill stated the purchase of security cameras will not go through the procurement process because the cameras are an addition to the 21 security camera system the City already owns. She noted the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Police Department can view

the camera system at all times. She stated the City would like to purchase cameras from the company the current system is maintained by.

Councilmember Seams made a motion to approve the purchase of cameras at the water plant through a grant with the WV Dept. of Health and Human Resources in the amount of \$9,403.29 Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Police Department, purchase of equipment for police vehicle

Chief Tuebert stated the City had originally approved the purchase of Explorers for police vehicles in April of 2022 when additional police officers had been hired. However, the State Contract for vehicles had to change the order to Durangos because of supply issues which cause the price of the vehicles and equipment to increase from the amount originally budgeted. Treasurer Susan Honaker stated a budget revision can be done out of contingencies to cover the difference.

Councilmember Seams made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment for police vehicles in the amount of \$14,381.35 with Granite, LLC dba LW Technology Solutions. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

City Manager's Report

City Manager orally gave a brief recap of accomplishments the City has achieved in 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilmember Arron Seams thanked City Manager Hill for her hard work over the past year. Councilmember John Little stated he wished the City had a "score sheet" they could distribute going over everything the City had accomplished over the past year.

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.

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:

November 15, 2022

Councilmember Little made a motion To approve the November 15, 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 8:33 p.m. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.