

**City of Lewisburg  
City Council Minutes  
Tuesday April 21, 2026  
Regular Session**

The City of Lewisburg, City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 21, 2026, 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.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Beverly White, Councilmembers Franklin Johnson, John Little, Valerie Pritt, Arron Seams, and Paula Janiga; City Manager Misty Hill, City Clerk Crystal Ratliff, Police Chief Christopher Teubert, Deputy Chief Hughes, Fire Chief Joseph Thomas, Director of Public Works Tony Legg, and Treasurer Susan Honaker.

**VISITORS:** Annebelle Galyean, Tag Galyean, Amanda Fuller, Hannah Fuller, Mackenna McClure, Dawn McClure, Stacy McClure, Kennedy Stewart, Holly Jo Gillispie, and Sarah Richardson Mountain Messenger Representative (Zoom).

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCE**

*Ordinance 328 - Downtown Parking*

City Clerk Ratliff presented Ordinance 328 Downtown Parking.

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to accept Ordinance 328 as presented. Mayor White stated this has been a long process to insure what is best for the citizens and business of Lewisburg. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor and one (1) against (Little) motion carried.

*Ordinance 329 Permit Fee Schedule Structure*

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Seams to table Ordinance 329 – Permit Fee Schedule Structure. City Manager Hill stated this Ordinance would have to be done in several Ordinances to correctly reflect current Ordinances. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

*Resolution 596 Water System Improvement Project Pay Request 48*

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve Resolution 596 in the amount of \$179,903.13. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**Greenbrier East Girls Basketball State Champions**

***Greenbrier East High School Lady Spartans Basketball***

***2026 AAA West Virginia State Champions***

*April 21, 2026*

**WHEREAS**, the hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, determination, and exceptional talent of the 2026 Greenbrier East High School Lady Spartans Basketball team has enabled these student athletes to have an undefeated season of 27-0, defeating 23 of the opponents by double figures and earn a West Virginia State Championship title; and,

**WHEREAS**, winning the West Virginia AAA Basketball State Championship title brought honor to Greenbrier East High School and the City of Lewisburg on the local and state level; and,

**WHEREAS**, Head Coach and U.S. Senator Jim Justice, Assistant Coaches: Holly Jo Gillispie, Jill Justice Long, Rondale Watson, Donald Parker and the entire support staff, team parents, faculty, members of the community and the student body at Greenbrier East High School were an integral part in guiding the team to victory through their unwavering support; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2026, at the Charleston Civic Center the Greenbrier East Lady Spartans defeated the East Fairmont Bees to complete the road to a perfect season and win the West Virginia AAA State Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the first time in the history of Greenbrier East High School for a team to go undefeated in a regular season and finish with the State Championship title with a perfect record of 27-0; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Beverly White, Mayor of the City of Lewisburg, do hereby recognize, congratulate, and hereby proclaim April 21, 2026, as

***The Greenbrier East High School 2026 Lady Spartans Basketball***

***AAA West Virginia State Champions Day***

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in The City of Lewisburg and encourage all citizens to join in celebrating the Greenbrier East High School and the 2026 AAA State Championship Greenbrier East Lady Spartans Basketball Team on their outstanding accomplishment.

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Beverly White, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Crystal Ratliff, City Clerk

**Children's Memorial Flag Day**

**Children's Memorial Flag Day Proclamation  
By Mayor Beverly White**

**WHEREAS**, the Child Welfare League of America has promoted the Children's Memorial Flag as a way of memorializing the thousands of children and teenagers in the United States who die violently each year; and

**WHEREAS**, each year numerous municipalities become involved in an impressive bipartisan effort, flying the flag or arranging for related events to memorialize children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Memorial Flag has become a recognizable symbol of the need to do a better job of protecting children; and

**WHEREAS**, the response of the public has been overwhelmingly positive as the program progresses each year; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 4.39 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

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**WHEREAS**, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within their communities, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Beverly White, Mayor of the City of Lewisburg, do hereby proclaim **FRIDAY, April 24, 2026, as:**

## **Children’s Memorial Flag Day**

And urge all citizens to memorialize the thousands of children across the country who die violently each year. I call upon all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

**Sworn by my hand:**

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Mayor Beverly White

Attest:

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City Clerk, Crystal Ratliff

*Arbor Day*



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\*\*\* OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION \*\*\*

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**WHEREAS** in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *and*

**WHEREAS** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, *and*

**WHEREAS** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Beverly White, Mayor of the City of Lewisburg, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026 as **ARBOR DAY** In the City of Lewisburg, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

**FURTHER,** I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**DATED THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_



**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor white stated with the recent resignation of a member of the Building Commission she would like to present resident Andrea Izzo to be appointed to fill the position on the Commission.

Councilmember Little made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve Andrea Izzo to the vacancy on the Building Commission. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

Mayor White read a letter of appreciation for the LDBA (Lewisburg Downtown Business Association) for all the City does to support the LBDA and Community.

Mayor White read a thank you letter from the Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce thanking the City for all the support and dedication to Greenbrier County.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

*Laying of the Levy for Fiscal Year 2027*

City Manager Hill presented Council with the 2026-2027 Lay of the Levy for approval.

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Seams to approve the Laying of the Levy as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

*West Parking Lot Business and Occupation Tax and Permit Fees*

Councilmember Janiga recused herself for personal reasons and left Chambers.

Tag Galyean representative of the Lewisburg Foundation is asking the City to waive the Business and Occupation (B & O) Tax and Permit Fees for the West Parking lot located on Court Street. The Foundation will be converting the empty lot into a parking lot with 29 first-come first-serve parking spots to help elevate some of the parking issues in town. Mr. Galyean stated the work is being funded by grant procured by the Foundation and is requesting the waiver to us the funds for the fees and permits in other aspects of the project. Mr. Galyean stated the project has an estimated start time of September 2026 with a completion of sometime in 2027.

Councilmember Seams stated that he appreciates the work being done and the benefit it will be for the City. He stated at this time it is a free parking lot that will benefit the city but at some time in the future it could become a pay to park type of lot and no longer benefit the city.

Councilmember Pritt feels that if Council waves the fees and permits they will be setting a precedence that could cost the city a significant amount of money in permits, fees, and man hours.

Councilmember Little made a motion to wave the B & O, and permit fees for the Lewisburg Foundation West Parking lot not to exceed \$10,000.00. With the lack of a second for the motion, motion dies.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Johnson stated he had been contacted by a resident with a concern of speeding on Feamster Rd and around Dorie Miller Park. Chief Teubert stated he would have the Police department do some extra patrolling in the area.

Councilmember Pritt announced that Lewisburg has been named in the 2026 USA Today's 10 Best Reader's Choice Awards as the Best Small Town Food Scene for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the best Small Town in the South. Councilmember Pritt stated that Experience Greenbrier Valley appreciates all who voted and how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful place and have so many unique and amazing places to eat and enjoy.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

#### *Planning Commission*

Councilmember Little stated the Planning Commission met on April 2, 2026, and has two (2) items to present to Council, one for a vote and one for general information.

#### *Florian Schleiff, 151 Feamster Road/1033 Court Street Lot-line*

Councilmember Little stated the application from Florian Schleiff is requesting a lot line adjustment at 151 Feamster Road and 1033 Court Street. Mr. Schleiff owns both of the properties and is requesting the adjustment to allow better access for parking at 151 Feamster Road.

#### *Greenbrier Honda/Nissan within Greenbrier Automotive Development, 686 Jefferson Street North*

Councilmember Little stated the Planning Commission has approved the site plan review for the Greenbrier Honda/Nissan with Greenbrier Automotive Development at 686 Jefferson Street North and just felt Council should be aware of the approval at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

*Finance Committee Report*

**Cameras and Signage for Parking Downtown**

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the cameras and signage in the amount of \$37,378.50 as presented. Councilmember Little stated he does not agree with spending this amount of money to create parking enforcement. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor one (1) opposed (Little) motion carried.

*Annual Employee Picnic*

Councilmember Seams stated the annual employee picnic is scheduled for Thursday July 23, 2026, at Dorie Miller Park. The food will be provided by Jim's Drive In, and the City will provide paper products, condiments, and drinks.

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Janiga to approve the quote from Jim's Drive In in the amount of \$1,560.00 for the employee picnic as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

*Employee Day Off*

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the Employee Day Off certificate to include four(4) hours for the part-time employees as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

*Penny Policy*

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the Penny Policy as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

*Other Finance Items*

Councilmember Seams stated the Finance Committee approved the Audit Report for Fiscal year 2025 and appreciates all the hard work from the City Treasurer and everyone involved to make sure everything is correct and runs smoothly.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor White stated a copy of the report from Chief Teubert was included in Council's packet. Mayor White asked if anyone has any questions or concerns for Chief Teubert. Council had no questions or concerns at this time.

Chief Teubert announced the retirement of Corporal McClintic after 25 years of service with the City of Lewisburg.

### *New Employee contract buy-out*

Chief Teubert presented Council with option to buy-out the contract of an officer from another municipality. He stated it will save the city money and time to hire a certified officer and will help the officer cover his obligation with the municipality.

Councilmember Little made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Seams to approve the contract buy-out for Officer Juma from the City of Ronceverte in the amount of \$19,511.30 pending approval from City Attorney White to add a contract of employment for the City of Lewisburg until his 1-year anniversary date of graduation from the Police Academy. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor White stated a copy of the report from Chief Thomas has been included in Council's packet. Mayor White asked if anyone has any questions or concerns for Chief Thomas. Council had no questions or concerns at this time.

### *Mutual Aid Agreement Greenbrier Valley Airport*

Chief Thomas presented Council with the 2026-2027 Mutual Aid Agreement with Greenbrier Valley Airport (GVA). He stated it is the same agreement that has been in place for several years.

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the 2026-2027 Mutual Aid Agreement with Greenbrier Valley Airport (GVA) as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

### *Fireman Physicals*

Councilmember Little made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the annual Fireman Physicals not to exceed \$36,892.00 as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mayor White stated that a copy of Public Works Director Legg’s report has been presented and asked if City Councilmembers had any questions for Director Legg. Council had no questions or concerns at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regular Session*

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting on March 17,2026, as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor the motion carried.

**VISITOR’S REPORTS**

Mayor White acknowledged and welcomed visitors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to adjourn at 8:21p.m. No further discussion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crystal Ratliff ,City Clerk

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Beverly White, Mayor