

**City of Lewisburg
City Council Minutes
Tuesday August 18, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Regular Session**

The City of Lewisburg, City Council met in regular session on Tuesday August 18, 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, Valerie Pritt, Arron Seams and Paula Janiga; City Manager Misty Hill, City Clerk Crystal Ratliff, Police Chief Christopher Teubert, Fire Chief Joseph Thomas, and Director of Public Works Tony Legg.

ABSENT: Councilmember John Little

VISITORS: Aaron Maxwell, Sarah Richardson with WVSOM, Dwayne Bowles and Caleb Whisenant with the Mountain Messenger

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 601

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve Resolution 601 in the amount of \$22,822.26 as presented. Councilmember Seams stated this was reviewed and recommend by the Finance Committee for approval. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor and one (1) absent (Little) motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor White stated that she, City Manager Hill, and Treasure Honaker had recently attend the annual Municipal League Conference in Charleston where the city was awarded the All-Star Community Award for Cost Savings for innovative funding strategy for its new water treatment plant through strategic partnerships and grant funding. Mayor White stated she appreciated all the work City Manager Hill, and everyone has put into the project.

Mayor White stated she had received a Thank you card from the family of former employee Bill Pack.

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Mayor White stated she would like to appoint resident Jake Glasser for the open position on the Parks Commission.

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve Jake Glasser to the Parks Commission as recommended. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor and one (1) absent (Little) motion carried.

Mayor White stated that she would like to appoint resident Keith Goldsmith for the open position on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve Keith Goldsmith to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) as presented. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor and one (1) absent (Little) motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hill stated they had recently received and opened the bids for the Green Space renovations. She stated the renovations will include the sidewalks being redone, increased lighting, removal of the fountains pump from underground and moved to an above-ground shed for better access, and adding removable canopy shades. Manager Hill stated that other than the trees the Green Space will receive a complete “face-lift” as it has been over 25 years since any major work has been done and it truly is a heavily used and appreciated part of the City. She stated some of the work will be done by the Public Works Department to help with the overall cost. Manager Hill stated the recommend bid is from Schleiff Construction in the amount of \$431,800.00 with a 120 day completion time.

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Janiga to approve the bid from Schleiff Construction in the amount of \$431,800.00 with a 120 day completion time for the renovation of the Green Space as presented. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor and one (1) absent (Little) motion carried.

City Manager Hill stated all WVDOH sidewalk grants have been submitted but nothing has been awarded at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Pritt stated the City of Lewisburg is one of 25 towns across the nation and the first and only one in West Virginia to be nominated to be Hallmarks Merriest Christmas Town. She thanked the Mayor for her help in submitting the application and encouraged everyone to vote daily through September 4, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission

City Manager Hill stated that Planning Commission had meet on August 6, 2026, for the request from Aaron Maxwell for the approval for a minor subdivision of 2 tracts of land adjacent the rear of their property for the purpose of possibly selling one of the tracts to his neighbor to enlarge his backyard. She stated that Director Sloan or the City has no issues or concerns at this time with approving the request for the minor subdivision at 125 Janet Street Parcel 13-10-0027-0016-000.

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Janiga to approve the request for a minor subdivision of Parcel ID 13-10-0027-0016-000 located at 125 Janet Street as presented. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor and one (1) absent (Little) motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Report

Arts and Humanities Funding Request

Carnegie Hall – Taste of Our Town (TOOT)

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the request from Carnegie Hall for the Taste Our Town (TOOT) event from the Arts and Humanities Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 as presented. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor one (1) absent (Little) the motion carried.

Carnegie Hall – Restoration of the Ivy Terrace

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the request from Carnegie Hall for the Restoration of the Ivy Terrace from the Arts and Humanities Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 as presented. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor one (1) absent (Little) the motion carried.

Other Finance Items

Wage Increase for Christopher Terry for Water Distribution License

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Janiga to approve a wage increase in the amount of \$0.50 from \$18.50 to \$19.00 for Christopher Terry for successfully obtaining his Water Distribution license as presented. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor one (1) absent (Little) the motion carried.

Year End Incentive

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the Year End Incentive as presented in the 2026-2027 Budget. No further discussion. With five (5) in favor one (1) absent (Little) the motion carried.

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.

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.

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

Organizational Meeting

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Seams to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2026, Organizational Meeting as presented. With five (5) in favor and one (1) absent (Little) motion carried.

Regular Session

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pritt, to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting on July 21, 2026, as presented. With five (5) in favor and one (1) absent (Little) motion carried.

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VISITOR'S REPORTS

Mayor White acknowledged and welcomed visitors.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. With five (5) in favor and one (1) absent (Little) motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Ratliff ,City Clerk

Beverly White, Mayor