

**City of Lewisburg  
City Council Minutes  
Tuesday February 17, 2026  
Regular Session**

The City of Lewisburg, City Council met in regular session on Tuesday February 17, 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, Fire Chief Joseph Thomas, Director of Public Works Tony Legg, Treasurer Susan Honaker, and Planning and Zoning Officer Nick Sloan

**VISITORS:** Alex Brand, Jerry Janiga, Sharlene Simpson, Mountain Messenger Representative Sarah Richardson (Zoom)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

*City Council Appointment*

Mayor White stated with the recent resignation from City Council by Sarah Elkins the Mayor is recommending resident Paula Janiga to be appointed by Council to fill the remainder of the term.

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Seams to appoint Paula Janiga to the vacant City Council position. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

Mrs. Janiga was sworn in by Mayor White and welcomed by current Council members.

*BZA Appointment*

Mayor White recommended resident Lida Shepard for appointment to the current vacancy on Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to appoint Lida Shepard to Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) as recommended by Mayor White. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

**ORDINANCE**

*Ordinance 327-City Code update sidewalks*

City Clerk Ratliff presented Ordinance 327-City Code update sidewalks verbiage for the first reading.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the first reading of Ordinance 327-City Code update sidewalks verbiage as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 327**

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following Ordinance and moved for its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_. The Ordinance being in the following words and figures:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND MODIFY ARTICLE 905.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEWISBURG, GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, REGARDING THE USE OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.”

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by W. Va. Code §§ 8-11-1, et seq., and the Amended Charter of the City of Lewisburg, the Council of the City of Lewisburg desires to amended Article 905.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lewisburg. All provisions of the Lewisburg City Code not specifically amended in the attached ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, that Article 905.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, be, and it is, hereby amended, and modified to read as follows:

**905.05 USE OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS; PARADES, DISPLAY OF MERCHANDISE, ETC.**

(a) No person shall use the streets or sidewalks of the City for the sale or display of goods or wares, or merchandise of any kind or character whatsoever, except such persons as have been duly licensed, and have obtained a permit from the Mayor so to do.

(b) The Mayor is authorized where it is necessary to preserve health to establish zones of quiet. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating a zone of quiet, no person operating a motor vehicle within any such zone shall sound the horn or other warning device of such vehicle except in an emergency.

(c) The Mayor or the City Manager may issue permits revocable at will to be issued to any person to use the streets and sidewalks for the purposes stated above, when and if in his or her discretion such use will not interfere with traffic regulation or the health and safety of the public,



## **RESOLUTIONS**

### *Resolution 593 Water System Improvement Pay Request 46*

Councilmember Pritt made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Seams to approve Resolution 593 Water System Improvement Pay Request No. 46 in the amount of \$83,424.24 as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

### *Resolution-594 Corporation of Falling Springs a.k.a. Town of Renick Water System*

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve Resolution-594 Corporation of Falling Springs a.k.a. Town of Renick Water System as presented. City Manager Hill stated this Resolution for the City to move forward with paperwork to obtain the Corporation of Falling Springs a.k.a. Town of Renick Water System. She stated there will be at no cost to the City of Lewisburg as we already maintain and bill for the water system. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

### *2025 Year in Review*

City Manager Hill thanked Council for the opportunity to give a review of some of the highlights of the last year. 2025 has been an exciting year from a sinkhole opening at the intersection of Court Street and Foster Street to building a life size cornucopia for TOOT to the Christmas lights in the park. The city and its employees have taken every challenge and obstacle with the most poise and gratitude.

Let us start with Public Works, this winter has come in with a vengeance. We have spent 1,136.5 hours including regular and overtime costing the city a total of \$26,390.18 so far and we have another storm predicted for the weekend.

New street posts and signs have been placed throughout the city at a cost of \$35,000.00. The new street signs are larger and have a distinction of whether you are in the Historic District or not.

10 downtown lamp posts have been ordered at a cost of \$25,230.50 and will be installed once the weather breaks.

The equipment for the new Dog Park has been received and ready for placement once the weather breaks at a cost of \$28,693.00.

The sidewalk in front of Jeremy's Barbor Shop has been removed and replaced at a cost of \$3,500.00.

The sink hole which developed at the intersection of Court Street and Foster Street at a current cost to the city of \$64,090.00 with this still being review with Chapman Technical Group. The

paving at Court Street and Foster Street bid for \$13,400.00 was approved but due to the sink hole it has been put on hold until Chapman's reviews are complete.

The Wayfinding has been and continues to be so much fun to implement. All of the information has been reviewed with the Lewisburg Downtown Business Association (LDBA) and every business downtown and the information has been sent to have an entire new map generated, which should be delivered soon. At a cost of \$10,902.84 plus the fees for the updates.

The Lafayette Storm Water project was a large group effort with the Public Service at a cost of \$213,252.75 to Chapman Technical and \$481,147.15 to Lynch Construction for a total of \$694,399.90 which does not include the sidewalk or paving.

The new Public Works building year to date is at \$2.2 million of the \$4 million of the bond.

A new generator for the Retreat at a cost of \$36,000.00.

The City has had the opportunity to support the community with giving funds to the Winter Music Festival \$1,000.00, Literary Festival \$6,000.00, TOOT \$10,000.00, and Greenbrier Valley Chorale \$3,000.00 for a total of \$20,000.00 from the Arts and Humanities Grant.

Greenbrier East High School (GEHS) Project Graduation \$4,000.00 from the Video Lottery Fund.

Some of the other expenditures the City has incurred are \$30,000.00 for Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) update, a 10 year Comprehensive plan with WVU law \$10,000.00, City Hall new server \$13,000.00, city directional/informational signs \$10,000.00. Also, a citywide tree survey was completed with grant funding.

Our public service departments have also been active.

The Police Department with \$25,000.00 for the Crime Scene Vehicle. They added a K-9 Bomb Dog (Szebi) with donations to date of \$25,250.00 to help with cost. A SWAT team at a cost of \$16,000.00 for training and a grant for \$25,000.00 for protective gear. They have also received \$151,050.72 in opioid funds.

The Fire Department had 78 more calls for the year up from 1363 to 1441. They ordered a new fire engine to be delivered in 2028 at a cost of \$935,000.00 and have added the Lucas devise (automatic chest compression device) to the first-out truck. The roof on station 1 was repaired at a cost of \$25,000.00. The department did have an insurance savings of \$8,000.00 for the year with no change in cover.

Mutual aid agreements were added with White Sulphur Springs and Frankford Volunteer Fire Departments to better serve our community.

We have no plans to slow down on projects in 2026. There will be 2 major sidewalk projects on Feamster Road and West Washington Street. The Center Green Space will have some major updates and improvements. The L & R trail caboose restoration will begin. We will have several paving projects throughout the city and thanks to a grant from US Representative Carol Miller for \$7.6 million for waterline upgrades to replace the lines on route 219 north towards the airport.

City Manager Hill stated she will continue to sit on the Executive Board for the West Virginia Municipal League (WVML) and she is currently the President of the WV City Managers Association and has been newly appointed to the International City Managers Association Executive Board. She was awarded the Tom Oxley award, which having known Tom personally was incredibly special to her. Manager Hill stated she loves working for the City of Lewisburg and is very passionate about the employees and what we bring to the table to keep Lewisburg beautiful, thriving and moving forward in the future.

*Merit Pay Approval*

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the Merit Pay for the City of Lewisburg employees as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

*GovWell Software Purchase for Planning, Zoning and Permits*

Planning and Zoning Officer Sloan presented GovWell Software, he explained the new software would help manage local planning permits, inspections, and code enforcement for the city, it will help streamline the entire application process for permitting within the City of Lewisburg. He stated it will help reduce the amount of time involved processing permits and will help eliminate the possibility of a permit not going to all of the necessary departments for approval. Officer Sloan stated that the City will maintain ownership of all records if they decide not to renew the service in the future.

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the purchase of the GovWell Software for Planning, Zoning, and Permits in the amount of \$31,600.00 which includes a deployment and data migration service fee of \$13,600.00 and an annual subscription fee of \$18,000.00 as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Pritt invited everyone to Experience Greenbrier Valley 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kickoff on February 26, 2026, at the Convention Center from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Seams to approve the March Finance meeting time on Tuesday March 10, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday March 11, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until completion of setting the 2026-2027 Budget. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

Councilmember Johnson stated the Parks Commission meeting will resume in March for the 2026 season.

**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.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

***Finance Committee Report***

***Arts & Humanities Funding— Greenbrier Valley Home & Garden Tour***

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Little to approve the request from the Greenbrier Valley Home & Garden Tour in the amount of \$3,500.00 from the Arts and Humanities fund as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

***Video Lottery Funding— Greenbrier East High School Project Graduation 2026***

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the application from Greenbrier East High School Project 2026 in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Video Lottery fund to help cover cost of food for the event as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

***South Lafayette St. Stormwater Improvements Project***

***Approval of Change Order No. 5- \$3,105.00***

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the South Lafayette Stormwater Improvement Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$3,105.00 as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

*Approval of Final Adjusting Change Order No. 6- (\$19,701) A decrease in contract amount*

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the South Lafayette Stormwater Improvement Change Order No. 6 adjustment with a decrease in the amount of \$19,701.00 as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried.

*Pay Request No. 6 (Final) from Lynch Construction in amount of \$35,911.56, which is final payment*

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the South Lafayette Stormwater Improvement Change Order No. 6 final payment of the project in the amount of \$35,911.56 as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried

*Chapman Technical Group Invoice 0021769*

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the South Lafayette Stormwater Improvement Chapman Technical Group invoice 0021769 in the amount of \$19,643.94 as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor motion carried

*Pay Increase and Reclassification — John L. White*

Councilmember Seams made a motion by recommendation from Finance, seconded by Councilmember Pritt to approve the pay increase of \$0.75 an hour and job reclassification from Parks Labor I to Streets Labor II for John L. White as of February 26, 2026, 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 anyone had any questions or concerns for Director Legg. Mayor White stated everyone appreciated the Public Works Department for all their hard work during the recent snow and ice storm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Pritt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Little to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting on January 20, 2026, as presented. No further discussion. With all in favor the motion carried.

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### **VISITOR'S REPORTS**

Mayor White acknowledged and welcomed visitors.

Resident Alex Brand thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of West Virginians for Clean Air.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Seams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adjourn at 8:25pm. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Crystal Ratliff  
City Clerk