

**City of Lewisburg
Finance Committee Meeting
Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber
942 Washington Street, West
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2024**

PRESENT: Mayor Beverly White, Councilmembers: Arron Seams, Franklin Johnson, John Little, Sarah Elkins, Valerie Pritt; City Manager Misty Hill, Treasurer Susan Honaker, Public Works Director Tony Legg, Police Chief Chris Teubert, and Fire Chief Joey Thomas.

VISITORS: Adam Rossi and Josh Lapping with Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Inez Reyes, Lavana Runyan and Kristen Tincher with the Shanghai Pageant, and Arthur Forgette with The French Goat.

CALL TO ORDER: Finance Chairperson Arron Seams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Arts & Humanities Funding Request Collaboration of Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Carnegie Hall
and Greenbrier Valley Chorale**

Chairperson Arron Seams recused himself from the discussion and left the meeting due to a personal conflict.

Adam Rossi and Josh Lapping with Greenbrier Valley Theatre presented a request for Arts & Humanities Funding in the amount of \$10,000 for a collaborative presentation of the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Councilmember Little made a motion to recommend to council the funding in the amount of \$7,500 from Arts & Humanities Fund for the presentation of the Hunchback of Notre Dame to Greenbrier Valley Theatre. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With 5 in favor and Councilmember Seams recusing himself the motion passed.

Shanghai Pageant Funding Request

Pageant Directors Lavana Runyan, Inez Reyes and Kristen Tincher presented a request of fund for the Shanghai Pageant to be held on August 3, 2024, at Rhema Christian Center. The budget for the event is \$4,400. They gave a brief history of the pageant and explained how the Shanghai Queen represents the city across the state.

Councilmember Elkins made a motion to recommend to council to provide funding out of the Community Development budget in the amount of \$1,995. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Pay Request 26

Councilmember Little made a motion to recommend to council the approval of the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Pay Request 26 in the amount of \$2,674,343.01. Mayor White seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

The Trasher Group, Inc. pay request 14 Fire Station Construction Project

Mayor White made a motion to recommend to council the approval of The Thrasher Group, Inc. pay request 14 in the amount of \$52,062.50. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Mountain Transit Authority Funding Request Increase

Councilmember Elkins made a motion to recommend to council the funding increase of \$300 making the total contribution for Fiscal Year 2025 \$3,300 to Mountain Transit Authority. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Hudnall Wildlife Services Contract (skunk)

Councilmember Pritt made a motion to recommend to council the renewal of the contract with Hudnall Wildlife Services Contract for the removal of skunks within the city limits. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Triple H Outdoors Contract (deer)

Mayor White made a motion to recommend to council the renewal of the contract with Triple H Outdoors Contract for deer removal within the city limits. Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Lafayette Street – one way

City Manager Hill stated the city staff would like council to consider making the 200 Block of Lafayette Street one way going south and making Lee Street beside the Historic General Lewis Inn one way in the opposite direction. She stated the city is spending several thousand dollars to improve the municipal parking lot located in the area making it necessary to install curbing which made the roadway narrower. Chief Teubert stated he felt the narrow roadway is a safety concern.

Public Works Director Legg stated the total width of the street is 22 feet with the parking spaces taking up 8 feet of the roadway leaving 14 for traffic flow.

Arthur Forgette owner of The French Goat located 290 Lafayette Street inquired if the city had conducted a traffic study. He stated he thought the street maybe one of the busiest streets in the city.

Mr. Forgette expressed concern about notification of council meetings.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to table consideration of making Lafayette and Lee Street one way to the Finance Committee meeting in August. Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With 5 in favor and Councilmember Little abstaining the motion carried.

Water Fund Budget Fiscal Year 2025

Councilmember Little made a motion to recommend to council the approval of the Water Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented. Councilmember Pritt seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Coal Severance Budget Revision Number One Fiscal Year 2025 Resolution 558

Councilmember Pritt made a motion to recommend to council the approval of the Coal Severance Budget Revision one for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented. Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

General Fund Budget Revision Number One Fiscal Year 2025 Resolution 559

Councilmember Pritt made a motion to table consideration of the General Fund Budget Revision Number One for Fiscal Year 2025 to the August 202 Finance Committee meeting. Mayor White seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Communications from Members

The committee discussed the posting of agendas, food trucks and progress of the new water intake.

Communications from City Manager

City Manager Hill informed the committee David Craddock has resigned from the Historic Landmarks Committee effective immediately. She stated wayfinding is being finalized.

Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2024

Councilmember Elkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor White seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Pritt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Councilmember Elkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.