

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF BENWOOD, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MAY 22, 2024**

City Council of the City of Benwood was held in Special Session on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the City Building in the Council Chambers. Mayor Walter W. Yates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Fehr, Ferrera, Givens, Kazemka, Lunsford & Mele. Excused absence Councilperson Ankrom & Longwell. Others present: Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk & Eric Gordon City Attorney.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Walter W. Yates led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**MAYORS ITEMS**

Jessie Waterhouse the new pool manager received an application for Janet Ames to work in concessions. Ms. Ames is retired and would be a good asset to help work in concession to help with the younger employees.

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to hire Ms. Ames at \$8.00 an hour and Councilperson Givens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF EMS SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Agreement between City of Benwood, McMechen Volunteer Fire Department and Marshall County Commission to have a paid ambulance service housed in McMechen. City of Benwood is responsible to pay up to \$74,000 & Marshall County Commission is responsible to pay up to \$68,000 for a period of one year. MVFD shall provide all other funds necessary to provide EMS service for the one-year period. MVFD shall provide paid EMS coverage from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM as well as per call dispatch of volunteers from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM 7 days a week, for the cities of Benwood, McMechen and the County.

Attorney Gordon spoke with Betsy Frohnapfel with the Marshall County Commission and she wants to be involved with anything that is needed. Ms. Frohnapfel doesn't want the ambulance dispatched to fire calls unless needed and council agreed.

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to pass the agreement and Councilperson Mele seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for roll call; vote was taken & motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
(SECOND READING) PENDING CERTIFIED CANVAS**

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Due to the Bus Levy being on the ballot for May 14<sup>th</sup> elections, city council had to wait to pass the 2024-2025 General Fund budget.

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to pass the budget on the first reading, Councilperson Givens seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for roll call; vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET  
(SECOND READING) PENDING CERTIFIED CANVAS**

Due to the Bus Levy being on the ballot for May 14<sup>th</sup> elections city council had to wait to pass the 2024-2025 Coal Severance budget.

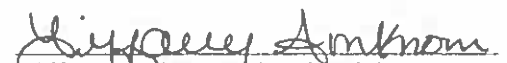
Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to pass the budget on the first reading, Councilperson Givens seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for roll call; vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

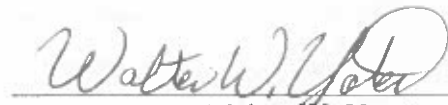
**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilperson Ferrera moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilperson Givens. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,

  
Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk/Treasurer

  
Mayor Walter W. Yates