

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF BENWOOD, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 27, 2024

City Council of the City of Benwood met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at the City Building in the Council Chambers. Mayor Walter W. Yates called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Ankrom, Fehr, Ferrera, Givens, Kazemka, Lunsford & Mele. Excused absences were Councilperson Longwell. Others present: Chief of Police Frank Longwell, Dave McLaughlin Director of Public Works, Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk & Eric Gordon City Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Councilperson Ferrera moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2024 & Councilperson Mele seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL TO RE-INVEST RAINY DAY FUNDS INTO A WESBANCO CD

Rainy-day Treasury Bonds and CDs came to term at \$3,250,670.85. WesBanco is offering a 7-month term CD at 5.25% with a minimum deposit of \$50,000.

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to approve to re-invest all the funds into the 7-month term CD and Councilperson Givens seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for roll call; vote was taken & motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO RE-INVEST WATER FUNDS INTO A WESBANCO CD

Water Treasury Bonds and CDs came to term at \$536,825.50. WesBanco is offering a 7-month term CD at 5.25% with a minimum deposit of \$50,000.

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to approve to re-invest all the funds into the 7-month term CD and Councilperson Ankrom seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for roll call; vote was taken & motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL TO CONSIDER ON FIRST READING AND ACT UPON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

To consider on second reading and act upon a proposed Ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC WASTEWATER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THROUGH THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN OF FUNDING ASSISTANCE, SERIES 2024 A IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 THROUGH THE WEST VIRGINIA SRF PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH FUNDING; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE FUNDING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT RELATING TO SUCH FUNDING ASSISTANCE, SERIES 2024 A
All other matters related to the foregoing.

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to accept the proposed ordinance and Councilperson Givens seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for roll call; vote was taken & motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE & TAXATION

An ordinance entitled: "An ordinance to pay a claim against the city for work and other claims." Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Benwood, that the sum of \$124,183.76 be appropriated out of the funds belonging to the city, to pay a claim against the city, and that an order signed by the Mayor and Recorder be drawn upon the Treasurer for the above amount and that this ordinance takes effect from and after its passage. (See Copies of Supporting Accounts Payable Registers Attached).

Councilperson Ferrera moved to adopt the above ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilperson Mele. Mayor Yates called for roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Ferrera moved to adopt the above ordinance on second reading, seconded by Councilperson Mele. Mayor Yates called for roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK REGISTER REPORTS

Councilperson Mele moved to receive and file accounts payable check register reports totaling \$124,183.76 seconded by Councilperson Givens. Mayor Yates called for a roll call, vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Revenue/Expense Report and Financial Report as of August 22, 2024:

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Cash Operating Report: General Fund \$2,347,349.87; Coal Severance Fund \$79,724.62; Garbage Fund \$170.00; Fire Fund \$9,542.85, Water Fund \$279,534.12 & Sewer Fund \$122,287.86; Total operating cash 2,838,609.32.

Councilperson Ferrera moved to receive and file the Cash Operating Report and Financial Reports, seconded by Councilperson Ankrom. Mayor Yates called for roll call; vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

WATER & SEWAGE PLANT OPERATION

A.C. Wiethe with Belomar Regional Council is working on funding for two separate water projects. One is to remove the PFAS from the drinking water and the other is to remove the Iron & Manganese.

STREETS, ALLEYS AND GRADES

Demolition for the properties listed on the Community Development Block Grant have been delayed due to HUD needing an 8-point inspection due to properties being located in a flood zone.

Prisoners cleared the floodwall of weeds, trees & debris between 5th & 6th Street. Engineers will be onsite inspecting the floodwall August 28, 2024.

CITY OFFICE, PROPERTY, FIRE & POLICE

City of Benwood is hosting Patrick Morrissey on September 10th at 4pm in the Council Chambers.

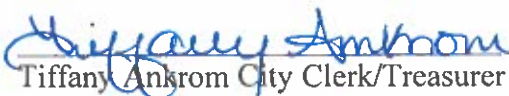
City Clerks office is preparing for the 2023-2024 Financial Audit

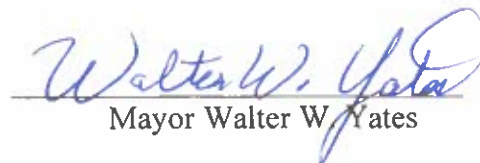
ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,


Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Walter W. Yates