

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF BENWOOD, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2024

City Council of the City of Benwood met in Special Session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at the City Building in the Council Chambers. Mayor Walter W. Yates called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Ankrom, Fehr, Ferrera, Givens, Kazemka & Lunsford. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA, SETTING THE TERMS OF THE BUYOUT OFFERED BY THE CITY OF BENWOOD FOR EMPLOYEES WHO CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY OFFERED HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (SECOND READING)

WHEREAS the City of Benwood, West Virginia provides for health insurance for certain qualified municipal employees and their families; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Benwood, West Virginia, recognizes certain qualified municipal employees possess health insurance coverage through other means for themselves and/or their families; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Benwood, recognizes the cost of individual and family plans are an added benefit tendered to certain of the qualified employees of the City of Benwood; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Benwood believes those qualified employees of the City of Benwood who choose not to avail themselves of the health insurance coverage offered by the City of Benwood should be offered the ability to receive a payment in lieu thereof.

SECTION ONE: Employees of the City of Benwood, West Virginia, qualified to be covered by the health insurance coverage afforded by the City of Benwood have the right to opt out of insurance coverage. Those employees opting out of single plan coverage shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$300.00 per month as a supplement to their income. Those employees opting out of family plan coverage shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$1,200.00 per month and a supplement to their income.

SECTION TWO: Those employees who exercise their right to opt out of health insurance coverage with the City of Benwood shall not be entitled to opt back in to receiving health insurance coverage with the City of Benwood unless they are able to substantiate, they no longer have health insurance coverage.

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Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to approve the ordinance and Councilperson Givens seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for a roll call, vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA
CHANGING THE TIME OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS
(SECOND READING)**

Whereas the Council of the City of Benwood, West Virginia has its regularly scheduled council meetings scheduled to take place beginning at 7:00 p.m.; and

Whereas Council believes it is appropriate to change the time the regularly scheduled council meetings are to begin to 5:00 p.m.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD:

SECTION ONE: The regularly scheduled council meetings of the City of Benwood shall after passage of this Ordinance begin at 5:00 p.m.

SECTION TWO: The Clerk of the City of Benwood shall cause notice of the passage of this Ordinance to be posted in a conspicuous place in the City Building and further cause the same to be advertised as a Class II advertisement in the local paper of record.


Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to approve the Ordinance and Councilperson Ankrom seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for a 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 4:02 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,


Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Walter W. Yates