

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF BENWOOD, CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING JUNE 25, 2024

City Council of the City of Benwood was held in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 25, 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: Fehr, Ferrera, Givens, Kazemka, Lunsford & Mele. Excused absence Councilperson Ankrom & Councilperson Longwell. Others present: Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk & City Attorney Eric Gordon.

*****6:45 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING*****

Now comes the City of Benwood and makes known its intention to lease the oil and gas within and under certain property owned by the City of Benwood shown on the records of the Marshall County Sheriff's Tax Office in Union District on Map 6 as Parcel 5, at public auction on the 25th day of June, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. and to hear public comment at a public hearing at said time regarding execution of an oil and gas lease for the same.

No public present

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Benwood, West Virginia, will consider at a public hearing to be held on the 25th day of June, 2024, at 6:45 p.m., a resolution providing for the leasing of a portion of the Benwood City Garage to GATOR TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY LLC. Interested parties may appear and be heard at such time on their opinions regarding the leasing of a portion of Benwood City Garage.

No public present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2024

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes & Councilperson Kazemka seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA APPROVING THE LEASE OF THE OIL AND GAS UNDER CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

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

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APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA APPROVING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE FORMER MUNICIPAL GARAGE TO GATOR TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to approve the resolution & Councilperson Mele seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for roll call; vote was taken and 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 \$94,821.05 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 Givens. 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 Ferrera moved to receive and file accounts payable check register reports totaling \$94,821.05 seconded by Councilperson Mele. 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 June 18, 2024:

Cash Operating Report: General Fund \$2,391,172.35; Coal Severance Fund \$78,306.68; Garbage Fund \$7,991.92; Fire Fund \$9,516.45 & Water Fund \$271,190.46; Total operating cash 2,811,334.76.

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

CITY OFFICE, PROPERTY, FIRE & POLICE

City Clerk submitted two applications to FEMA regarding the two flooding incidents.

Marshall County Fair is asking for a donation to the Queen's Pageant Councilman Mele made the motion to donate \$50 & Councilperson Ferrera seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

City received a notice of filing from Attorney Elgine Heceta McArdle, Esquire for the 7/1/2022 swimming pool incident. City Clerk is working with Zurich Insurance Company to get them the information they are needing.

Lamar Godbey with West Virginia Rural Water came in the city clerk's office to discuss the required lead & copper reporting.

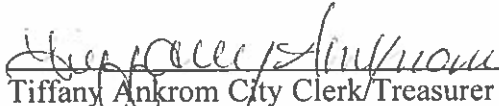
Former Union School owner has passed away and the individual in charge of the estate stated the building is going to be torn down.

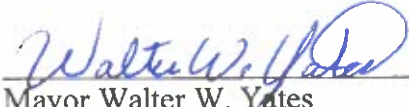
ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,


Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Walter W. Yates