

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF BENWOOD, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

City Council of the City of Benwood met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 10, 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, Longwell, Lunsford & Mele. Excused absences were Councilperson Ankrom. 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 27, 2024 & Councilperson Mele seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF DUAL TONE AGREEMENT

The Marshall County Commission (Commission) and McMechen Volunteer EMS (McMVEMS) Department are entering into a dual-tone program which tones Marshall County Emergency Medical Service (MCEMS) with McMVEMS to all calls in the McMVEMS coverage area from 2000 hrs. to 0800 hrs. and any other day McMVEMS deems necessary.

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

DISCUSSION FOR YWCA INAUGURAL KICKBALL GAME AT BENWOOD BASEBALL FIELD OCTOBER 12TH

Dave McLaughlin stated the kickball game was cancelled.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION & OTHER SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PASE II PROJECT

No resolution was submitted for this meeting.

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DISCUSSION OF SALARY INCREASE FOR WASTE WATER SUPERVISOR

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to table until next budget and Councilperson Mele seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 \$186,371.15 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 Givens. 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 \$186,371.15 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 September 5, 2024:

Cash Operating Report: General Fund \$2,257,430.42; Coal Severance Fund \$79,724.62; Garbage Fund \$1676.52; Fire Fund \$11,069.02, Water Fund \$267,436.16 & Sewer Fund \$113,111.04; Total operating cash 2,730,447.78.

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

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WATER & SEWAGE PLANT OPERATION

FEMA completed a site inspection for the Flood Wall 9/10/2024.

City crew is working on getting information for the lead & copper water line report that the WV Rural Water Association is requesting.

STREETS, ALLEYS AND GRADES

FEMA completed a site inspection for the Boggs Run Retaining Wall 9/10/2024.

Roosevelt Ave Bridge will eventually be replaced.

Resident on Boggs Run is damming up the creek. WV DEP was informed of the situation.

Resident on Marshall Street is asking for gravel due to mud; city crew will drop off.

Councilperson Givens requested a stop sign put on Water St due to speeders.

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to have a stop sign installed & seconded by Councilperson Givens.

CITY OFFICE, PROPERTY, FIRE & POLICE

Dave Miller is submitting estimates to build a new 4th street shelter & a Pickle-Ball court

New Patrolman is doing well in the police academy


City Clerk's office is working to get estimates for new comprehensive IT specialist


ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,


Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Walter W. Yates