

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF BENWOOD, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 27, 2025

City Council of the City of Benwood met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the City Building in the Council Chambers. Mayor Walter W. Yates called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Ankrom, Fehr, Ferrera, Givens, Kazemka, & Mele. Excused Absence Councilperson Longwell & 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.

MINUTES

Councilperson Ferrera moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2025 & Councilperson Mele seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT UNITED ELECTRIC PROPOSAL FOR FLOOD WALL VFD REPLACEMENT

Station #1 (South 100 HP) 1) 1-SRVLVMVFD-LV Drive Modernization & Retrofits. Provide materials for ATV61 Panel Mod. Two SE FSR's to remove, install & start up new drives. 2) 1-SRVSTRUPVSDSTD-LV Drive Installation-Commissioning. Provide two SE FSR's, remove old drives, install & startup two 100HP ATV630 drives. Pricing includes site support by Schneider Electric, \$43,900.00.

Station #2 (Middle 50HP) 1) 1-SRVLVMVFD-LV Drive Modernization & Retrofits. Provide two SE FSR's, remove old drives, install & start up two 50HP ATV630 drives. 2) SRVSTRUPVSDSTD-LV Drive Installation-Commissioning. Provide materials for ATV61 Panel Mod. Two SE FSR's, remove, install & startup new drives. Pricing includes site support by Schneider Electric, \$35,800.00.

Station #3 (North NEMA 3 Starter) 1-SRVLVMVFD-LV Drive Modernization & Retrofits. 2) SRVSTRUPVSDSTD-LV Drive Installation-Commissioning. Provide one SE FSR, remove the old starter, install & start up size 3 starter. Pricing includes site support by Schneider Electric, \$13,350.00.

Councilperson Mele made the motion to accept the proposal & Councilperson Ferrera seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for a roll call; vote was taken & motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT EDGCO INC. PROPOSAL FOR REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT OF ROOSEVELT AVE WALL

Scope of work: Removal of collapsed railroad tie wall; Construct new Dura-Hold wall 50' length with concrete footings and 6' tie backs; Haul all debris offsite; Grade and Seed. \$57,750.00

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Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to approve the proposal & Councilperson Ankrom seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for a roll call; vote was taken & motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF LINE STRIPPING OF POOL PARKING LOT

Received a quote from Mid Atlantic Maintenance for Mobilization & Re-stripe Parking Area (Approximately 52 regular parking spaces, four ADA spaces, 11 hatched areas, one Stop Bar and one "STOP" @ 3ft). Estimated cost of \$2,100.00

Councilperson Ferrera made the motion to approve re-stripping the pool/park parking area & Councilperson Givens seconded the motion. Mayor Yates called for a roll call; vote was taken & motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATE AT 107
ROOSEVELT AVENUE, BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA**

Whereas, the Council of the City of Benwood has observed a certain structure situate in the City of Benwood located at 107 Roosevelt Avenue is an unoccupied, dilapidated structure; and
Whereas, the power of attorney for Michael Dotson, owner of said structure, has been in contact with officials of the City of Benwood, and has offered to convey the property of the city for the sum of \$1,000.00 provided the city takes care of the real estate taxes both current and past due and the cost of closing including preparation of the deed by Counsel for the City of Benwood. Oil, gas and other minerals would be excepted and reserved from the conveyance.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

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 \$141,888.09 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)

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Councilperson Ferrera moved to adopt the above ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilperson Mele. Mayor Yates called for a 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 \$141,888.09 seconded by Councilperson Mele. Mayor Yates called for a roll call, vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Revenue/Expense Report and Financial Report as of May 22, 2025:

Cash Operating Report: General Fund \$2,612,886.48; Coal Severance Fund \$82,566.30; Garbage Fund \$161.67, Fire Fund \$6,148.91; Water Fund \$319,680.15. Total operating cash \$3,021,456.01.

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

CITY OFFICE, PROPERTY, FIRE & POLICE

Councilman Ankrom would like to have the property located at 722 Water Street put up for discussion on the next agenda.

Councilman Mele would like to get quotes on lawn games for the park.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,


Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Walter W. Yates