

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF BENWOOD, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 28, 2025

City Council of the City of Benwood met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 28, 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, Lunsford & Mele. Excused Absence Councilperson Longwell. Others present: Tiffany Ankrom City Clerk & Attorney Jeff Kessler.

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 October 14, 2025 & Councilperson Mele seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR ITEMS

Mayor Yates presented Moundsville Honor Guard with a \$500.00 check to use towards the purchase of flag display cases for veteran's memorials. Moundsville Honor Guard has done 110 funerals and 47 community events this year alone.

APPROVAL TO RE-INVEST RAINY DAY FUND CD

WesBanco has offered the city a seven-month CD at 4.25% & Main Street Bank offered a six-month CD at 4.25%.

Councilperson Mele made the motion to keep the money with WesBanco & re-invest in the seven-month CD at 4.25% 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 \$159,481.39 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 a roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

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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 \$159,481.39 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 October 23, 2025:

Cash Operating Report: General Fund \$2,257,088.81; Coal Severance Fund \$78,364.72; Garbage Fund \$260.37, Fire Fund \$23,578.49; Water Fund \$57,590.72 & Sewer Fund \$393,603.41 Total operating cash \$2,810,486.52.

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

Bus Levy will be expiring in June 2026, Councilperson Givens is on the OVRTA Bus Board and as of January 1, 2026, they will be changing the bus stops from every 30 minutes to every hour due to not finding qualified drivers. Due to this Mayor Yates would like to have a meeting with OVRTA to discuss this and renewing the tax levy. Councilperson Givens will schedule the meeting.

Dave McLaughlin received a 2025 Work Zone Sign Package Grant. The grant requires all items to be picked up in Charleston, WV. As well as attending a half-day (3.5 to 4 hours in length) training on work zone safety.

Community Meeting on PFAS Action Plan is scheduled for Thursday November 20, 6-8pm at Benwood McMechen Housing Authority. Meeting will be hosted by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection in coordination with the West Virginia Rivers Coalition, Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services, & other local organizations.

West Virginia Emergency Management Division is holding a free course on G0402 National Incident Management System Overview for Senior Officials (Executives, Elected & Appointed). The course is to familiarize Senior Officials with their role in supporting incident management within the National Incident Management System. If any of the city's officials would like to attend, City Clerk Tiffany Ankrom would be able to help register them.

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Attorney Kessler is looking into an ordinance/permit for individuals wanting to camp in the city limits.

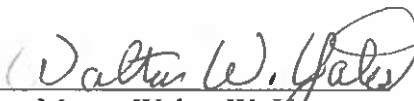
ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,


Tiffany Ankrum City Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Walter W. Yates