

City of Richwood

Council Minutes

September 17, 2020

6:00pm

Mayor, Gary Johnson

Ward I: Michael Moore

Ward II: Diane Spencer

Ward III: Britt Nicholas; Carla Williams

Ward IV: Sherry Chapman

- I.) Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Sherry Chapman led the prayer.
- II.) After review of this agenda Sherry Chapman made the motion to approve the agenda, Britt Nicholas 2nd, the motion passed.
- III.) After review of prior minutes of September 2, 2020, Sherry Chapman made the motion to approve the minutes Diane Spencer 2nd. Motion passed.
- IV.) Mayor Johnson met with members of Hinkle Mountain Water project. Awaiting letter from law firm to be sent to USDA re: tax lien, expectations are release of this lien. Thrasher- sewer project includes 11,000 feet of line at plant. Engineer and environmental issues estimate of completion is May 2021. Cassie is reviewing additional items to add to Hinkle Mountain project, RFP project. Approvals are expected in the next 3-4 months.
- V.) Water Board Report: 39% water loss is remaining consistent. Focus is currently on sewer repairs. Camera system approved in Water Board meeting to assist in problem locations. 2021 Source Water Grant applied for, \$49,500. Request for 3 employee's expenses to Elkins for operators Class I trainings. Sherry Chapman made motion to approve minutes ,2nd by Diana Spencer. Motion passed.
- VI.) Police Committee: Officer Sergeant has agreed to repay all monies attributed to trainings at the State Police academy if he resigns his position before the 1year contract expires. Jonathan currently preparing for the academy. Police Chief will submit monthly activity totals to the Council. City of Summersville donated 2 police cruisers to the City of Richwood. Diane Spencer motioned to approve police academy trainings, 2nd by Britt Nicholas, motion passed.
- VII.) New Business: Discussion to increase BO ordinance rates to the State maximum. Britt motioned to accept the increase, Michael Moore 2nd. Motion passed. Public meetings will be held after the 3rd reading.
- VIII.) MonForest Town Partnership is a joint venture between several communities adjoining the National Forest, focus on travel, advertising and tourism. Each town appoints 1 person to the board. Chris Tinney was nominated for this board. Carla Williams motioned to appoint Ms. Tinney, 2nd by Sherry Chapman 2nd. Motion passed.

- IX.) Personnel Manual. Last update 2004-2005. Mayor Johnson requested volunteers to review and ensure corrections. It was recommended that Chuck Toussieng and Robin Brown be appointed. Motion passed.
- X.) DEP: DEP will send notice of requirements for tire clean up and disposal from October 5-10, 2020. There will be no charge for this service.
- XI.) Finance: Carla Williams motioned to approve prior minutes. Sherry Chapman 2nd. Motion passed. Camera for Water Department approved, \$500 for Jetter repair and sump pump \$200 approved. Britt Nicholas request for light bulbs approved. Mr. Nicholas was thanked by the Mayor and Council for doing extra work for the city.
- XII.) Michael Moore announced neighborhood Watch Meeting on September 22, 2020 at 5:00pm in City Hall. Mr. Moore announced possible block party on October 17, 2020 from 6p-9p for a Fall Motorcycle event. The street would be closed from Lucy Butterfly to the Hardware Store for this event. Awaiting approval from Health Department.
- XIII.) Mayor Johnson will prepare a Resolution to Mayor Shafer, Summersville City Council and the Summersville Police Department expressing gratitude for their donation of the 2 police cruisers. Sherry Chapman motioned for approval of the resolution, 2nd by Carla Williams. Motion passed.
- XIV.) Public Comments: Community asked that the Armory be used for community events ie: Halloween, Christmas events. Sherry Chapman Made the motion for community use, 2nd by Diane Spencer, motion passed. A petition was presented to Mayor Johnson and Council to rehire C. Burkhammer and questioning the eligibility of current chief to be in his position. Mayor Johnson accepted the petition for review.
- XV.) Executive Session from 6:27-6:33. No actions required. Britt motioned, Sherry 2nd.
- XVI.) ADJOURNED

