

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session at 7:00PM on October 11, 2022 in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenya Johns. The prayer was offered by Councilwoman Vanessa Ford Taylor that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kenya Johns	City Manager Charles Jones Jr.
Councilwoman Vanessa Ford Taylor	City Clerk Paula Durish
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilwoman Peggy Evans	DPW Superintendent Pat Burdine
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	Chief Financial Officer Sandy Wilkins
City Solicitor Shannon Steele	Community Development Director Rochelle Burks
	City Engineer Tony Sadaka

Mayor Johns welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting this evening.

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Evans to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2022 council meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Ordinance 4078 on first reading entering into a police service agreement with the Beaver County Housing Authority for public housing properties patrol. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1658 approving a list of General Fund expenditures including payroll, in the amount of \$898,188.89. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to grant the request submitted by Brandon Moorefield to purchase 1303 9th Avenue, BF from the county repository. He plans to renovate the property and make it his residence. A property maintenance lien exists in the amount of \$368.87, 50% exonerated by Council, balance of \$184.43 must be paid by Mr. Moorefield prior to his receiving the paperwork from the Code Office. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to table the request submitted by Ashlee Sydlik of Beaver County Behavioral Health Early Intervention to use the parking lot behind the Human Services building for a Trunk or Treat event on October 22nd from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Council felt that they should be notified that BF Little Tigers have games that entire day and the turnout may be minimal. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Steele said the meeting on October 3rd with Aqua and the JSU municipalities went very well. A resolution adopting Act 57 (property tax penalty waiver provisions) will be on the October 25th's agenda for Council's approval and is still working on the agreements with Geneva College.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine read highlights from his September report – 71 calls, 20 property dye tests, secured 7 vacant properties, inspected and removed debris from various MS4 outfalls, repaired citywide potholes, painted city streets, checked sanitary lines at Clark and Pierce Halls, 608 11th Street, 2016 6th Avenue and 1600 19th Street and installed emergency roof access door at City Building.

Mr. Sadaka said the BF 37th Street Ballfield Rehab CDBG project contract documents have been signed by the County Commissioners, a preconstruction meeting was held and notice to proceed was issued to the contractor effective October 10th.

Ms. Burks stated that she is getting an Instagram account set up, the agenda and minutes are now available on the city's website and the great and informative city newsletter she presented to Council, Beaver Falls Buzz, can be picked up when money allows for printing.

Police Chief Johnson read his September police and parking reports highlighting 250 parking tickets issued, 395 police tickets issued, 1,432 police calls for service, police fine revenue totaling \$5,909.49 and 309 police traffic/non-traffic citations issued.

Ms. Taylor said there was a great Ruhe Park meeting held with a lot of great ideas brought to the table and selection of items for the park. Ms. Burks and Chris will be getting together and the entire committee is so excited! She has been receiving calls with people saying they are proud to be in Beaver Falls! She wanted to know more about a new business, Sinful Sweets. Mr. Jones said Mr. (Chris) Weck was present and will explain his business and grand opening to Council later in the meeting.

Mr. Chiappetta said he was happy to be here!!

Mr. Jones said he met with representatives from the B-Hive which will be exciting for them to start working on the building. Attended various other meetings and announced Sinful Sweets on 7th Avenue and Crumbs to Cones on 4th Avenue (College hill) as new businesses coming to the city.

Ms. Evans said there are two Little Tigers Football games coming up on October 15th and 22nd, the organization is in need of volunteers.

Mr. Kirkland said Little Tigers players were tossing the football during the Geneva College Homecoming Parade and he was excited to catch the ball. He asked if there was any road black topping going to be done and Mayor Johns responded that it depends on where the money is.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Johnson said there will not be a Neighborhood Watch meeting this month as it is the same night as Trick or Treat.

Mayor Johns said there was a fire at the school on October 15th. Free smoke alarms are available thru the Red Cross and can be installed by the fire department. October 19th is COG Appreciation Day for all public officials. The city has been behind for too long, we need to step up and take charge.

Ms. Taylor said October is Domestic Violence month. She apologized for not attending the Geneva College Homecoming Parade but thanked Ms. Evans for having her signs on the side of her car.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Chris Weck from Sinful Sweets said he bought the building beside Rite Aid and the business will have its grand opening on November 1st. He said Beaver Falls is an amazing community and the people in Beaver Falls are amazing!

A motion to adjourn at 7:35PM was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Evans. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Motion Passed				

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