

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on November 8, 2022 at 7:00PM 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 R. Jones Jr.
Councilwoman Vanessa Ford-Taylor	City Clerk Paula Durish
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	Police Captain James Martine
Councilwoman Peggy Evans	Fire Captain Christopher Crawford
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	D of PW Superintendent Patrick Burdine
City Solicitor Shannon Steele	Chief Financial Officer Sandy Wilkins
City Engineer Tony Sadaka	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks

Mayor Johns welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

Mayor Johns announced that Council met earlier this evening in executive session to discuss royalty rights.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Ordinance 4079 approving an early retirement incentive for the Beaver Falls Police Department. This ordinance allows police officers who were hired within a designated window frame to retire before attaining 25 years of service. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Ordinance 4080 approving a contract between the City of BF and Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC providing for storm sewer rehabilitation services and quotes at 4th Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets (\$126,720.25), 5th Avenue between 14th and 21st Streets (\$480,487.00) and 9th Avenue and 23rd Street (\$189,317.90). These are projects that will be paid from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant funds. There is no city cost. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Ordinance 4081 detailing the sewage billing process for city residents, commercial, industrial and JSU accounts. It is an ordinance that is being requested by Aqua for the sale of the WWTP. This ordinance combines all present ordinances and resolutions into one that details the process and rates, including increases, of city accounts and JSU accounts. The vote was:

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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 1661 approving the list of General Fund expenditures, including Payroll, of transactions in the amount of \$933,410.60. 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 approve the purchase of the following properties/parcels for the Reclaim Project and ARPA Project for future development. The properties were approved by Council at the meeting held July 26, 2022 but were not identified or listed.

Reclaim Project Properties:

804 3 rd Avenue – 01-003-0721.000-01-1	15 Bridge Street – 02-001-0619-000-01-1
817 3 rd Avenue – 01-006-0219.00-01-1	1312-1314 10 th Avenue - 04-002-0306.000-01-1
1931 6 th Avenue – 05-003-1211.000-01-1	1514 3 rd Avenue – 05-002-0121.000-01-1
1926 6 th Avenue – 05-003-0814.000-01-1	1824 6 th Avenue Rear – 05-003-0727.000-01-1
13 Bridge Street – 02-001-0620.000-01-1	

ARPA Project Properties:

2023 13 th Avenue – 06-006-2707.000	17 Bridge Street – 02-001-0618.000
2021 13 th Avenue – 06-006-2706.000	15 Bridge Street – 02-001-0619.000
2013 12 th Avenue - 06-006-2206.000	13 Bridge Street – 02-001-0620.000
2110 12 th Avenue – 06-006-1804.000	7 Bridge Street – 02-001-0621.000
2106 12 th Avenue – 06-006-1803.000	6 Bridge Street – 02-001-0622.000
2100 12 th Avenue – 06-006-1800.000	5 Bridge Street – 02-001-0623.000
2003 12 th Avenue – 06-006-2202.000	4 Bridge Street – 02-001-0624.000
2001 12 th Avenue – 06-006-1800.000	3 Bridge Street – 02-001-0625.000
12 th Avenue – 06-006-2205.000	2 Bridge Street – 01-001-0626.000
12 th Avenue – 06-006-1805.000	

The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Steele stated that she reported information on real estate in executive session.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine said that Council has his October report to read and that 90% of the city building roof is complete, street sweeping is over and the department is now picking up leaves.

Mr. Sadaka said construction is in progress at the 37th Street Ballfield Rehab CDBG project.

Ms. Burks told Council they could read her report but highlighted that she attended and was introduced at the CDC Membership/Community Engagement meeting, she participated and enjoyed making people happy installing smoke alarms as part of the Red Cross/Fire Department Smoke Alarm Campaign and is reviewing the 2013 Comprehensive Plan and intends on creating a newer version.

Captain Crawford said the Smoke Alarm Campaign Program started in 2018 with the American Red Cross. There was a great volunteer turnout to work with the ARC.

Captain Martin read highlights from the BFPD October reports. There were 238 parking tickets issued, 364 police tickets issued, \$3,591.00 collected. There were 1,397 police calls for service, \$4,168.13 police fine revenue and 302 police traffic/non-traffic citations written.

Mr. Jones said he is working on a recycling grant and work at the library park will be done by spring. The construction bid for the Innovation Hub is out and should be completed by spring.

Mrs. Durish said the Christmas Parade is on November 26th at 6PM and Neighborhood North on 14th Street is open to children for activities and games from 3PM to 5PM as part of the Winterfest.

Mr. Kirkland said he is glad to be here!

Mayor Johns said she is excited for the parade and the school is holding a Coffee with a Cop event on Thursday at 9AM.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. The vote was:

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

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