

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session at 7:00PM on August 9, 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 Taylor	City Clerk Paula Durish
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilwoman Peggy Evans	Fire Chief Mark Stowe
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	DPW Superintendent Patrick Burdine
City Solicitor Shannon Steele	Chief Financial Officer Sandy Wilkins
City Engineer Tony Sadaka	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2022 Council meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE, however Mayor Johns explained that this is the time for any citizen attending the meeting to make a comment on any item that is on the agenda or have the Mayor explain what the items on the agenda are about.

Mr. Sadaka said the city is to hold a Stormwater Management Implementation Public Meeting required by the MS4 Permit and that can be done now. A handout had been created and was distributed to everyone in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and grant the request submitted by C.O.R.E. (Community Out Reach Entertainment) to close 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street for a Back To School Bash on August 12, 2022 from 2PM to 10PM. 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 accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and grant the request submitted by BCCS (Beaver County Christian School) to close 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Street for a family picnic on September 2, 2022 from 4PM to 9PM. 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 1646 approving a list of General Fund expenditures, including payroll, in the amount of \$165,774.12. 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 Resolution 1647 approving the sale of Short 10<sup>th</sup> Street property (parcel number 01-004-0334.000) to Alex and Danielle Lathom in the amount of \$250.00. The property, and several others, were advertised and sealed bids were accepted and opened on July 22, 2022. 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 approve Resolution 1648 adopting the Police Department Civil Service Rules and Regulations. 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 approve Resolution 1649 adopting the Fire Department Civil Service Rules and Regulations. 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 Resolution 1650 approving the agreement with New Brighton Band Parents for police patrol at the band festival on September 17, 2022 at Geneva College Reeve's Stadium. 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 Mr. Chiappetta to hire Jeffrey Lansberry as a Laborer in the Department of Public Works effective August 15, 2022. 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 Resolution 1652 approving the submission of a Multi-Modal Grant using CEC Engineering and Atlas Consulting to the Department of Community and Economic Development. The grant, in the amount of \$1,499,635.20, is for Streetscape Projects. 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 a \$30,000.00 expense towards the Library Park Project with matching funds from DCNR. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to grant the request submitted by Tiger Pause Youth Ministry to purchase 1026 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BF from the county repository for the purpose of renovating and using as a parking lot. The request for tax exoneration prior to 2022 was also approved. 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 grant the request submitted by Tiger Pause Youth Ministry to purchase 1028 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BF from the county repository for the purpose of renovating and using as a parking lot. The request for tax exoneration prior to 2022 was also approved. A property maintenance lien exists in the amount of \$94.59 in which 50% must be paid (\$47.29) prior to receiving paperwork from the Code Office to proceed. 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 grant the request submitted by Steven Cable to purchase property at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Street, BF (parcel 06-004-0315.000) from the county repository to add to his existing adjacent properties. The request for tax exoneration prior to 2022 was also approved. A property maintenance lien exists in the amount of \$87.95 in which 50% must be paid (\$43.97) prior to receiving paperwork from the Code Office to proceed. 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 grant the request submitted by Lyudmila Tarshik to purchase 416 19<sup>th</sup> Street, BF from the county repository to renovate and use as a rental property for a low-income family. The request for tax exoneration prior to 2022 was also approved. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Steele stated that the deed was filed for the Michael Stratton property on 24<sup>th</sup> Street extension and is currently working on the Property Maintenance Code ordinance.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ms. Taylor said there is a meeting next Monday at 6:30PM regarding Ruhe Playground.

Mr. Jones said Council had his July monthly report to read but that amongst his numerous meetings, Mayor Johns, Ms. Burks and he attended a Legislative Cruise and that he received a letter from the County Commissioners stating that Beaver Falls is eligible to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan Act due to the pandemic's impact in the amount of \$3,027,845.00. The spending of these funds must fit into the categories as set by the Department of Treasury and must be spent on eligible projects by the end of 2024.

Ms. Durish said there is a Christmas parade meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in Council Chambers. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help this year with the parade can attend.

Mayor Johns said she would like to see this be the best Christmas Parade ever and that she would like to see decorated floats.

Mr. Kirkland commented on the importance of MS4 and that he is happy to have Jeff Lansberry as a new employee, that he hasn't left the city and that he was a fine police officer who is now retired.

Mr. Burdine read highlights from his July monthly report: received 71 calls, 10 downed trees were removed, conducted 16 property dye tests with code enforcement, marked 51 PA One Calls, secured 4 vacant properties, repaired pot holes, cut grass and installed playground equipment, mulch, picnic tables, benches and bleachers at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Playground.

Mr. Sadaka said the project contract documents for the 37<sup>th</sup> Street Ballfield Rehab Project have been signed by the Beaver County Commissioners.

Ms. Burks highlighted her July report: Lt. Calvin Smith Park tree removal (good bye dedication) meeting with CDC, met regarding the Geneva Homecoming Parade and is working with C.O.R.E. (Community Out

Reach Entertainment) planning a Back To School Bash for August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 10PM at 831 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BF. There will be games, prizes, food, music and an outdoor movie shown.

Fire Chief Stowe said there were a total of 119 calls for service in July, 7 structural fires, 57 medic first responder calls, estimated fire loss of \$95,000.00 and 386 training hours. He told Council they have his report to read in its entirety. He reported the following for the Code Office: Zoning – 427 inquiries, 12 zoning permits issued and 3 building permits issued; Code Enforcement – 83 complaints, 34 residential occupancy permits, 3 commercial permits and 22 citations issued; Rental Registration – 336 inspections and \$40,006.27 total fees collected for July.

Police Chief Johnson read from his monthly July report: Parking – 208 tickets issued, 308 police issued (street sweeping), \$885.00 collected from permits issued and \$497.76 magistrate fines for parking. Police – 1,591 calls for service, \$4,906.97 police fine revenue and 346 police traffic/non-traffic citations issued.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. The vote was:

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

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