

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session at 7:00PM on February 28, 2023 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 Clerk Paula Durish
Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	Firefighter/Code Officer Jason Tyger
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	Public Works Superintendent Patrick Burdine
Solicitor Shannon Steele	Chief Finance Officer Sandy Wilkins
City Manager Charles Jones Jr.	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the minutes from the February 14, 2023 meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Ordinance 4092 approving an agreement with the Beaver Valley Youth Basketball Association for police crowd control at Beaver County Christian School for a Youth Basketball Tournament on March 10th, 11th and 12th. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Chiappetta to adopt Ordinance 4093 approving an agreement with PlateSmart for a 3 year camera software subscription for the police department that stores vehicle information to a database. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1675 approving a list of General Fund/Payroll expenditures in the amount of \$331,952.80. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to appoint Anthony Comer to the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2027. The vote was:

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Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Chiappetta to grant the request submitted by the Beaver County Farmers' Markets and permit them to use the city's parking lot behind the Brodhead Apartments to conduct the market on Mondays from May 1st until November 20th from 3PM to 6PM. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to grant the request submitted by Devay Owens to purchase 108 14th Street, BF from the county repository to renovate and sell. The request for exoneration of prior city taxes was also granted. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and grant the request submitted by Rochelle Burks, on behalf of the Beaver Falls Core, to close 13th Street between 8th Avenue and Marginal Alley from 3PM to 9PM on April 29th for a launch event for the Core. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to grant the request submitted by Mazzant Painting and Disaster Restoration to refund \$272.00 to Robert Mazzant for solid waste charges (one year) for his commercial business located at 619 8th Street, BF. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to approve Mr. Jones and Ms. Burks to move forward and schedule a meeting regarding Electric Mobility to be presented by Duquesne Light. The purpose of this is to gauge the community's interest in electric mobility adoption. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine said his department has been and will continue to be out patching potholes throughout the city.

Ms. Burks reported that she had interviewed Councilman “Chuckie” Kirkland for the BF Buzz that will be available soon, has received eighteen (18) suggestions for renaming March Park (the park beside the library) and read a list of city upcoming events.

Mr. Chiappetta said he is going to finish his term ending this year and will not seek re-election. Mayor Johns said she is sad to hear this but is thankful for all his years of service to the city and community. She said there is still a lot of work to do. Mr. Chiappetta thanked everyone for their comments. Mr. Kirkland thanked Mr. Chiappetta for helping him with many things, including politically, and for his friendship.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kirkland thanked Mayor Johns for speaking at Second Baptist Church this past Sunday, she represented the city very well and he is very proud of her! Mayor Johns thanked him for his comments.

Mayor Johns said everyone is invited to the MLK event on April 15th and to Reverend Tench’s anniversary (Second Baptist Church) celebration in April.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM. The vote was:

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

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