

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on March 28, 2023 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans. The prayer was offered by Councilwoman Vanessa Ford Taylor that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans	City Clerk Paula Durish
Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	Assistant Fire Chief David Seidl
Attorney Shannon Steele	DPW Superintendent Patrick Burdine
City Manager Charles Jones Jr.	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Ordinance 4094 approving the daylight street sweeping schedule with hours from 5:00AM until 1:00PM. The vote was:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Resolution 1677 approving the list of General Fund expenditures of transactions including payroll, for the period from 3-23-23 to 3-27-23, in the amount of \$952,930.70. The vote was:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the letter of resignation from Sergeant Robert Applegarth of the Beaver Falls Police Department effective April 17, 2023. The vote was:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the pension calculation for Sergeant Robert Applegarth as presented. The vote was:

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Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the recommendation of the Fire Department's Pension Board and refund the pension contributions as presented to William Cummings, a firefighter who resigned from the Beaver Falls Fire Department on January 9, 2022. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent

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 Hope Kuhn of the Beaver County Housing Authority and close 12th Street from Main Alley to 8th Avenue and allow the use of two parking lots behind the Brodhead on June 8, 2023 from 7:00AM until 5:00PM. The Housing Authority has partnered with Highmark Wholecare to conduct a free dental tour and space is needed for the 70 foot truck and trailer and vendors tents/tables. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent

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 Kelly Sanzari, on behalf of Geneva College, to close 33rd Street between 7th and 8th Avenue on April 15, 2023 from 7:00AM and 4:00PM for a baseball tailgate and alumni reunion. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent

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 The Ruhe Park Committee to close a portion of 5th Avenue between 20th and 21st Street and 21st Street from Thomas Alley to 5th Avenue and a portion of Sherman Alley equal to the 5th Avenue closure on June 2, 2023 from 4:00PM to 11:00PM for a fundraiser and community event. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Steele reported that she attended a hearing on April 20th with the Code Office and is in the process of working on the clearance of city owned properties.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine said he is working on the new street sweeper schedule and a new sweeper operator is doing a good job.

Ms. Burks announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is planned for April 1st starting at 10:30AM at 37th Street Park. The Easter Bunny will be arriving on a fire truck and everyone is invited to attend.

Ms. Taylor said the 5th Avenue Committee is having an After School Bash with food trucks, bouncy house, tic-tac-toe in the grass and a movie at the end. This is a fund raiser on June 2nd from 5PM to 11PM. She is working with a great, energized committee.

Mr. Jones was proud to announce that the city has been selected as a winner for Promoting Community/Economic Revitalization for the 2023 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence. An in-person ceremony will be held on April 12, 2023 at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg with City Council and himself attending.

Ms. Evans said she is proud of Beaver Falls, the renovations at the park by the library are great and everything going on in the city is wonderful.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

David Brickner, 2006 6th Avenue Rear, BF – asked when the potholes in the alleys are going to get fixed. Mr. Burdine said the streets have to be done first. Mr. Brickner then asked for a stop sign to be placed at 20th Street and 6th Avenue. There are about 8 kids who live in that area and with cars speeding down 6th Avenue, he is afraid someone is going to get hit.

Ms. Evans thanked the students from Beaver Falls High School for attending the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM. The vote was:

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

