

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on May 23, 2023 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 Clerk Paula Durish
Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor	Police Captain Timothy Higby
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	DPW Superintendent Patrick Burdine
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	Chief Financial Officer Sandy Wilkins
Solicitor Shannon Steele	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks
City Manager Charles Jones Jr.	

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2023 council meeting. The vote was:

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

Mayor Johns announced that Council met in Executive Session this evening at 6:30PM to discuss personnel matters.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

Mayor Johns read a proclamation "143 Day" kindness in honor of Fred Rogers.

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1681 approving a list of General Fund and Payroll expenditures for the period May 12, 2023 thru May 22, 2023 in the amount of \$320,704.19. The vote was:

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Steele reported that she will be working on a resolution to extend the agreement with Aqua, has prepared the ordinance to place stop signs at the corners of 6th Avenue and 20th Street that will be advertised and ready to pass at the next meeting and that contract language should be considered next time around to add that if an employee is injured and misses work before the end of the probationary period, the probationary time should be extended by the length of time that the employee was absent.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine said the street sweeper is still broke down, the men are working on filling potholes and cutting grass. Mayor Johns thanked him and his department for all that they do.

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Ms. Taylor said there was a meeting last night and Sunday to discuss the June 2nd fundraiser for Ruhe Park. There will be food trucks, a bouncy house, fire house, police department involvement, concession stand, painted yard games, Jument Financial will have a table set up and a movie. Thanked Mr. Burdine and his department, great job doing work at the park. It is beautiful, there are 10 volunteers. She left the meeting so happy last night. She is on Council to serve the people. There is more to do, just happy to serve the people in the community.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

David Gillespie, 1606 16th Avenue, BF – came before Council saying that he has been in a lot of trouble in Beaver Falls in the past. The police department gave him a ticket for lighting firecrackers. The PA State Law says he is permitted but the police are not abiding by the laws. Solicitor Steele said the police are enforcing the laws that are already in place. The police may have cited him because even though the law permits what he was doing, it may have been disturbing the peace.

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

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