

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on June 27, 2023 at 7:04PM in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mayor Kenya Johns. The prayer was offered by City Manager Charles Jones Jr. that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Mayor Kenya Johns	City Clerk Paula Durish
Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	Fire Chief Mark Stowe
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	DPW Superintendent Patrick Burdine
Solicitor Shannon Steele	Chief Financial Officer Sandy Wilkins
City Manager Charles Jones Jr.	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks

Mayor Johns announced that Council met in executive session this evening at 6:00PM to discuss personnel matters.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1686 approving the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Beaver Falls Police Department to institute a 12-hour shift program commencing July 9, 2023. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1687 approving the list of General Fund/Payroll expenditures in the amount of \$404,049.75 for the period June 14, 2023 thru June 26, 2023. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1688 approving the agreement with Beaver County Redevelopment Authority providing for the demolition of 6 Bridge Street, Beaver Falls. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1689 approving the agreement with Beaver County Redevelopment Authority providing for the demolition of 7 Bridge Street, Beaver Falls. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1690 approving the agreement with Beaver County Redevelopment Authority providing for the demolition of 17 Bridge Street, Beaver Falls. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1691 authorizing the advertisement of certain city-owned real estate properties on Bridge Street, Beaver Falls (2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 13 – 15 – 17). The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1692 approving the agreement with the Department of General Services COSTARS Program for the purchase of salt for 2023 – 2024 season. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Chiappetta to adopt Resolution 1693 approving the agreement with Great America Financial Services for payment terms (60 months) for a copier in the Beaver Falls Police Department. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and grant the request of the Beaver Falls Community Development Corporation and close the following areas on August 1, 2023 from 6PM to 8PM for the annual night of Block Parties: 35th St. between 7th & 8th Ave. – 3200 block on 5th Ave. – 14th St. between 5th & 6th Ave. – 19th St. between 7th & 8th Ave. – 6th Ave. between 10th & 11th St. and Mt. Washington Playground. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Evans to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and grant the request of McMahon's Dealership to close 6th Street between Main Alley

and 7th Avenue for their event (with live band) on July 14, 2023 from 5PM to 10PM pending the Beaver Falls Police Department receiving a security plan for the event by July 5, 2023. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and grant the request of Kayla Stevenson to close 6th Avenue between 18th and 19th Street from 2PM to 8PM on July 8, 2023 for a 10 year old's birthday party/neighbor meet and greet. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

Mayor Johns stated that Council will not be approving future street closures as it is not financially feasible at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Steele said she has a hearing next week with the code office, is working on personnel matters with Mr. Jones and Police Chief Johnson and thanked Mrs. Durish for doing the sale of properties newspaper ad and resolution for same.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine said the new sweeper schedule is going well, guys are cutting vacant properties and he will be talking to Mr. Sadaka tomorrow regarding MS4 properties.

Ms. Burks thanked Mayor Johns and Deputy Mayor Evans for their participation with the Juneteenth event. It was a great time. She is working on forms for reservations and permits for the parks and playgrounds. She said she was asked by Ms. Taylor to explain that there is a Ruhe 5th Avenue Park fundraiser at CC's Catch 22 on June 30, 2023 from 1PM to 9PM. A portion of all proceeds from food sales will be donated for equipment at the park.

Fire Chief Stowe said today is the one year anniversary for Firefighter Curtis Pagley. He has passed his probation and recommends that he move to a one year firefighter status. Going thru a demo phase in the code office, is moving thru town. Mr. Jones said Mr. Burdine's guys are doing a good job. Chief Stowe said they are doing a phenomenal job, always helping. Can't thank them enough. The demolition is being done thru ARPA. He is also proud to announce that the fire department received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$209,929.52 on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security. This grant will be used to replace the department's air packs as the current ones expire in October. There is a 5% match in the amount of \$10,496.48 that the firefighters may agree to pay.

Mr. Kirkland said he likes the way Council is moving, things look better than in the past. Things are getting done.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mary Ceratti, 828 4th Avenue, BF – is grateful for Fire Chief Stowe and Mr. Jones. Did a fabulous job tearing down the house near her, it was a big eye sore. Is amazed how everyone gets along and what has been done in Beaver Falls. She introduced her 2 granddaughters and said she is raising them. She is proud to be from Beaver Falls!

Mr. Kirkland said it is good to know she is proud to be in Beaver Falls. People are closer, love and respect each other. He will never leave Beaver Falls.

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

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