

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on July 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mayor Kenya Johns. The prayer was offered by Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor 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
Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor	Fire Chief Mark Stowe
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	DPW Manager Patrick Burdine
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	Chief Financial Officer Sandy Wilkins
City Solicitor Shannon Steele	Director of Community Development
City Manager Charles R Jones Jr.	Rochelle Burks

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023 council meeting. 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 approve the minutes from the June 27, 2023 council meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion passed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA-NONE**

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1694 approving a list of General Fund and Payroll expenditures totaling \$526,287.90 from June 28, 2023 to July 10, 2023. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

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A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the advertised sealed bid from Himlooking LLC for the sale of city owned Bridge Street properties (2-3-4-5-6-7-13-15-17). The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to follow the recommendations of the Planning Commission to Subdivide 234 9<sup>th</sup> ave by the Barron Agency Inc. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Evans to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee to grant Second Baptist Church to close 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> avenue for their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Family and Friends Day on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee to grant Tabernacle Baptist Church to close 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> street and 7<sup>th</sup> street for their 11:00 am morning service on July 23, 2023, August 20, 2023 and September 17, 2023. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

SOLICITORS REPORT

Ms Steele explained the need for advertising and placing on the agenda in the first meeting of August, the International Property and Fire Code. She also discussed her meeting with the City Manager and Chief of Police reference hiring. Advised she attended a Summary Appeals hearing that was continued.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine reviewed his monthly report and advised of twelve die tests conducted.

Mr. Sedaka updated council about the contractor issues for the 37<sup>th</sup> street ballfields.

Ms. Burks advised of Back to School Bash August 18, 2023

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Chief Stowe provided an overview of his monthly report and advised council about his seeking bids for his SBCA equipment grant. He also spoke about the fire department being ISO rated Class-3 on a 1-10 scale, one being the highest and how he would like to obtain a Class-2. He emphasized how these ratings affect homeowners insurance rates.

Chief Stowe reviewed his Code Enforcement report and advised of his meeting with the planning commission to change zoning on Mt. Washington and on Bridge Street to R-2.

Sandy Wilkins, Finance Officer submitted her financial reports and offered no comments.

Chief Johnson provided an overview of his monthly report and advised council that his department conducted a traffic detail for the newly erected stop sign located at 20<sup>th</sup> street and 6<sup>th</sup> ave. He noted there were eight violations.

No reports or comments from council during Old or New Business.

The Mayor commented regarding the recent Governor's visit at the library and she thanked Cranberry Township Supervisor Karen and Township Manager Dan for visiting Beaver Falls.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Linda Doubt, (not a resident) wanted to know how to contribute to the police K-9 fund. She will make arrangements with Chief Johnson.

Linwood Alford (Short 10<sup>th</sup> street) discussed KDKA's desire to speak with the city regarding our progress. He also discussed his concerns with 210 Short 10<sup>th</sup> street regarding high grass and weeds. Chief Stowe advised his office has issued letters and are doing the best as they can.

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

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion passed

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