

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on January 3, 2024 at 5:00PM 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 Manager Charles R. Jones Jr.
Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans	City Clerk Paula Durish
Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	Fire Chief Mark Stowe
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	CFO Sandy Wilkins

Mrs. Durish stated that a roll call vote change was made to the December 12, 2023 minutes. Deputy Mayor Evans voted to accept the minutes from the November 28, 2023 council meeting but was not in attendance that evening.

Mrs. Durish then said that Council approved the sale of the 2013 Chevrolet Caprice to Mathew Dodson by Resolution 1730 at the December 12, 2023 meeting and it should have been done by Ordinance 4104.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to accept the minutes from the September 26, 2023 meeting. The vote was:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the minutes from the October 24, 2023 meeting. The vote was:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to accept the minutes from the November 11, 2023 meeting. The vote was:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting. The vote was:

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Ordinance 4105 approving agreements that establish a Police Cadet Training Incentive Program with Cadets Devin Lewis and Gabriel Morales. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1730 approving the list of General Fund and Payroll expenditures in the amount of \$531,973.76 for the period December 14, 2023 to January 3, 2024. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the advertisement to sell (by sealed bid) three city properties located at 1020 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1014 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1016 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BF. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Stowe and CFO Sandy Wilkins wished everyone a Happy New Year!

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Mr. Chiappetta said his son, Anthony, was here to walk him out.

Ms. Evans wished everyone a Happy New Year!

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS – NONE

Mr. Jones said before we adjourn, he would like to thank Mr. Chiappetta for his service. Everyone in attendance stood and applauded.

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta (his final, SO MOVED!) and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adjourn the meeting at 5:15PM. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

\* Mr. Chiappetta then walked, and danced a little, out of Council Chambers escorted by his son, Anthony. Farewell, Mr. Chiappetta....and thank you for your 17 years of dedicated service to the city and as a Beaver Falls Councilman!! You will be missed!

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Doctor Mayor Kenya Johns then called upon John “Chuckie” Kirkland and administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Kirkland was elected for an additional four (4) year term as Councilman for the City of Beaver Falls. Beaver County Commissioner, Mr. Jack Manning, then administered the Oath of Office to Dean Dinell. Mr. Dinell was newly elected to a four (4) year term as Councilman for the City of Beaver Falls. A round of applause followed by Council and the audience as the gentlemen took their council seats.

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BEAVER FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2024 – 5:15PM

Doctor Mayor Johns called the meeting into session as a Reorganization Meeting and Mrs. Durish read roll call as follows:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to appoint Ms. Evans as the Deputy Mayor. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor said her sister was in town over the holidays and loved Falls Park, said it was beautiful!!

Mr. Dinell thanked Commissioner Jack Manning, his family and friends for supporting him. Said it is a pleasure to be on board.

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Doctor Mayor Johns thanked the Beaver Falls Business District Authority for the holiday party, Nicole Sariochek from the Authority was present.

Doctor Mayor Johns then announced that the next regular council meeting is at 7:00PM on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in Council Chambers of the City Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 5:25PM. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Motion Passed				

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