

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session at 7:00PM on December 12, 2023 in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenya Johns, PhD. The prayer was offered by Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kenya Johns, PhD	City Clerk Paula Durish
Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans	Fire Captain Chris Crawford
Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor	Police Chief Dave Johnson
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks
Councilman John “Chuckie” Kirkland	CFO Sandy Wilkins
Solicitor Shannon Steele	Engineer Tony Sadaka – Widmer’s
City Manager Charles Jones Jr.	

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Chiappetta to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting as presented. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain

3 Yeas – Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

Mayor Johns, surrounded by the other Council members, read a proclamation to Councilman Leonard Chiappetta for his 17 years of service to the City of Beaver Falls as a Councilman. Councilman John “Chuckie” Kirkland presented the proclamation to Mr. Chiappetta and thanked him for his friendship over the years. Mr. Chiappetta received a standing ovation from his family, who was present, and the citizens in the audience.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1725 approving the tax levy of all persons and property for the year 2024, lowering the current mileage of 29 mills to 6 mills. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

5 Yeas – Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Resolution 1726 adopting the city’s budget for the year 2024 in the amount of \$46,257,388.82. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

5 Yeas – Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Resolution 1727 approving a list of General Fund and Payroll expenditures in the amount of \$171,632.70 for the period 11-3-23 to 12-12-23. The vote was:

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Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1728 approving a three year agreement with Valley Waste for waste and recycling collection for the years 2024, 2025 & 2026. 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 adopt Resolution 1729 approving a one year agreement with UPMC for city employee health care for 2024. 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. Evans to adopt Resolution 1730 approving the sale of a 2013 Chevrolet Caprice thru Municibid to Mathew Dodson in the amount of \$4,800.00. 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 adopt the City of Beaver Falls Employee Handbook/Policies and Procedures effective December 13, 2023. 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 Mr. Kirkland authorizing Solicitor Steele to institute Quiet Title Action for parcel 06-006-2102.000 – 12th Avenue lot, BF. 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 Mr. Chiappetta to accept the letter of resignation from Melissa Chichy from the Civil Service Commission effective December 14, 2023. The vote was:

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Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

Solicitor Steele had nothing to report, wished everyone Happy Holidays!!!

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Captain Chris Crawford, in the absence of Fire Chief Stowe, gave the fire report and code office report for November; 108 calls for service, 12 structural fires, 53 first responder calls, 446 training hours and \$7,956.33 fees collected in the Code Office.

Police Chief Johnson gave the police report for November; 185 parking tickets issued, 3 police issued parking tickets, 991 calls for service and 67 traffic/non-traffic citations.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor gave a report on Ruhe Playground.

Mr. Chiappetta thanked everyone and said his 17 years as a Council member went fast!

Ms. Evans said the city's holiday events were great! Wished everyone Happy Holidays!!

Mr. Kirkland said December 27th starts Christmas Tree pick up in the city. Said Mr. Chiappetta has always been there for him and helped him over the years. He is going to miss him.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Lynwood Alford, Short 10th Street, BF – wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Said the work in the city has not gone unnoticed, the city is looking good. Council is appreciated. He is going to miss Mr. Chiappetta. The job Council is doing is fantastic, the city is at it's best!

Derek Wiley, BF – asked what kind of permission is needed to put moveable chess tables at the Lt. Calvin Smith Park. Agrees that Council is doing a fantastic job and believes the city is at its' best.

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM.
The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

* Cake was then served to everyone in attendance honoring Mr. Chiappetta.....he deserved it!!!

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