

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on February 27, 2024 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 Ford-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 Ford-Taylor	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilman Dean Dinell	CFO Sandy Wilkins
Councilman John “Chuckie” Kirkland	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks
Solicitor Shannon Steele	DPW Superintendent Patrick Burdine

Mayor Johns announced that Council had met in executive session at 6:30PM for personnel reasons.

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting. The vote was:

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

Mayor Johns then introduced Mr. Jim Mooney, the new head football coach at Beaver Falls High School. Mr. Mooney gave a brief background of himself and expressed his excitement to see how relationship grows and the changes he wishes to implement this coming football season. Deputy Mayor Evans said she loves his energy and Ms. Taylor said she believes he will do a great job!

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Ordinance 4106 on second reading approving the sale of three properties on 9th Avenue, BF to Mr. Ian Johns. The vote was:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1734 amending Resolution 1648 by adding certain provisions to Section 4.5 (c and d), Section 4.8 (f) and Section 4.19 (e) to the Police Department Civil Service Rules and Regulations for the Police Cadet Program. The vote was:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Dinell to adopt Resolution 1735 supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA). The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dinell to adopt Resolution 1736 approving a list of General Fund and Payroll Expenditures in the amount of \$301,562.70 for the period 2-15-24 to 2-27-24. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to grant approval to Rochelle Burks, Director of Community Development, to apply for funds from the Environmental Mitigation Community Fund that will be used to fund the installation of EV chargers. Mr. Dinell asked if the city has the capacity to maintain the chargers if purchased. Mayor Johns said there is a 10 year warranty and they would be covered for that period. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine said the DPW employees are filling potholes and working on MS4 jobs.

Ms. Burks said she is working on the spring edition of Beaver Falls Buzz, is working with Mrs. Durish to get the ordinances on line and codified. She also attended two events, Geneva College Career Fair and Entrepreneurs Kick-Off Event.

Mrs. Wilkins said she submitted her January report to everyone and if there are any questions, she'll be glad to answer them. The 2023 Real Estate taxes have to be paid by the end of March then will be turned over to the county. The city tax discount period will end March 31, 2024.

Chief Johnson said the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is on March 25th and the guest speaker will be Nathan Bible, the new District Attorney. A fundraiser for the K9 Unit will be held on March 2nd at Jus1More Sports Bar & Grill from 6 to 10PM.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor said it is good to be back tonight at the council meeting.

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Mr. Dinell said he was here today and attended the staff meeting this morning. It was a good meeting and run very well. He was able to see the trailer purchased thru ARPA that Mr. Burdine put outside.

Mayor Johns said the Middle School did a fantastic job, said a Thank You to the state reps that toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant last Friday. Also mentioned the K9 Benefit on Saturday at Just1More and tomorrow at the school is poetry night.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dakiyah Turner, 723 22nd Street, BF – likes this community. Juneteenth is great. Thinks she wants to be a part of the Junior Council Program.

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

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

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