

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on March 12, 2024 at 7:00PM 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 R. Jones Jr. that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Mayor Kenya Johns	Police Chief David Johnson
Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans	Fire Chief Mark Stowe
Councilman Dean Dinell	CFO Sandy Wilkins
Councilman John “Chuckie” Kirkland	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks
City Manager Charles R. Jones Jr.	DPW Superintendent Patrick Burdine
City Solicitor Shannon Steele	City Engineer Tony Sadaka (Widmer’s)
City Clerk Paula Durish	

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024 meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Dinell and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1737 approving the list of general fund and payroll expenditures for the period 2-29-24 thru 3-11-24 in the amount of \$345,724.29. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Dinell to approve the request to refund \$425.71 to the Larry Bruno Foundation for an assessment change approved October 31, 2023. This is a 2024 refund for the payment of their real estate tax. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	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 request submitted by Laurie Fletcher, Secretary of the Beaver County Farmers’ Markets, Inc. to hold the sales in the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking lot behind the Brodhead Apartments. The market sales will begin May 6<sup>th</sup> and end November 18<sup>th</sup> and will be open from 3:00PM to 6:00PM. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Steele said she has completed the agreement for CARES Ministry that the City Manager asked her to do.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine read the following highlights from the Department of Public Works report: received 76 calls, removed and disposed 12 downed trees/branches, marked and recorded 47 pa-one calls, inspected and removed debris from MS4 outfalls, demolished and removed shed from 37<sup>th</sup> Street north softball field, removed old and installed new dugout roofs at 37<sup>th</sup> Street north softball field and removed and disposed of dumped furniture and debris on 8<sup>th</sup> Street per Code Enforcement.

Mr. Sadaka said the contractor has not finished the BF 37<sup>th</sup> Street Ballfield Rehab CDBG project and that he is still waiting for the storm water improvement design plans for 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Burks submitted flyers for the BFBDA Social Hour on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Li'l Joes, the CDC lecture series schedule at Carnegie Library and the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 37<sup>th</sup> Street Park. Said the Spring 2024 community newsletter, Beaver Falls Buzz, is available for everyone's reading pleasure. Introduced Nora Rice, who is helping her, is very busy, and doing a great job! She is a great partner to have!!

Fire Chief Stowe read highlights from the fire department report: received 118 calls for service, had 11 structural fires, there were 61 first responder calls and had a total of 623.5 training hours. Had a structure burn class at Geneva College, firefighters were involved at Butler VA training in live fires with 80 students and 12 instructors. Thanked Mr. Burdine and his men for cleaning up, they do a great job! Continue working on blight in the city. He then read highlights from the Code Enforcement Office report: Zoning – issued 3 demolition permits and issued 1 building permit. Code Enforcement – 373 complaints/inspections handled, tagged 5 abandoned vehicles, posted 5 buildings uninhabitable, issued 29 residential occupancy permits and attended 10 hearings. Rental Registration – did 24 rental inspections and issued 3 citations.

Police Chief Johnson read highlights from the police department report: Parking – issued 259 tickets, 1 police issued and Police – had a total of 1,183 calls for service and issued 70 police traffic/non-traffic citations. Said there is a Neighborhood Watch meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> touring the 911 Center in Ambridge. There will be a bus provided for citizens wanting to attend.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dinell said he watched the fire training, it was very well done, thanked Chief Stowe.

Mr. Jones thanked Deputy Mayor Evans and Mayor Johns for attending the staff meeting, said Mayor Johns, Ms. Burks and he had a virtual meeting with Business View Magazine and were interviewed and attended the State of the County Address.

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Mayor Johns said Jus1More Sports Bar and Grill held a special fundraiser event for the police K9 Unit and the fire department held a Bingo Purse Bash event at the Ramada Inn in Big Beaver.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ray Monza – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, BF – addressed Mr. Jones asking what is going on with Ross Hill. Mr. Jones responded that it will not reopen until it is safe for the citizens, options are still being discussed.

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Dinell to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM.  
The vote was:

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

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