

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on April 23, 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 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 Sandra Wilkins
Councilman John Chuckie Kirkland	City Solicitor Shannon Steele

Dr. Mayor Johns announced that Council met in executive session this evening at 6:00PM for personnel reasons.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

Dr. Mayor Johns asked Susan Yonlisky, recently retired from the Treasurer’s Office, to come before Council. She then introduced Ms. Seron Cox from Congressman Chris Deluzio’s office, who read and presented Sue a congratulatory letter from Congressman Deluzio. Dr. Mayor Johns then read and presented Sue with a 24 year service award from Beaver Falls City Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Ordinance 4108 on second reading approving an incentive for BFPD Officers for recruiting and retaining police officers to the City of Beaver Falls. 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. Taylor to adopt Resolution 1744 entering into an agreement with Special Olympics Pennsylvania to provide traffic control at the April 26, 2024 event at Geneva College. 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 Mr. Dinell to adopt Resolution 1745 entering into an agreement with Beaver Falls Car Cruise Committee to provide police security services at 7th Avenue and 20th Street on June 8, 2024. 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 Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1746 approving the list of general fund and payroll expenditures in the amount of \$388,767.76 for the period 4-10-24 to 4-22-24. 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. Kirkland to approve the request submitted by Police Chief Johnson to apply for a police bulletproof vest grant (purchase 18 vests/new hires/replacement of existing vests) in the amount of \$26,549.82 with accessories and \$22,499.82 w/o accessories. There is a 50% match requirement with the balance being reimbursed thru the grant in the amount of \$13,274.91 or \$11,249.91 respectively. 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 Ms. Taylor to approve the 2024 tax refund due to an assessment change in the amount of \$5,309.64 to Heli Properties Inc. 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 Mr. Dinell to accept the bid of Harold Metz, thru MunicBid, to purchase the 2013 Chevrolet Caprice in the amount of \$4,800.00. 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. Taylor to accept the bid of John Sullick, thru MunicBid, to purchase the 2009 Mercury Grand Marquis in the amount of \$1,550.00. 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. Taylor to appoint Mariah Miller, owner of Jus1More Sports Bar & Grill, to the Beaver Falls Business District Authority for a four year term. Ms. Miller was present, introduced herself and told Council what she could bring to the city as a member. Council welcomed her to the authority. The vote was:

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Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to reappoint Jodi Blank to the Beaver Falls Business District Authority for a four year term. 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 approve the request submitted by Beaver Falls Community Development Corporation to close 13th Street between 8th Avenue and Marginal Alley every Friday from May 24th to October 25th, 2024 from 3PM to 8PM for Friday Farmer's Market. 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. Taylor to grant the request submitted by the American Legion to host the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024 at 10AM on 7th Avenue. The parade will line up on 19th Street and 7th Avenue, march down 7th Avenue and conclude at Lt. Calvin Smith Park on 11th Street and 6th Avenue for a short program. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Steele said she reported everything in the executive session earlier this evening.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Johnson read the fine revenue from last month's report, said K-9 Officer Wetter raised \$3,000.00 for the K-9 Program at the fundraiser held at Just1More Sports Bar & Grill and the Beaver Falls Police Department is known as the department for having K-9's the longest.

Ms. Taylor said Mariah and Just1More does a great job for the police department and the city as a whole. She is a blessing to the city, pours out love to the community!

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Durish said the car cruise is on June 8th and Duquesne Light has dubbed the area where their electric cars and ones from Diehl will be set up (city parking lot next to Vocelli Pizza) as “Electric Avenue”.

Mayor Johns said the Neighborhood Watch meeting is on April 29th at 7PM with the BFFD talking about water rescue service and a Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held in Falls Park on May 4th with bands and food trucks from noon to 9PM.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM.
The vote was:

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

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