

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on April 9, 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	Police Chief David Johnson
Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans	Assistant Fire Chief David Seidl
Councilwoman Vanessa Ford-Taylor	CFO Sandy Wilkins
Councilman John “Chuckie” Kirkland	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks
Attorney Shannon Steele	DPW Superintendent Patrick Burdine
City Manager Charles R. Jones Jr.	Engineer Tony Sadaka – Widmer’s
City Clerk Paula Durish	

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Evans to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2024 meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Ordinance 4107 on second reading establishing speed limit and penalties on Ross Hill. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Ordinance 4108 on first reading approving a monetary incentive for police officers recruiting police officer candidates. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1740 approving a list of General Fund and Payroll expenditures in the amount of \$519,915.52 for the period 3-26-24 to 4-9-24. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

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A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1741 approving an agreement with Comcast Business providing for internet and phone upgrade services. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the request submitted by CFO Sandy Wilkins to exonerate her from the collection of the 2023 City of BF delinquent real estate taxes as they have been turned over to the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to hire Kevin Thompson as a Police Officer contingent upon passing the psychological and background check. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to hire Eric Allen Jr. as a Police Officer contingent upon passing the psychological and background check. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Evans to refund \$1.17 to Niki D. Atri Holdings of PA, LLC for an assessment reduction for 2024. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to appoint Gino Harris to the Recreation Board. Mr. Harris was present, stated his reasons why he wanted to be appointed and Council had the chance to ask questions if they wanted. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine stated that the DPW had 79 calls for the month of March, removed/disposed 22 downed trees/branches, conducted 11 property dye tests, marked 19 pa-one calls, inspected/removed debris from MS4 outfalls, repaired citywide potholes and street sweeping has started.

Mr. Sadaka said the storm water improvement projects will be out to bid and advertised on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for intersections only at 24<sup>th</sup> St & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, 25<sup>th</sup> St & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave & 36<sup>th</sup> St.

Ms. Burks reported Chaotik Java Coffee Shop on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be hosting Coffee With A Cop on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10:30AM, Geneva College is featuring a live panel event featuring students from area colleges who will talk with the Dean of Students (Jamie Swank) at GC on themes from his book, Miseducated. This will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6PM at the B-Hive Building on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There were no applications received for the Junior Council Program that were due in April and Wendy and Ashley will be working on the community calendar with a direct link to the city's website.

Assistant Fire Chief Seidl read highlights from the March fire report. There were 136 calls, 11 structural fires, 1 water rescue and 82 medic first responder calls. There was an estimated fire loss of \$6,000.00 and 675.5 total training hours. Highlights were then read for the Code Enforcement Office. There were 326 calls and walkins, 121 code enforcement complaints/inspections, 21 citations issued and 12 rental registration inspections.

Police Chief Johnson highlighted his March police report saying there were 241 parking tickets issued, 4 police issued tickets. There were 1,208 total calls for service, 73 police traffic/non traffic citations written and fees for magistrate lockup and fine revenues were unavailable from the Magistrate's Office. He also announced that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM with the BFFD discussing water rescue.

Mr. Jones said things are moving forward with the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue streetscape project and met with the Auditor General last week at CCBC with Mayor Johns.

Mrs. Durish, in the absence of Mr. Dinell, read his updates. He attended the monthly BC Regional Council of Governments meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>, had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Burdine and the DPW on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to tour their facility and multiple MS4 outfalls in the city. He saw first hand how hard the DPW works to keep everything functioning properly. He wanted to thank Mr. Burdine for spending the time to get him caught up on his department.

Mrs. Durish then announced that SBC Ministries of Second Baptist Church will be celebrating local Beaver County Veterans at a recognition awards event on May 9, 2024 at the Center at 1910 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Tickets are \$35 each and anyone interested can contact the church at 724-843-9041.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS – NONE

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

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

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