

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans. The prayer was offered by Councilwoman Vanessa Ford-Taylor that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans	City Clerk Paula Durish
Councilwoman Vanessa Ford-Taylor	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilman Dean Dinell	Fire Chief Mark Stowe
Councilman John “Chuckie” Kirkland	CFO Sandy Wilkins
City Solicitor Shannon Steele	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks
City Manager Charles R. Jones Jr.	DPW Superintendent Patrick Burdine

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2024 meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

Deputy Mayor Evans announced that Council met in executive this evening at 6:00PM for litigation reasons.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Ordinance 4109 on first reading approving the sale of a 2023 Chevrolet Caprice to Harold Metz, thru MunicBid, in the amount of \$4,700.00. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Resolution 1747 repealing Ordinance 4106 dated February 27, 2024, that approved the sale of certain real properties owned by the City of Beaver Falls. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

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A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dinell to adopt Resolution 1748 approving the list of general fund expenditures of transactions in the amount \$368,692.63 for the period 4-24-24 to 5-13-24. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Resolution 1749 appointing Leymarie Clark Long, P.C. as special counsel pursuant to the Third Class City Code. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dinell to adopt Resolution 1750 approving the agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of Beaver County providing for the demolition of 1523 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, BF. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to rescind the authorization to accept the bid from John Sullick, thru MunicBid, in the amount of \$1,550.00 for the sale of a 2009 Mercury Grand Marquis. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the low bid from Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$110,957.44 for the BF various streets drainage projects. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to approve the request submitted by Sea Investments LLC to purchase 814 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BF from the county repository. The buyer plans to rehab the property and use as a rental property. The request for tax exoneration prior to 2024 was also approved. An unfiled property maintenance lien in the amount of \$287.50 must be paid prior to receiving paperwork from the city. The vote was:

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Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dinell to approve the request submitted by Sea Investments LLC to purchase 815 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BF from the county repository. The buyer plans to rehab the property and use as a rental property. The request for tax exoneration prior to 2024 was also approved. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dinell to approve the request submitted by Sea Investments LLC to purchase 2613 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BF from the county repository. The buyer plans to rehab the property and use as a rental property. The request for tax exoneration prior to 2024 was also approved. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dinell to approve the request submitted by MWL Contracting to purchase 1501 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, BF from the county repository. The buyer plans to bring the property up to code and use the small garage for tools and equipment storage for his son's landscaping business. An unfiled property maintenance lien in the amount of \$206.31 must be paid prior to receiving paperwork from the city. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dinell to approve the construction of an outside seating bar for Jus1More Sports Bar & Grill pending all MDIA approval. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dinell to approve the tax refund in the amount of \$2,311.20 for Fieldstone, Inc. due to a 2024 assessment change. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and approve the request submitted by the Big Beaver Falls Area School District (Possete) to close 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Street from 7:45PM to 8:45PM on June 6, 2024 for high school graduation. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and approve the request submitted by McMahan's Cycle Sales, Inc. to close 6<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Alley from 5:30PM until 10:00PM on May 24, 2024 for a dealership hosted anniversary celebration with a live band. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee and approve the request submitted by Jus1More Sports Bar & Grill to close 10<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Tank Alley from 9AM to 8PM on June 23, 2024 for a bike run for Children's Hospital. The vote was:

Taylor	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Steele said she reported everything in the executive session earlier tonight.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine read highlights from his April report – received 89 calls, conducted 11 property dye tests with code enforcement, marked and recorded 38 pa one calls, inspected and removed debris from MS4 outfalls, repaired citywide pot holes.

Ms. Burks thanked the DPW for everything they did to help make the Cinco de Mayo a success (despite the rain) and everyone else who helped and participated with the event. Said still doing planning for the Juneteenth celebration that is coming up. Introduced Lucy Seese, an upcoming sophomore at Geneva College, who was interviewed and will be an intern this summer in the city. She wants to continue her interest in the city, learn about community development and help in any way she can in the city.

Fire Chief Stowe read highlights from his April fire reports – received 131 calls, had 10 structural fires, 6 water rescues, 76 medic first responder calls. Total estimated fire loss was \$3,000.00 and there were 414 training hours. The code enforcement office had 347 calls/walkins, 7 building permits issued, handled 370 code complaints/inspections, 24 residential and 3 commercial occupancy permits issued, 11 citations issued, had 5ll rental registration inspections.

Mrs. Wilkins submitted the March/April 2024 tax collector’s report and final 2023 tax report. This report is late due to issues with the tax program.

Police Chief Johnson read highlights from his April report – 270 parking tickets issued, 2 police issued parking tickets, collected total money \$1,757.94 and \$249.94 in magistrate parking fines. The police had 1,304 calls for service, collected \$3,779.06 in police fine revenue and issued 103 police traffic/non-traffic citations.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jones said the DPW did a fantastic job installing the fence at Falls Park, the girls softball field is about finished and thanked the DPW for all the work they did there constructing the new team benches with roofs and B-Poppin’ Popcorn opened this past Saturday at the 35<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza on College Hill. Everyone should visit and welcome them to Beaver Falls.

Mrs. Durish said the car cruise is June 8, 2024. Come out and see the cars and enjoy some great tasting food from one or more of the many food vendors. The cruise runs from 11AM until 7PM.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Titus Shields – asked if there is any word on the pool. Said summer is coming, will he have to be driving to Cranberry? Deputy Mayor Evans said there will be no pool in Beaver Falls, he’ll have to drive to Cranberry.

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

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

