**CITY OF PETERSBURG**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 7, 2022**

Mayor Michael called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call**

**Mayor:** Gary A. Michael

**Recorder:** Sarah J. Moomau

**Council:** Bruce Hyre, Jr., Robert Spanswick, Jeremy Riggleman, Alvin Rumer and Mike Feaster

Councilman Hyre made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2022. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONS REQUESTING TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL**

Bob McCalley and Carla Kaposy appeared before the council to report on the Mon Forest Town Partnership progress. Mr. McCalley stated the goal of our participation was to build a recreational economy and we think we have attained some outstanding results. We began our involvement about four years ago. We have received over $110,000 in grants and help from all of our partners, WVU, Woodlands Corporation, US Forest Service, WV Community Hub, our two senators. The investment in local businesses has reached $5,200,000, that is including 25 new businesses and filling 15 empty spaces and 78 new job positions (which may be some re-arrangement in employment). Mr. McCalley continued to say that we are projecting an increase in $50,000 in our local hotel/motel tax, increase in gaming tax and liquor tax increasing local revenue. Other data points include school enrollment increase. We feel that Downtown Beautification had a big impact on the excitement. Through the CVB we have developed 4 new brochures, our trifold, magazine piece, adventure map and we have created a new Smoke Hole Brochure with Pendleton County. We have created a new website for Petersburg/ Grant County with New South Media. Our team is concentrating on three major projects, Petersburg River Park Hike and Bike Trail, revitalization of Virginia Avenue and a Smoke Hole Trail System between Austin Gap and Redman Trail. Mr. McCalley shared that we are working with a recreational forest service asset, Jon Wheeler on a hiking/ biking trail system. Mr. Wheeler has taken the information we submitted to him and recreated a more level family-oriented hiking and biking trail that will include overlooks. Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director, Carla Kaposy stated that this project in the Smoke Hole is important to our area to promote a treasured asset, relieve some of the traffic on Dolly Sods, spread adventure seekers out more and bring many visitors to our area closer to Petersburg for services. Mr. McCalley gave detailed descriptions of the Smoke Hole Trail project. Mr. McCalley reported to council that our team is getting ready to work on a new list of projects and welcomes suggestions and ideas and asked if the council will consider earmarking part of the city’s hotel/motel increase for recreational opportunities that will increase activity and interest in our area. Carla Kaposy pointed out the value of the Mon Forest Town Partnership for Petersburg and all the participating towns. Ms Kaposy also mentioned the comments from this network and the value it has been for our community. The number of compliments Petersburg has received from so many other communities has been overwhelming. Mr. McCalley said our greatest asset is GPS, when visitors from the Northern Virginia/ DC and Baltimore area plug in Canaan Valley or Snowshoe, the route comes right through Petersburg. Carla Kaposy also made the council aware of the new online Community Calendar that appears on the new Grant County CVB website, it is a collection of all the community events happening and allows better management of event time.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

**Building, Permits, Planning and Zoning:** City Administrator presented the following building permit applications for approval by council:

#9066 Joanna Kuhn 2 Maple Hill Ave 18” X 18” Block Flu

#9068 David Basagic 501 N Fork Hwy 30’ X 60’ Steel Building

#9080 Michael Cooper 214 Bryan Street New Porch Post, soffit on house & garage

#9081 Tara Spiker 123 Mountain View St Replacing back fence and add 6’ fence

#9082 Donald Kuykendall 14 Central Ave Wood siding on out building

#9083 Richard Borror 212 Pierpont Street New Siding and replacing metal on house & porch

Councilman Hyre made a motion to approve the presented permit applications. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Cemetery, Refuse and Streets:** Councilman Feaster reported the normal trash pickup on Monday, November 21 will be picked up on Sunday, November 20 to accommodate the opening day of buck season.

He further reported that all trash must be in a tied bag, no loose boxes, and no loose trash. Trash must be stored in a container until trash pickup and not exceed 40 lbs. Any additional items, including furniture, must have special arrangements made through the city office and will have an additional charge.

**Police:** Councilman Riggleman presented the following report:

**POLICE DEPT MONTHLY ACTIVITY FOR OCTOBER 2022**

Calls generated from Grant 911 for P-1------------------------------------------------------36

P-6------------------------------------------------------19

Calls generated from other sources for P-1--------------------------------------------------20

P-6-------------------------------------------------- 4

Total Calls----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------79

Investigations Opened-------------------------------------------------------------------------- 6

\*Burglary X 2

\*Fraud

\*Leave Scene of Property Damage Accident

\*Dog Running At-Large

\*Possession with Intent to Deliver

Accident Investigations------------------------------------------------------------------------- 2

Warrants Obtained------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 1

Fugitive from Justice

Arrests (Felony)---------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 2

\*Fugitive from Justice (Wanted in another state)

\*Burglary (WV State Police Warrant)

(Misdemeanor)

\*Destruction of Property (WV State Police Warrant)

\*Petit Larceny (WV State Police Warrant)

\*Failure to Appear (Capias issued by a judge)

Citations-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 0

Warnings-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------21

Property Maintenance Notices------------------------------------------------------------------ 0

Domestic Violence Petitions Served----------------------------------------------------------- 2

No Trespass Notices Served--------------------------------------------------------------------- 0

**Taxation:** no report

**Water, Recreation and Pool:** Councilman Spanswick reported the water department has five projects they are working on, and they will be meeting with a couple of different engineering firms through the course of the next couple of weeks to discuss them.

**Sanitary Board:** Mayor Michael reported that everything is good.

**DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Councilman Feaster made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Councilman Riggleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hyre made a motion to re-enter the Regular Meeting. Councilman Riggleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hyre made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Riggleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Sarah J. Moomau, Recorder