

**CITY OF PETERSBURG
REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2021**

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

Roll Call

Mayor: Gary Michael

Recorder: Sarah J. Moomau

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

Councilman Feaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 1, 2021. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Feaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 24, 2021. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

Becky Lanhart appeared before council to discuss the need for a city dog park. She asked the city to create an approximate 50” X 50” area fenced with a gate and benches for dog owners to sit while their dogs are exercising. She also asked that a “baggie” station be installed, and refuse can for waste disposal. She offered to pay for one half of the expenses if the city would move forward with the idea. She also stated the project would have to be monitored so it would not be abused. She offered to be the person in charge and contact person for any problems that would arise, she also said that Donnalie Hope will also help manage the project.

Kim Secrist, Gabe Mongold and Tammy Kimble appeared before council regarding Downtown Petersburg Beautification Project. Kim shared with council photos of ideas that are being implemented this upcoming year with the beautification project. Kim spoke of the water drip line and electricity being installed in the planters and the Grant County Magistrate Court. Gabe shared with the council a tree grant he is working on that will provide around fifty trees for the community. They discussed other details of the progress they have made and the plans of expanded plantings throughout Petersburg and the City Park. Kim asked the council to provide a water source to the flagpole in the city park, mayor and council agreed. Kim spoke of the business partners that have agreed to pay for the materials to have planters completed at their businesses and Kim will care from them throughout the growing season. Kim and Gabe spoke of the hayrack planters that will appear on the small- town bridge and then later grow to the larger river bridge eventually. Mayor Michael addressed the issue with First Energy and the poles. He reminded everyone of a meeting with a representative from First Energy to discuss the use of the poles that will take place at the depot.

Mayor Michael and the council presented the Downtown Beautification with their city paychecks for the month, each for \$92.35, to be used toward the city project.

Mayor Michael presented a Key to The City of Petersburg and thanks from himself and the council to Kim Secrist, Tammy Kimble and Gabe Mongold for their amazing commitment and endless hours of volunteered time to Downtown Petersburg Beautification.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

Building Permits, Planning and Zoning: Councilman Rumer presented the following building permit applications.

#8556 - Alexandra Coffman

101 Shobe Street

Replace shingles w/metal

#8557 – Kent Hudgins	135 Deadrick Lane	Replace shingles w/metal
#8558 – Derek Nesselrodt	111 N Grove Street	14' X 30' deck over existing patio Realign and extend roof over deck and replace siding
#8559 - Larry W. Rodgers	Presbyterian Church Manse 20 N Main Street	6' X 30" Deck on back of house
#8560 – Chris Hott & Rebecca	41 Creek Street	4' fence to 6' in front at side of house Replace and repair fence on side and back of house
#8561 – Lucy Taylor	133 Houston Drive	Replace shingles w/shingles
#8562 – Danny & Derek Miller	Chillmers Ice Cream 119 S Main Street	Split Rail fence/6' privacy fence
#8563 – Betty Shaffer	10 East Avenue	Repair and replace soffit
#8564 – Josephine Hedrick	12 East Avenue	Replace door
#8565 - John Idleman	100 Shobe Street	Build handicap ramp
#8566 - John Bennett	119 Pine Street	Extending driveway 12' into yard
#8567 - Calvin Thompson	Living Hope Baptist Church 1011 North Fork Hwy	New Construction – 70' X 100' building Concrete floors, steel sides & metal roof
#8568 – Dr. Larry Rogers	216 Bryan Street	25' X 60' metal fence around garden
#8569 – <i>Waiting on letter from property owner</i>		
#8570 – Edgar Mogroveho	15 Central Avenue	4' fence on side and back yard
#8571 – POCO / BP	108 S Grove Street	Repair and replace concrete on sidewalk

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

Cemetery, Refuse and Streets: Councilman Feaster reported they identified and repaired three different leaks; water street, city park and south side of Petersburg. He continued to say they are sweeping the streets and will do again in May or June, the maintenance crew is also repairing pot holes. He further stated that his department is repairing and improving the storm sewer drains on Jackson Street. Councilman Feaster announced the Spring Clean-up dates are April 20 & 22, spring clean-up at Maple Hill Cemetery is slated for May 1, 2021.

Police: Councilman Riggelman presented each councilmember with the following Activity Report:

**PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH 2021**

COMPLAINTS HANDLED/ RECEIVED.....	67
VERBAL WARNINGS FOR TRAFFIC.....	26
WRITTEN WARNINGS FOR TRAFFIC.....	11
CITATIONS ISSUED.....	
SHOPLIFTING.....	
DRIVING SUSPENDED (MISC).....	
EXPIRED MVI.....	
IMPROPER REGISTRATION.....	
NO PROOF OF INSURANCE.....	
PROHIBITED TOBACCO USE/VAPING.....	
SPEEDING W/RADAR.....	
POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.....	
TRESPASSING.....	
PARKING CITATIONS.....	
TOTAL WARRANTS OBTAINED.....	8
MISDEMEANOR WARRANTS.....	6
FELONY WARRANTS.....	2
TOTAL ARRESTS.....	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS.....	6
FELONY ARRESTS.....	2
ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED.....	
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS OPENED.....	4

DARIUS STARK
CHIEF OF POLICE
PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Taxation: Councilman Hyre presented a report for council.

Water: Councilman Spanswick reported the Water Department has been exercising water valves, they will continue to the south side and then onto the Point neighborhood. He continued to say that August 23 through August 27, two of the Water Plant employees will be going to Kearneysville for testing.

Sanitary Board: no report

Mayor Michael clarified that the City of Petersburg is not responsible for the stoplight, the State Department of Highways oversees the stoplight operations – following several days of malfunctioning.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Rumer made a motion to approve the official “Sample Ballot” with three candidates for mayor, six candidates for council and the Street Excess Levy, provided by Casto and Harris. Councilman Riggleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Riggleman made a motion to approve Mary Hawk, Pam Eskridge, Becky Rodgers and Mary Jane Coffman as poll workers for the June 8, 2021 Municipal Election. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Riggleman made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Hyre made a motion to increase a certain employee pay by \$1.00 per hour. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Sarah J. Moomau, Recorder