

**CITY OF PETERSBURG  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 3, 2021**

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 Riggelman, Alvin Rumer and Mike Feaster

Councilman Hyre made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 5, 2021. Councilman Rumer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Feaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on April 20, 2021. Councilman Rumer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONS REQUESTING TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL**

Conway and Rowena Wright appeared before council to discuss the property located at 118 Town Hill Lane. They reported the dilapidated state of the property and provided pictures showing a house falling upon itself and the lot in total disrepair. The Wrights identified the owner of the property as Hardy County Holdings. The council agreed to contact the owner and start the process to correct the property.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

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

#8627	Stephen Ryan	962 Point Drive	Deck on back of house (12X12) Wood framing w/Trex decking
#8628	Hope VanMeter	Hicks Drive	Gravel, level and repair road

Councilman Rumer made a motion to approve the presented building permit applications.

Councilman Hyre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Rumer recognized two letters opposing the request submitted by Matt Dolly asking for a Special Exception for use of property he owns at 261 Hicks Drive that is zoned OS.

Councilman Hyre read the following two letters:

**Angela B. Van Meter**

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[Avanmeter5@gmail.com](mailto:Avanmeter5@gmail.com) \* 304-851-1903

April 6, 2021

City of Petersburg  
21 Mountain View Street  
Petersburg, WV 26847  
HAND DELIVERED

Re: Special Exception Property Use

Dear Council Members:

Having called the City of Petersburg office and received no answer nor a return call, I must at this time object to the Special Exception Property Use as it relates to the proposal for 261 Hicks Drive as advertised in today's Grant County Press. Given the very limited amount of time within which to collect information, and lack of response from council members, I am without sufficient knowledge to support such an exception.

I would reconsider my position should I be better informed of what the "Outdoor Recreational Outfitter" would consist and the plan for the facilitation of guests. There are far too many unanswered questions.

Respectfully,  
Angela B. Van Meter (signed)

April 6, 2021

City of Petersburg  
21 Mountain View Street  
Petersburg, WV 26847

RE: 261 Hicks Drive

To Whom It May Concern:

I **COMPLETELY** object to opening an Outdoor Recreational Outfitter business at 261 Hicks Drive.

I do not object to new businesses in Petersburg, but I do object to where the business is going to be located. This business interferes with my privacy and feeling safe. The road is a single lane dirt road. There is no room to move over to let another car pass by, without going on someone's personal property. There is no written agreement to whose responsibility it is to maintain the road. I will have to constantly worry about who is going up and down the road at all hours of the day and night. I now have to worry if my safety as a single woman is at risk due to there being constant visitors that I do not know or can trust.

I enjoy taking walks with my dogs on our property and now I will constantly have to be concerned that other unauthorized people could be around. Once again I fear for my safety as a single woman.

If there were to be an accident at the river could the rescue vehicles travel this small road to save a life.

I completely object to this Outdoor Recreational Outfitters

Sincerely,  
Hope VanMeter (signed)

Councilman Hyre explained what OS (Open Space) allowed and read the definition of this zoning. Discussion ensued regarding the permitted uses of Open Space. Mayor Michael discussed the issue of the road ownership and deeded road use, he recommended that Matt Dolly needs to have the roadway surveyed to clarify the right to use it. Discussion ensued regarding the roadway; no resolution was established. The matter will be officially turned over to the Petersburg Zoning Board.

**Cemetery, Refuse and Streets:** Councilman Feaster reported there was six tons of trash collected on the spring cleanup trash days. The maintenance crew is starting on sidewalks and some street repair. He continued to say how important it is for the Street Levy to pass so we can continue maintaining the streets.

**Police:** Councilman Riggelman stated he sent a list of citations for Darius to write and serve. Councilman Riggelman said he thinks the best thing he can do is to produce a spread sheet to track the progress and log the issues.

**Water, Recreation and Pool:** Councilman Spanswick reported that the Water Department will be sending out notices to around 30 – 35 business that are required by state code to install back flow preventers on their water line coming into their buildings. The owners are required to pay for the installation and by state code they need to be inspected once a year. That documentation is to be turned into the Petersburg Water Department; the penalty will be fines issued by the WV State Health Department. He continued to direct any questions regarding this issue to the Petersburg Water Department supervisor, Frank Sharp at 304-257-4877.

**Sanitary Board:** Mayor Michael announced the retirement of Richard Harper as the Supervisor of the Petersburg Wastewater Treatment Plant. He has served our city for 30 years and has been honored with many Class III awards at the state level and the City of Petersburg wish him the best.

## NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Hyre made a motion to authorize Mayor Gary Michael and Lori Crites, Treasurer to sign and execute all documents pertaining to Water Security Deposit Interest Bearing account at the Grant County Bank and have signatory authority on the account. Councilman Riggelman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hyre made a motion to authorize Mayor Gary Michael and Lori Crites, Treasurer to sign and execute all documents pertaining to Sewer Security Deposit Interest Bearing account at the Grant County Bank and have signatory authority on the account. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hyre made a motion to authorize Mayor Gary Michael and Lori Crites, Treasurer to sign and execute all documents pertaining to American Rescue Plan account at the Grant County Bank and have signatory authority on the account. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hyre made a motion to authorize Mayor Gary Michael, the City of Petersburg and the Sanitary Board to enter a Wastewater Treatment Plant Management Contract with Miller Environmental Incorporated. Councilman Rumer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hyre made a motion to approve Emergency Waiver for Class III Wastewater Treatment employee. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Rumer 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 Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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Sarah J. Moomau, Recorder