

**CITY OF PETERSBURG
REGULAR MEETING
October 4, 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 Riggleman and Alvin Rumer

Councilman Riggleman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

Bob McCalley appeared before council to ask for the city council's approval to provide one-third of a matching fund grant. A \$25,000 LEDA grant was applied for through Senator Hamilton's office and it is necessary to match this grant money with local funds. Mr. McCalley is asking Grant County Commission, Grant County Board of Education and the City of Petersburg to share a one-third split of the matching funds asking each entity to contribute \$8,333.33 towards completing the Lunice Creek / Petersburg Elementary School section of the Petersburg Hike and Bike Trail. The larger grant that was applied for earlier with the Division of Highways, if attained, will be enhanced by this grant to allow the completion of the Lunice Creek section. Mr. McCalley explained if the project is not realized the city's portion will be returned.

Councilman Riggleman made a motion to contribute one-third (\$8,333.33) of the necessary matching funds for the \$25,000 grant application, with the understanding that if the project is not realized those funds are returned to the City of Petersburg. Councilman Hyre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Building Permits, Planning and Zoning: Councilman Rumer presented the following building permit applications for consideration by council:

#8940	William Kirtz	207 Grant St.	6Ft Fence (Wooden Panels)
#8933	Mike Feaster	111 Mountain View St	6 X 16 porch (wood)
#8928	Marcus Dolly	91 S Grove St	Extending end bay to make additional automatic bay
#8841	Jerome Geisler	101 Virginia Ave	Add carport 22' X 26" (metal) A frame roof
#8942	Greg & Louise Judy	508 Point Drive	Redo roof over house & garage – repairing deck

Councilman Rumer made a motion to approve the presented building permit applications except application number 3940 – he asked to table that application until the next meeting. Councilman Riggleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Michael asked if the new NAPA business understood they need to install the needed sidewalk along the side. Councilman Hyre said they agreed to install the sidewalk, they asked the city to do the work, however the city is unable to install sidewalks at this time so they will have to find a contractor. Councilman Hyre continued to say he feels the city should honor the sidewalk installations that have been negotiated previously. Mayor and council agreed to fulfill those agreements.

Cemetery, Refuse and Streets: Councilman Feaster and City Administrator Roxane Nelson continue to work on the price restructuring of the refuse pickup and dumpster fees. Mayor Michael reported they are also putting the banners on the light poles throughout Petersburg honoring our local Veteran Heroes.

Police: Councilman Riggleman presented the following letter of resignation by Petersburg Police Chief, Darius Stark.

October 1, 2021

Gary A. Michael
21 Mount View Street
Petersburg, WV 26847

Dear Mayor Michael and Counsel.

As I approach the completion of my twenty-ninth year in law enforcement and my sixth year as your Chief of Police at the Petersburg Police Department, the time has come for me to retire. I have not reached this decision without great thought and contemplation.

This letter is to serve as my official notice of intent to retire as the Chief of Police for the Petersburg Police Department, my retirement will be effective at the close of business on October 1, 2021.

I have truly enjoyed my tenure as the Chief of Police. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Petersburg for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve and protect this great city. Working with the citizens of Petersburg everyday has been one of the most rewarding times of my career.

Respectfully,

Darius Stark
Chief of Police

Councilman Rigglesman made a motion to accept Darius Stark's letter of retirement. Councilman Hyre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Rigglesman submitted a detailed report from Patrolman Daniel R. Lambert. The summation is as follows:

For the month of September 2021, the Petersburg Police Department received a total of 85 incidents. Of those, 23 were traffic stops.

The City Police investigated 2 vehicle accidents and logged 5 criminal investigations.

The attachment showed the Type Total Report obtained from the Grant County 911 Center. It gives the breakdown of all the different types of calls our officers have received and handled during the month of September. Just to be made aware, all calls our Officers receive/handle are recorded at the 911 center regardless of disposition.

V/R,
Daniel R. Lambert, Patrolman

Taxation and Finance: no report

Water, Recreation and Pool: no report

Sanitary Board: no report

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Michael announced Trick or Treat night as Saturday, October 30 between 6pm and 8 pm, he urged local residents to turn their porch light on if they are participating.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Councilman Riggleman made a motion to advertise for a Chief of Police for the City of Petersburg. Councilman Rumer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Riggleman made a motion to allow retired Chief of Police, Darius Stark to assume ownership, as per state code, of his service weapon, Sig P-226 SN# U828358 and his badge. Councilman Hyre seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Sarah J. Moomau, Recorder