

**CITY OF PETERSBURG
REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 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, Alvin Rumer and Mike Feaster

Councilman Hyre made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2021. Councilman Riggleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

George Ford and Scott Gossard appeared before the council to request \$15,000 for Valley View Golf Association from the city's ARP money allotment. The golf course has suffered from a loss of revenue through the past years. They are in dire need of updated equipment and maintenance ability. The request was made to offset the loss the golf course has suffered through the COVID. Mr. Ford and Mr. Gossard both discussed the asset it provides to our community and surrounding communities for tourism, local businesses, potential business and the school systems.

Kim Ruddle and Terry Lively of Region 8 appeared before the council to discuss the projected mapping project the city had requested. She wanted the council to describe the details we expect to have included in the mapping project. She described the difficulty in determining the city limits with the maps that have been made available to her. Ms. Ruddle stated there are discrepancies of each city limit map. We discussed each layer we would like to see as part of the project. Councilman Spanswick discussed being able to use the GPS meter location coordinates to map the water system. Councilman Riggleman asked if the use of the auto-CAD system would help with the water lines, valves and hydrants. Ms. Ruddle stated that it may if we can convert that information into a file that will translate. Mayor Michael stated we need to have a layer with the sewer system. Mayor Michael also stated that since both the water plant and the sewer plant have recently been upgraded it may be possible the contractors have the information we need for mapping. Mayor Michael asked Region 8 Director Terry Lively to check with those contractors to see what information is available. Discussion ensued as to the possibilities for this layered map. Councilman Hyre reiterated the need to definitively identify the city's limits as this project progresses. Kim Ruddle asked that the council create a list of the items they want to have included in the map project and send to her in an email.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

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

#8961 Jerry Oates

15 Lee St.

Front – Add concrete pad 10 X 40

Back – Tear down existing porch/roof & replace with concrete floor, posts, and roof joists.

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

Cemetery, Refuse and Streets: Councilman Feaster reported the maintenance department is repairing a lot of water leaks. The maintenance is also working on Christmas lights.

Police: no report

Taxation and Finance: Councilman Hyre presented the following letter for approval and signature:

*CITY OF PETERSBURG
21 Mountain View Street
Petersburg, WV 26847*

November 2, 2021

*Capital Security Management
Attention: Andrew Burke and Bill Stade
11710 Plaza America Drive
Suite 910
Reston, VA 20190*

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to declare authorization signatures to the following people regarding the City of Petersburg's interest-bearing account for City of Petersburg Cemetery Fund. The signatures are as follows, Gary A. Michael, Mayor; Bruce Hyre, Jr. Council; Sarah Moomau, Recorder and Roxane Nelson, City Administrator.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

*Sincerely,
Sarah J. Moomau*

Councilman Hyre made a motion to approve the letter and signature appointees. Councilman Riggleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Water, Recreation and Pool: no report

Sanitary Board: Mayor Michael reported that everything is good at the sewer plant, they have saved money on the pressing.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Hyre made a motion to adopt the following RESOLUTION:

PROCLAMATION

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the Preamble to the Constitution of West Virginia declares, "Since through Divine Providence we enjoy the blessings of civil, political and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God"; and

Whereas, the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of West Virginia guarantees religious freedom; and the "Sundays excepted" provision of Article 7, Chapter 14 historically recognizes Sunday as a day of rest and worship; and

Whereas, for many West Virginians, public school days once began with a daily Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and Bible reading; and

Whereas, the state songs, The West Virginia Hills and West Virginia My Home Sweet Home, contain the lyrics, "With their summits bathed in glory, lie our Prince Immanuel's land!" and "There I work, and I play, and I worship Sunday," and

Whereas, the influence of Christianity in West Virginia is evident by her many churches and Christian charities, ministries, missions and schools; cherished Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving holiday seasons; and a willingness of Mountaineers to love thy neighbor as thyself; and

Whereas, Thanksgiving week in an appropriate time to center attention on our thanks to Almighty God for His great and good Providence and for the Christian faith, which is part of West Virginia's and America's history.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim November 21-27, 2021 as:

Christian Heritage Week

in the Mountain State and invite all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty Eighth year of the State.

*Jim Justice
Governor*

By the Governor:

*Mac Warner
Secretary of State*

Councilman Rigglesman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Michael announced the 2020 was completed and was reviewed by council there were no unqualified findings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Councilman Hyre made a motion to purchase the Microsoft Program for computers at City Office. Councilman Rigglesman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spanswick made a motion to authorize the purchase of two new utility trucks for the water department and maintenance department with ARP money. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Rigglesman made a motion to approve the new refuse rates for the dumpsters. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hyre made a motion to move the city's American Rescue Plan account into an interest-bearing account. Councilman Rigglesman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Feaster made a motion to hire a maintenance department part time employee to full time. Councilman Rigglesman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spanswick made a motion to adjust a certain employees pay. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Rigglesman made a motion to hire Greg Campbell as the Chief of Police for City of Petersburg. Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Sarah J. Moomau, Recorder