**CITY OF PETERSBURG**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 4, 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 A Spanswick, Alvin Rumor and Mike Feaster

Councilman Hyre made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2022. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Rumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 16, 2022. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONS REQUESTING TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL**

Stacy Thomas, the West Virginia Community Development Hub coach for the City of Petersburg spoke to council. She has been serving as our town coach since the spring of 2020 and working with our community’s team. She reviewed our community projects and the coming transition for Petersburg into the DARRE program. She reminded the city council has committed to $2,500 toward the matching grant attained by HubCAP and that will be due in September 2022. She spoke about the upcoming transition to Downtown Appalachia Revitalizing Recreational Economy (DARRE) program. This program will kick off this summer with a downtown specific focus, they have a pool of funds to be used for downtown redevelopment. She continued to speak about the specifics of the DARRE program and the process by which it will be managed. She also spoke of the RFQ process for our local professionals to be qualified for service with the DARRE program. Ms. Thomas talked about our upcoming community assessment that will happen later in April and a survey that will help to create a community snapshot as we move forward with actionable items. She noted the partnership of this program for the current “HUB” towns with Northern Brownfields, WVU, Woodlands Community Lenders and Partner Community Capitals. Petersburg will host their Community Engagement Event on September 29, 2022.

Carla Kaposy appeared before the council to present the annual report for the Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She presented each council member with a packet of information regarding the promotion of Grant County’s tourism advancements. She gave each council person a copy of the actual annual report to the WV State Auditor’s office. She reviewed their primary mission to promote awareness, visibility, and the uniqueness of Grant County as a travel destination and to establish and sustain a successful recreation economy. She reviewed the tourism increase in our area and shared the many details of the success and destinations.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS**

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

#9017 Church of God 13 Myrtle Ave Carport-unloading area

#9018 Austin Smith 121 Shobe St Repair & Replace Retaining Wall

#9019 Jeff Roth 205 Virginia Ave Removing Trees, Putting in Fence, Garage,

Fiberglass Swimming Pool

#9021 Joe Crites 101 N. Grove St Building Pergola/ Small Shed

#9022 Gary Michael Mt View II Apartments Wood Fence 170 X 6ft

#9027 Herbert Williamson 105 Lawson Cypress Dr Wooden Deck 6 X 8ft

#9028 Jimmy Hendrix 12 East Ave Wood Out Building 10 X 12 ft & Back Deck

Ramp 16 X 3 ft

#9029 Graham Porter 310 Jefferson Ave Add Roof Over Existing Back Porch

#9008 Jeff Roth 24 N Grove St 40 X 20 House

#9030 Bruce Riggleman 109 Lee St Repair Concrete Under Carport

#9031 Eston Self 172 Houston Drive 14 x 26 Pavilion Lumber

Councilman Rumer made a motion to approve the presented building permit applications except for application #9008 Jeff Roth, he recommended that application be tabled. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Police:** Chief of Police, Greg Campbell presented the following report:

**Police Dept Monthly Activity Report for March**

Calls generated from Grant 911……………………………………….41

Calls generated from other sources……………………………………16

Investigations opened…………………………………………………. 3

Unattended Death

Identity Theft

Battery

Accident Reports………………………………………………………. 1

Warrants obtained………………………………………………………

Arrests (felony)…………………………………………………………

(misdemeanor)………………………………………………….

Citations………………………………………………………………...

Warnings………………………………………………………………..24

Property Maintenance Notices…………………………………………. 7

**Taxation and Finance:** no report

**Water, Recreation and Pool:** Councilman Spanswick reported they have the new lighting installed in the chemical room at the water plant.

**Sanitary Board:** no report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Hyre made a motion to approve the request from Region 8 Planning and Development for $2,467.00. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spanswick made a motion to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

*Whereas the City of Petersburg desires to give meaning to the guarantees of equal rights contained in the Constitution and laws of this State and the United States, and to encourage and bring about mutual self-respect and understanding among all citizens and groups in the City of Petersburg; and,*

*Whereas, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, sex, religion, color, age, physical or mental handicap or national origin;*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Petersburg, Grant County, West Virginia makes a firm commitment to do all within its power to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder and discrimination in housing.*

*Therefore, be it also resolved that a Fair Housing Law poster, which has the “Equal Housing Opportunity: logo, will be displayed at the Petersburg City Hall.*

*Therefore, be it also resolved that the following procedures will be used to accomplish the purpose of the aforementioned resolution:*

1. *The Petersburg City Council shall inform all City of Petersburg employees of the City’s commitment to fair housing.*
2. *The Petersburg City Council will post this resolution in the City’s building and other public places and publicize it.*
3. *The Petersburg City Council shall direct all employees to forward immediately t the Mayor any reports they receive of housing discrimination.*
4. *The Mayor shall forward such complaints to the West Virginia Human Rights Commission, 1321 Plaza East, Room 108A, Charleston, West Virginia, 25301 -1400, with 10 days of receipt of said complaint.*

Councilman Feaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Feaster made a motion to approve a contribution from the City’s ARPA funds to the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department up to $15,000, but the city must pay the invoices directly to their vendor. Councilman Spanswick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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Sarah Jane Moomau, Recorder