

MINUTES OF THE MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

HELD OCTOBER 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Penny Anderson at 6:00 p.m.

Present were; Council member, Walter Abbott, Council Member, Ashlyn DeWitt, Council member, Greg Randolph and Council member, Penny Anderson. Council member, Courtney Allen was absent.

Also present were; Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, Certified Waste Water Operator, Jesse Jones, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

D. J. Nuetzman submitted the highest bid for the Town's 2011 Police Vehicle and the DPW Dump Truck. The highest bid for the Dump truck was \$2,258.00 and the Police Vehicle was \$2,251.00.

Ashlyn DeWitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-6, a Resolution reducing the 2020 Budget by \$336,027.00. Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Public Hearing was opened to approve the 2021 Budget. There were no public comments concerning the 2021 Budget. The Public Hearing was closed. Ashlyn DeWitt made a motion to approve the 2021 for \$990,833.00. Greg Randolph seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Greg Randolph made a motion to approve the minutes, dated September 14, 2020. Penny Anderson seconded he motion. The minutes were approved.

Greg Randolph made a motion to approve the Claims dated October 12, totaling 132,303.82. Penny Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg Randolph made a motion to approve the September 2020 payroll Check Register. Penny Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Invoices from Curry & Associates were presented to the Council for approval. Greg Randolph made a motion to approve the invoice totaling \$152,545.31. Ashlyn DeWitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Council reviewed the adjustments made by the Utility Clerk that she has the authority to approve. The Council President signed off on the adjustments.

The Town received 4 bids for the replacement of the Town Hall furnace and air conditioner. Gary Smith submitted the lowest bid to install a New Town Hall Furnace and Air Conditioner for \$12,200.00. Penny Anderson made a motion to accept Gary Smith's bid for \$12,200.00. Greg Randolph seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Council President, Penny Anders met with a homeowner on Mulberry Street to hear their concerns about the holes in the yard from the former Storm Water project and a large stump the Town indicated they would remove after a tree was cut down. The Town hired Joey Chapman to remove the stumps in front of the Prices' and remove the stumps in front of the Gas Station and GMC Motors for \$400. DPW will get dirt to fill in the holes in the Prices' yard.

The Town had received a bid from Roger Hadley for \$1800.00 to install new flooring and paint Town Hall. Roger explained he planned to install the new flooring over the Town Hall carpet. The Council did not want the installation done that way. They want the carpet removed before installation of the new flooring. The Council is now looking for other interested contractors and secure bids for this project. Penny Anderson said she did not want Town Hall closed during this process. She wanted the contractor to be able to work nights and weekend.

Lee Robbins explained he is still waiting on the title work for 180 Grant Street so the Town can close on the property. Lee also explained the Council needs to secure bids for the demolition of the property after the Town receives ownership of the property. Lee suggested checking the house for a basement; oil tanks anything that would require more work. Then getting together a list of items the Town would like done as part of the demolition.

Ordinance 2020-8 was presented for 1st reading, which is authorizing the town to budget, appropriate and spend General Funds to promote the Town. The Ordinance includes the ways the money can be spent. Ashlyn DeWitt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-8. Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Ordinance 2020-9 was presented to the Council for review which is an Ordinance allowing backyard chickens in the Town. Council member, Courtney Allen was not present and since she is the member that is interested in this ordinance it was tabled until next meeting.

Ryan Swank, the Town Marshal provided the Police Department report. Ryan introduced a new Reserve to the Council, Nat Bowman. He has 3 years' experience working at the Johnson Co Jail. Chanda Gatton has asked for permission to put a mailbox in front of Town Hall for letters to Santa to be dropped into during December. The Council had no problem with this request. The Santa Train has been cancelled this year due to Covid. Ryan would like to do a theme of Santa riding the fire truck for Christmas Holidays. Candy would be given out as the Fire Truck was driven through each street of Morgantown.

Jesse Jones provided the DPW report. The department received the new truck that was ordered. The old one was traded in. The Plow Assembly is on order and should be ready in about 2 weeks. Wallace Construction should be out next week to do patching in Town. Jesse is working with the Fire Department to finish up the Well Head protected report. IDEM has reported they are satisfied with the Town's progress so far,

Greg Randolph made a motion to hire Curry & Associates to complete a Water Audit of the Town's Utilities to be in compliance with the new requirement which is due December 31, 2020. Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Last July the Town voted to increase Deputy, John Bise hourly wage from \$17.50 an hour to \$20.00 an hour. Ashlyn DeWitt made a motion to amend the 2020 Salary Ordinance effective July 19, 2020 on 1st reading. Greg Randolph seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Greg Randolph made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the amended 2020 Salary Ordinance on second and final reading. Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Several employees signed up for different plans with Aflac. The President asked the Council if they would be willing to pay for part of the premium. Lee suggested setting an amount per employee to use toward the insurance. There was discussion about what the Town might be able to do towards the insurance premium.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Council Meeting Minutes of, October 12, signed 2020 November 9, 2020

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

11/9/2020

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

Dated

Penny Anderson

Town Council President, Penny Anderson

Walter Abbott

Council Member, Walter Abbott

Courtney Allen

Council Member, Courtney Allen

Ashlyn DeWitt

Council Member, Ashlyn DeWitt

Council Member, Greg Randolph