

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MAY 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President, Penny Anderson at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge was led by Council member, Vern Snyder.

Present were; Council member, Walter Abbott, Council member, Courtney Allen, Council member Vern Snyder, Council member, Terry Poindexter and Council President, Penny Anderson.

Also present were; Town Attorney, Lee Robbins, Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, DPW , Jeff Downey, Utility Clerk, Becky Rose and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. Special guest was Grant Administrator, Kent Anderson.

Kent Anderson presented the Fair Labor Standards Contract between the Town of Morgantown and Kenna Consulting Grant Services, LLC. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion accept the contract. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Steve Leatherman with WTH Technology gave a presentation on GIS Mapping of the Town.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to increase the cell phone stipend from \$35 to \$45 a month and to add Council President, Penny Anderson and Utility Clerk, Becky Rose to those who receive the monthly stipend. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

There was discussion about the Park Contract with the Little League. A member of the league signed a contract but it was not the newer version. Courtney has the newer version and will send to Clerk Treasurer.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to increase the part time position from \$10 an hour to \$12. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Council member, Penny Anderson to approve the minutes, dated April 1 and April 21, 2021. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2021. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A motion to approve the Claims dated May 10, 2021 was made by Courtney Allen and seconded by Council member, Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the Check Register list for April 2021. The motion was seconded by Council member, Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

DPW, Jeff Downey presented 3 bids to the Council in regards to the demolition of the Grant Street house. The lowest bid was for \$23,900.00 submitted by Jack Bowyer. Council member, Courtney Allen, made a motion to accept the lowest bid for \$23,900.00 submitted by Jack Bowyer. Council President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed. Council member, Courtney Allen asked about having a tree removed by the dugout that is dead and could fall on someone. Jeff Downey said he would get a bid to have the tree removed and provide the bid to the Council at the next Council meeting.

Jeff Downey asked the Town Attorney to draft a Resolution to appoint two appraisers to consider two properties; a piece of property next to the Water Tower and a vacant lot behind the Eye Center. The Attorney will have the Resolution at the next meeting for approval.

SSI was hired to repair a major 15 inch water main break in a 4 inch line. The Town water had to be shut off and the water tower lost water. The water tower had to refill before the Town water could be turned back on.

Jeff asked the Council if they were receiving his department's mileage along with their time sheets. Jeff will be sending the journal of his and Jesse's daily work to Courtney on Fridays each week.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank provided information concerning a Grant for a new police vehicle in 2022. Right now he is looking at a USDA Grant and Kenna Consulting, Kent Anderson is willing to help Ryan through the process. The process could take up to 8 months, and might be based on the state of the Town's financial status or the Town's as a whole.

Ryan Swank is going to look into moving two of the Town's loans for Town vehicle from The New Washington Bank to Peoples. At the New Washington Bank the Town is paying twice what Peoples would offer at 2.75%. Peoples said they would look at both loans to see if it would be worth the Town to pay off the vehicles and refinance the loans.

1st Deputy, Jeff Conners will turn 65 and will no longer be using the Town's Health insurance as he will be on Medicare. Jeff asked the Council to consider paying his supplemental insurance. At this time the Town pays for the Clerk Treasurer's supplemental insurance. The cost of the

supplemental insurance is small compared to the monthly cost of Jeff's insurance now with Anthem. The Marshal will provide the Council with the insurance name and cost to the Council for a vote.

Ryan said he has 3 yards and he knows the properties will not be in compliance at the next meeting. One person is in prison, one is dead and the other has left the home and the property is about to go back to the bank. Some of the grass is 3 feet tall. Town Attorney, Lee Robbins said the Town needs to send notice to the property owners and get a 10 day clock running. Then whomever the Town hires to mow and clean up the properties can get starting work once the clock runs out. The bill for mowing the properties can be attached to a filed lien and the Town will get its money back eventually. Ryan said he had already sent out the notices but wants the Town to hire someone to mow the yards. Council President suggested Becky Rose's sons and husband to mow the yards. She will contact them to see if they are willing to do the yards.

Ryan asked the Town Attorney to take a look at a property on Highland Street across from the Fire Station. Ryan has sent several ordinance violations to this property and it is still in non-compliance. They never trim the property and there is a vehicle there with 2019 plates that parks in front of the house.

Lee Robbins complimented Ryan Swank on his work with the non-compliance issues in Morgantown.

There is a tree on a property located on Mulberry Street that the owner wants removed as it is encroaching on her fence. At one point where the tree is growing use to be a Town ally. There is a Storm Water drain in the area. It was decided by the Council to have Jeff Downey get an estimate from Bill Flora and Joey Chapmen to remove the trees at the Town Park next to the Dugout and the tree encroaching the property owner's fence.

Council President, Penny Anderson is very concerned over the street signs in Morgantown. Some are missing, some signs need added and the stop signs are not in compliance. Ryan Swank said he would be willing to work with Jeff Downey on getting all the signs updated in Town. The IPEP Grant will not open until July so the Town will have to wait until then to see if there is help by applying for this Grant.

Jeff Downey reported the safety barricades should be arriving this week. 35 barricades were ordered in which the Fire Department will reimburse the Town for 10 of the barricades.

Council President, Penny Anderson is concerned about the parking on Cross Street after Napa moves into their building, which is Vicki Pitcher's old building across from Town Hall. The President feels it should be no Parking on the side of the Napa store. There was discussion

concerning the problem with Town vehicles coming in and out of Town garage with parking on both sides of the street.

The discussion shifted to the Town Hall and Police Department parking. There are limited spaces for Town employees to park. Ryan Swank brought up a vacant lot behind the eye center next to Town Hall that is for sale. This lot would make a nice parking lot.

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins suggested adding the lot to the Resolution to Appoint Appraisers so the Town could begin the process. The President wanted to get the process moving she asked the attorney to prepare the Resolution to appoint the appraisers and she would call a short special meeting to begin the process before the next Council meeting.

Council member, Vern Snyder explained he is working on specs for the Town Hall remodel. After Vern gets the specs completed the Town can move on next to the bid process.

Council President, Penny Anderson wants the Council to look at what Peoples Bank can offer in the way of interest rates for the Town's General Fund bank account which is now at First Merchants Bank. The Town has over \$900,000.00 and get about \$30 dollars interest a month which is usually eaten up by the account's monthly account analysis fee.

Morgan Insurance will not have a liability insurance proposal until the next Council meeting.

The flags have come in to hang from the Street lights.

Council President, Penny Anderson asked Jeff Downey if he would get the curbs painted, the Main Street swept and the flags installed. Jeff said if you could get me more people besides the cc workers and the part time employee. The President suggested that Jeff and Ryan could help. Dylan the part time employee, Becky Rose the Utility Clerk along with Penny Anderson would work to get the flag hung from light poles.

Council President explained she wants to talk to Melonie Dallas about flowers and updating the Town's Main Street.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Council Meeting Minutes of May 10, signed June 14, 2021

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

June 14, 2021

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

Dated

Penny Anderson

Town Council President, Penny Anderson

Walter Abbott

Council Member, Walter Abbott

Courtney Allen

Council Member, Courtney Allen

Vern Snyder

Council Member, Vern Snyder

Terry Poindexter

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