

MORGANTOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Penny Anderson at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were; Walter Abbott, Courtney Allen, Terry Poindexter, Vern Snyder, and Council President, Penny Anderson. Also present were; DPW Kyle Rooks, Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins, and Clerk Treasurer Sharon McIntosh.

New Business

DPW passed on hiring a new employee at this time.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve purchasing a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Explorer for \$43,121.25 and to purchase new equipment for \$6,087.28 and pay for the installation of emergency equipment for \$1,600.00 for a total price of \$50,808.53. The motion was seconded by Council member, Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve the financing through Peoples Bank with a term of 36 months and an interest rate of 3.25% and to authorize Council President, Penny Anderson and Clerk Treasurer Sharon McIntosh to sign documents. The motion was seconded by Council member, Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

The low water pressure at Glen Brown's residence was discussed. Kyle Rooks reported it could cost up to \$65,000.00 to put in a 6-inch main that would increase Mr. Brown's water pressure. The town is waiting on the specks from Lori Young with Curry & Associates.

Kyle Rooks said he had nothing to report on the emergency water source for the town.

The Council reviewed the quotes from Intelli-Leap for updating the town web-site and training for the Utility Clerk on the web-site. After discussion it was decided to go with option #2 for \$5,000.00. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to go with option #2 for \$5,000.00 as long as the link to Gateway was included. This was seconded by Council President, Penny Anderson. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Attorney, Lee Robbins reported he has not received a response back from Terry Johnson about the Town's interest in a piece of property by the water tower. Lee now has Terry Johnson's phone number and he will contact him by phone.

Council member, Courtney Allen said she had 3 names to submit to serve on the Park Board.

The Playground equipment is scheduled to arrive on December 2022.

Courtney had been meeting with IU Rural Enhancement every two weeks. There will be a survey sent out to all residents to get back the public's ideas for the park. A Public Hearing will be held to give the residents an opportunity to give their thoughts on updating the park.

Financials

Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve the minutes dated August 8, 2022. This motion was seconded by Council member, Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve the August 2022 Payroll. Council President Penny Anderson, seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Lykins Pay Application #16 was presented to the Council for \$346,247.58 with \$17,312.39 to be held in retainage. Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve payment of Pay Application #16. Council President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

DPW Report

Kyle Rooks asked the Council to approve the purchase of \$3,800.00 for salt from Locke Trucking. Council member, Vern Snyder, made a motion to approve the purchase of salt for \$3,800.00. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Kyle Rooks reported the Lift Station on 135 has some issues that need to be addressed. He asked the Council to approve the purchase of 2VFDS for \$3,590.00 each and 2 Air Release Valves for \$1,676 each through Covalen. The total cost with products and installation is \$11,356.00 to be paid with ARP funds

Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve the repair and the parts for a total of \$11,356.00. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Kyle Rooks asked the Council to purchase 2 hydrants for \$6,264.55. Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to purchase 2 hydrants for \$6,264.55. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Kyle Rooks asked the Council to have both utility truck beds Line-X for a total of \$2,354.00. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to have both utility truck beds Line-X for \$2,354.00. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council President, Penny Anderson asked about the McAllister invoice. Kyle said Lykins is still working with Allister on adjusting the bill.

Council President Penny Anderson asked if the people who stole water from the town had every paid. They have not paid. Lee Robbins will write them a letter.

Council member, Vern Snyder explained David Whitaker who owns the Whitaker Chevrolet brought up an issue he had. Lykins had dug on his property to put in a new line. There is a private gas line there that was not on Centerpoint map for gas lines. Lykins had no reason to believe there was a private gas line there. The gas line runs from the big garage to the small garage and there is an alley between them There was discussion about the transfer of the alley. There is no record of the alley being transferred to Rawlins Whitaker. First Lykins said they would fix the damage then they came back and said David would have to fix the damage. As it stands it will have to be dug up again to do the repair. No decision was made on this issue.

Town Attorney

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins brough to the Council an Ordinance 2022-8 which would prohibit unlawful utility service and tampering with town utility systems and imposing penalties.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-8. Council President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Council member Walter Abbott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-8 on second and final reading. Council President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion . All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council President, Penny Anderson made a motion to approve amending Ordinance 2021-11 that would increase Kyle Rooks hourly wage to \$26.00 an hour. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to adopt on second and final reading. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Council Meeting Minutes for September 6, signed October 10, 2022

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

10/10/22

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

Dated

Penny Anderson

Town Council President, Penny Anderson

Walter Abbott

Council Member, Walter Abbott

Council Member, Courtney Allen

Vern Snyder

Council Member, Vern Snyder

Terry Poindexter

Council Member, Terry Poindexter