

TOWN OF MORGANTOWN SPECIAL MEETING

HELD MAY 31, 2023

The Town Council held a special meeting on May 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were; Penny Anderson, Joe Blevins, Walter Abbott and Council President, Courtney Allen. Absent was Council member, Jeremy Baker. Also present were; Town Attorney, Lee Robbins, DPW Kyle Rooks, Marshal, Ryan Swank and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. Special guests were; Jill Curry with Curry & Associates and Mike Kleinpeter with Kleinpeter Consulting Group.

Jill Curry, Project Manager with Curry & Associates spoke to the Council about the Town's interest in applying for a Water Planning Grant. The Water Planning Grant funds would help pay for the Preliminary Engineering Report which is needed to apply for the Water Improvement Grant. The Town has the need for a new well, an emergency water source, new meters as the meters are 10 years old, and there are 15 to 20 meters that do not read each month. Possible other needs will be discovered after the Preliminary Engineering Report is completed.

Mike Kleinpeter a Grant Administrator explained that OCRA Grant applications are due quarterly. A Water, Sewer, Stormwater utility study is eligible for a \$90,000 grant which requires a 10% match. Water and Sewer Grants up to \$700,000 requires at least requires a 20% match. Since the Town is finishing up the Sewer Improvement Project there is no need to include the Wastewater in the Planning Grant Study. There is a score of 450 that must be met by the Town to apply. Mike sees no problem with the Town meeting that score. Mike will write a letter to OCRA explaining that the Town does not a need to do a Sewer Study because this project is finishing up. The letter will ask permission to apply for a two-utility master planning grant for drinking water and storm water. The letter would be signed by the Council President and submitted on Morgantown letter head. Council President Courtney Allen wants to try and apply in the August funding round. Council member, Joe Blevins made a motion to hire Mike Kleinpeter as the new Grant Administrator for the Town of Morgantown. The motion was seconded by Council member, Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Playground equipment has been installed. It was determined that the surround installation was not covered in the invoice for the surround. The installation cost is \$6,250.00. Council member, Joe Blevins made a motion to approve the installation cost. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All Council members voted yes except for Council member, Penny Anderson who voted no. Motion did pass.

DPW, Kyle Rooks asked the Council about taking down the Christmas Angel on the front of Town Hall. Council member, Jeremy Baker had asked that the angel be taken down. Kyle explained it is very high and he does not do heights. Kyle had spoken to former employee, Joe Patton about using his bucket truck to remove the angel. Joe Patton would remove the angel for a cost of \$200.00. Council member, Penny Anderson made a motion to hire Joe Patton to remove the angel from the front of Town Hall. Council member, Joe Blevins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Kyle Rooks reported that the Grasshopper mower is not working properly and he would like to purchase a new mower and asked that the mower purchase be put in the 2024 budget. Kyle felt he might be able to get \$1,000.00 out of the older mower.

Attorney, Lee Robbins reported he contracted the other company completing the second appraisal of the Washington Street building and the appraisal was not complete. The Town can only pay the average of the two appraisals. The first appraisal came in at \$195,000.00 for the property. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

There will not be a Town Council meeting on June 12th as President, Courtney Allen and Attorney, Lee Robbins will be on vacation.

There was discussion of having a meeting on Tuesday, June 20, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the appraisals for the Washington Street buildings. Council President, Courtney Allen would like to find out when her daughter's soft ball tourney will begin before setting a final date. Courtney will find out and let everyone know.

The Council members reviewed the Claims. Council President, Courtney Allen asked the word donation be changed to reimbursement on the check made out to the Morgantown Little League, check #10195.

A motion was made by Council member, Joe Blevins to approve the Claims dated May 31st and totaled \$209,889.21. This motion was seconded by Council member, Penny Anderson. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The adoption of the Zoning Map change Ordinance was delayed till next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Council Meeting Minutes for May 31, 2023 signed July 10, 2023

ATTEST:

Sharon Mcintosh

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

7/10/23

Dated

Courtney Allen

Town Council President, Courtney Allen