

MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2024

The Town Council held a meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge was led by Council member, Courtney Allen. Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh noted Council members; Courtney Allen, Penny Anderson, Jeremy Baker, David Johnson and Council President, Joe Blevins were present. Also, present were Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, DPW, Kyle Rooks, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

Council President, Joe Blevins opened the Public Hearing for the utility rate increase for water and wastewater. There was no one from the public present at the Hearing therefore; no comments. The Public Hearing was then closed. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2024-1, posted rate increase for water. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. Members, Courtney Allen, Jeremy Baker, David Johnson and Joe Blevins voted for the rate increase. Council member, Penny Anderson abstained. Vote was 4 to 1. There will be a second reading at next months monthly meeting as there was not a total majority vote.

Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-2, the posted rate increase for wastewater. The motion was seconded by Council member, David Johnson. Members, Courtney Allen, Jeremy Baker, David Johnson and Joe Blevins vote for the rate increase and Council member, Penny Anderson abstained. Vote was 4 to 1. As there was not a majority vote on the Ordinance 2024-2 there will be a second reading at the Council meeting on March 11th.

Deputy, Emily Shields presented the Morgan County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Town Council for adoption. Adoption of the Plan would make Morgantown eligible for FEMA Hazard mitigation assistance grants with the County. Council member, Courtney Allen, made a motion to adopt the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. All members vote in favor of adoption of the Plan.

Council member, David Johnson made a motion to award the Community Crossing Paving Contract to Howard Paving and authorize, Council President, Joe Blevins to sign the contract. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council President, Joe Blevins gave the Council an update on the meeting with INDOT on the SR 135 Rehabilitation project on Washington Street. There could be a match of 10% required if the

Town cannot prove the date of when the water system was installed. INDOT will provide the Town a credit for the purchase of the Street Lights of the Town's own choosing. The Town will use stamped concrete instead of using the existing bricks on Washington Street. There will other meetings before the project begins. INDOT wants to meet with all business owners on Washington Street because the sidewalk will be removed right up to the entrance door and then replaced.

Council member, Penny Anderson made a motion to approve hiring Curry & Associates for \$2,500. to due a lead pipe inventory for the Town. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

There was a discussion about updating the Code Ordinance Book with America Legal but it was decided to wait until after the rate changes.

Attorney, Lee Robbins opened the Public Hearing for the Additional Appropriation, Resolution 2024-3 to add the ARP Fund \$23,727.00, Opioid Unrestricted Fund \$535.00 and Opioid Restricted Fund for \$1,250.00 to the 2024 Budget. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed to the public. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-3. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

For the Town to receive money from the County for Co-Edit, Capital Improvement the Town much update and pass a new Resolution 2024-2 and submit to the County. Council member, Jermey Baker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-2. The motion was seconded by Council member, David Johnson.

The Town had hired Hallway to survey the Sycamore Street property. The Council asked Town Attorney, Lee Robbins to write letters to 3 individuals that have personal property such as pool, abhor and a shed on the Town's Sycamore Street property and will give them until June 1st to have the items removed.

The contact with Susie Bass and Janet Alexander was presented to the Council for approval. The contract showed a 15% increase each. The Council wanted to revisit the contract yearly and asked that the section that talks about the 15% increase be removed. Council member, David Johnson made a motion to approve the contract with the requested revision. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

There was a correction to the Salary Ordinance changing the Utility Clerk Salary to be paid from 1/3 General, Water and Wastewater. Another change is paying the Clerk Treasurer from General, Water and Wastewater. These changes line up with the 2024 Budget.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the minutes dated January 8, 2024. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the minutes dated January 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member, David Johnson. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the Claims dated February 12, 2024. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the Payroll for January 2024. Council member, David Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the December 2023 Bank Rec. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, David Johnson made a motion to approve a refund toward Mr. Hess's account due to an accounting error. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank has advertised for the Deputy Marshal position. Jared Smith has 5 weeks left to attend the Police Academy.

DPW, Kyle Rooks asked permission to purchase patch to fill pot holes. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to give Kyle permission to purchase cold. Council member, David Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Kyle reported the company is almost finished installing the fiber optic material. Kyle has installed several new meters this past month.

A reminder of the 4 Fire Territory meetings dates that at least 3 Council members must attend.

Public Comment

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

FEBRUARY 12, 2024 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED & SIGNED MARCH 11, 2024

sharon mcintosh

DATE 3/11/2024

ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

SHARON MCINTOSH

Joe Blevins

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JOE BLEVINS

COURTNEY ALLEN

PENNY ANDERSON

Jeremy Baker
JEREMY BAKER

David Johnson
DAVID JOHNSON