

**MORGANTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Joe Blevins at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgantown Fire Department following the end of the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Council members present were; Jewel Blevins, Stacie Baker, Jeremy Baker, and Council President, Joe Blevins. Absent was Council member, Courtney Allen.

Also present were; Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, DPW, Kyle Rooks, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The adoption of the 2026 Budget was brought before the Council for final adoption. The 1st Public Hearing was held on September 8, 2025. Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to adopt the 2025-7 Budget ordinance for 2026. Council member, Jewel Blevins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

An Additional Appropriation for \$10,000.00 for Park was presented before the Council. Council member, Stacie Baker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-14 for an Additional Appropriation for \$10,000.00. Council member, Jewel Blevins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Council voted to reduce the 2025 budget by adopting Resolution 2025-12 for \$184,516.00. The motion to reduce the 2025 budget was made by Council member, Jewel Blevins. This was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor in the motion.

TOWN HALL SIGNS

Council President, Joe Blevins brought before the Council a quote for the exterior and interior signs along with installation. The quote was from Circle City Custom Signs and the total for all signs is \$3967.75. Council member, Jeremy Baker made the motion to approve the quote for the signs. Council member, Jewel Blevins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

APPRAISERS

The Council is still looking for two certified appraisers with reasonable rates to appraise the current Town Hall.

TOWN HALL UP DATE

There was fire in the ceiling of the meeting room in the new Town Hall project. The insurance company has settled for \$26,000.00 with a \$1,000.00 deductible to be paid by the Town. Council member Jewel Blevins made a motion to pay the deductible to Rose Construction for the town's portion of the insurance claim. Council member, Stacie Baker seconded the motion to approve the payment of \$1,000.00 deductible to Rose Construction for the claim to repair the beams in the ceiling as well as other fire damage. All members voted in favor of the motion. The data wiring that had been installed in the Town Hall project was destroyed by the fire. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve purchasing more data wiring. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Council President, Joe Blevins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh closed

on the Town Hall mortgage loan with Peoples Bank. The mortgage amount borrowed was \$235,000.00 for a term of 10 years at 4.550 percent.

INVOICE

Rose Construction presented a Pay Application for \$58,893.26 for work completed on the Town Hall remodel project. A motion was made by Council member, Jeremy Baker to approve the Pay Application for \$58,893.26. This was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

MAP OF WATER PROJECT

The Council were given copies of a map of the water project to review. One of the questions the council had was why does it only show 10 fire hydrants instead of replacing all fire hydrants. It was also noted the Elm Street portion of the project was extended. The Water Project actually began today with the contractors, Reed & Sons. All parties involved will meet on Tuesday the 14th to determine when the water from Brown County Water will be turned on.

PAY APPLICATION #4

A motion was made by Council member, Jeremy Baker to approve Reed & Sons Pay Application #4 for \$263,081.26. Council member, Stacie Baker seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.

YARD SPRINKLING ORDINANCE

At last month's meeting there was discussion about the Yard Sprinkling Ordinance and changes the Council would like made to the Ordinance. Town Attorney, Lee Robbins presented Ordinance 2025-6 which amends the previous ordinance by making this change. To receive the Yard Sprinkling credit a customer must file each year by May 1st to receive the credit. Previously the ordinance stated once you signed up for the credit that was all you needed to do.

DUMP TRUCK

The Town has sold the dump truck for \$11,000.00 and DPW, Kyle Rooks said he would like to purchase a dump trailer with the money. Kyle also said, he wanted to sell another trailer the town has stored at the Lagoon.

IDEM ACTION PLAN

Lori Young with Fleis & Vandenbrink has been working on an Action Plan to present to IDEM which will address the latest noncompliance letter from IDEM explaining several violations were found at the Lagoon at their inspection. The spreadsheet addresses all the violations listed in the noncompliance letter. Council President, Joe Blevins said there is continuing infiltration in the collection system where customers may have a sump pump and the Town will need to address the issue. The Town may have to smoke test some areas of the Town along with using a camera to view other areas of the system. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the Action Plan. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jermeiy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

PARK

On October 28th and 29th, Center Point will bring a Day of Caring to the Town Park. They will bring their own equipment and workers as they plan to spend two days working on several projects at the park. The batting cage will be removed. The fence around the ball field will be taken down so the workers can address the space where the cement wall used to be. The Park Board could hear something in February if the Town was approved to receive the DNR Grant they applied for on October 1st.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes to the September 8 council meeting was approved. Council member, Stacie Baker made a motion to approve the minutes dated September 8. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the September 30 meeting minutes. Council member, Stacie Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

CLAIMS

Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the claims dated September 8, 2025 for \$596,617.38. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

PAYROLL

Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the August 2025 payroll. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

BANK REC

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the September Bank Rec. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

MISC. TRANSFERS

Resolution #2025-11 which authorizes transfers was presented to the Council for approval. Council member, Stacie Baker made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-11. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Council member, Jewel Blevins spoke to the Council about the Town's health insurance for the employees. Jewel explained she had met with insurance agent, Kevin Parks who said he probably could not do any better than the insurance premium the Town was paying now. Kevin suggested checking out the Affordable Care Act on line. Kevin carries his own personal insurance through the Affordable Care Act. AIM Medical Trust is also another option for the Town to consider in comparing prices. Jewel, said she would like to see the benefits for health insurance more equal but doing so could prove difficult. Say for instance, one employee has only himself and the health insurance costs him \$45.00 a week. Another employee has a family of 4, spouse, and 2 children this employee pays over \$125.00 a week. The Town is paying more money for the family insurance plan compared to the one employee. It seems the employee with a family is getting more of a benefit when it comes to insurance. The Clerk Treasurer said the Town has had very few Family Plans compared to more Employee Only plans. She said if the Town had to provide insurance to more employees with a Family Plan it would be very expensive. At this time, the Town pays seventy five percent of the employees insurance benefits and the employees pay twenty five percent.

UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

Frenchy's Pub, at 150 W Washington Street discovered a leak under the female restroom at his business. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve a wastewater credit of \$256.56. Council member, Stacie Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Resident, Andrew Stapp, at 150 Middle Street had a leak located between the meter and the house which was underground. There were actually 2 splits and they were repaired at two different times. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the wastewater credit of \$1,063.65. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jewel Blevins wanted to remind residents that the Council follows the Ordinance when deciding whether a resident qualifies for a wastewater credit. Running toilets do not qualify for an adjustment. A running toilet would be repaired by the homeowner if you do not want it to affect your water bill. Leaks that cannot be seen such as a under the house in the crawl space or underground would qualify for a credit for the wastewater portion of the bill. The Council will follow the Ordinance and treat everyone the same in approving the adjustments.

POLICE REPORT

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank had a couple of quotes for an audio video system and security cameras for the new Town Hall. A quote from Live Wire for \$14,152.30 was the lowest quote. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the quote from Live Wire for \$14,152.30. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

DPW

DPW. Manager, Kyle Rooks explained that the Lift Station on South 135 is having a signal issue. The quote that Kyle received for the repair was for \$3,887.00. Kyle was asked to get another quote. If the new quote did not exceed the quote for \$3,887.00 Kyle could go ahead and have the repair made. Council member, Jeremy Baker made the motion to not to exceed \$3,887.00 for the repair. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Kyle said he would like to sell a small trailer that is stored at the Lagoon. He will be asking \$3,000 to \$3,500.00 for the trailer. Kyle said he must have a containment tank to store chemicals at the Lagoon. He needs two separate containers. The cost is \$1,753.00 each. Kyle is also looking for a carport to cover the containment tanks. Both of these expenses are listed as part of the IDEM Action Plan and were violations at an inspection in August. It was decided to revisit these two issues at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Council President.

OCTOBER 13, 2025 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED & SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Sharon McIntosh

DATE 11/10/25

ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

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Joe Blevins

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