

## 11/06/25 Council Meeting

Zenda asks Stanley Boyd for prayer, then Brian leads the pledge of allegiance.

At 6 pm Zenda Vance opens the meeting

Attending Zenda Vance, recorder (acting as Mayor), Gabe Pena, Brian Good, Lori Tabit, Okey Skidmore, Stanley Boyd, Matt Diederich, City Manager and Kathy Williams, Treasurer, Stan Casey, Police Captain sitting in for Chief Ty Hogan John Vernon, Fire Chief (by zoom).

### Approved minutes from prior meetings:

10/2/25 Brian made motion, second by Lori motion carries 5 - 0.

10/16/25 Stanley made the motion, second by Lori motion carries 5 - 0.

Approved financial statement Lori made motion, second by Brian motion carries 5 - 0.

### General Comments and Reminders

Second Ave. Bridge update.....Matt said the new DOH Pedestrian Bridge contract is progressing, the current situation with the Federal Government shutdown is slowing the process for getting updates about the construction plans.

### Council Comments:

**Gabe** updated about the Water Quality Board meeting on 10/28/25, the bid was approved pending legal review and the next step will be contacting the property owners.

**Brian** comments about the recent Park Board meeting. The new playground equipment, a newly built shelter and new picnic tables are coming. Plans are being discussed for the indoor facility building and everyone is excited about the possibilities this can bring.

**Lori** said the Fairs & Festival board met and discussed decorating the town for Christmas and she just wants to encourage residents and businesses to “light up the town this Christmas.”

**Okey** wants to remind everybody the food pantry needs help and a drop off point will be at the Memorial Building for non-perishable items.

**Zenda** reminds everyone of the Veterans Parade on Saturday, November 8th asking that everyone bring a veteran to ride in the parade. She also commented about Halloween trunk or treat, and a record number of children came out, and it was a huge success. She said the theme for Christmas this year is “Come on Home for

Christmas”

**Stanley** (*at a recent meeting at Town Hall this month*), spoke with WV State treasurer about the need at the Food Pantry and what the state can do to help. He also commented on Hill Hall Hotel construction is coming along beautifully and the storage units have now started construction located behind Dollar General.

Department Reports:

**Chief John Vernon** (by zoom) regarding the Fire Dept. See attached report for details.

**Captain Stan Casey** regarding the Police Department. See attached report for details.

**Matt Diedrich** for the city manager updates. See attached report for details.

Visitor Comments:

**Arielle Ott 345 Beckwith Rd, Fayetteville** spoke regarding the solar ground mount at their home off of Rt. 16. regarding the zoning ordinance. She asks why it is a conditional permit and Gabe responds that this was discussed in a zoning meeting. The ground solar mounts fit better in a commercial area, but she can bring it to the Zoning Board of Appeals to look closer at this specific home and consider everything and keep an “eye-sore” in the neighborhood from happening.

**Brian (wife, Katie) Washington, 113 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Fayetteville.....**The new streetlights (LED) are too bright. Matt responded that he had made some calls to Appalachian Power Co and requested the streetlights to be changed from 120k to 40k and was told the 40k is on order. Mr. Washington asked if we could get an amber filter or reduce more streetlights to 40k. Matt responded filters will come from Appalachian Power Co and the lights will be changed to 40k soon. All old streetlights are being changed to LED, but residential streets will be changing to 40k.

**Jenni Snead and Matt Rowe** signed up but declined to speak.

**Dina** spoke regarding the solar on the roof she currently has, and she wants to expand and needs clarity and more information. She emailed Matt and Carl about ground mounts. Gabe responded to her concerns and will give her info regarding upcoming zoning meetings.

**Eric Dron** from the Frogtown area spoke regarding the streetlights being too bright, wanting to know if the residents can pick light color. Matt responded that choice is up to Appalachian Power Co.

**Heather Ransom with Solar Holler** (by zoom) she is based out of Huntington. She wanted to make sure she understood the ordinances regarding solar panels. Rooftops are permitted; Ground is conditional use.

Unfinished Business:

Kathy presented General Fund Budget Revision asking if there were any questions, there were none. Lori made motion, second by Gabe. motion carries 5 - 0.

New Business:

**Discuss and Act on Special ABC request from Christmas Sampler event** for the Love Hope Arts Center for Friday, December 5, 2025, 6 – 9 pm. Janet Proctor was present and said it is a one-day single use permit and mentioned the center could have a food drive that evening as well to help the food pantry. Lori made motion, second by Brian. (Okey declined) motion carries 4 - 0.

**Discuss and Act on request by Tabitha Stover for Court Street closure** for Saturday, January 24, 2026, for the Wizard Weekend Event. Brian made motion, second by Lori (Okey Declined) motion carries 4 – 0.

**Discuss and Act on proposal with ECS for sediment sampling for the Wolf Creek Dam Removal Project-with approximately \$90,000 reimbursement from NRCS** (*National River Conservation Resource*). Thomas Rebar ECS was present to give an update and answer any questions. Carl Moore (*resident*) spoke about the closure of the Wolf Creek Dam and the water contamination from Lochgelly area. His concern is that without that dam, the contamination will go into the water supply and create health issues, and he referred to the Minden area problems. Gabe responded about the concern of how safe the dam is and asked about the timeline. Sampling will be done in the Spring of 2026. Thomas Rebar responded that they are just sampling to see what can be done. Matt responded if the count is too high, we will have to remove the reservoir. Brian also commented the town does not want the dam to “blow-out”. Council discussed the signing of the contract regarding the \$90,000 reimbursement. Brian made motion, second by Gabe. motion carries 5 – 0.

**Discuss and Act on proposal with EL Robinson** repair of Reynolds Street wall for a plan and mapping, \$20,000 to be paid from Stormwater line item. Gabe made motion, second by Brian motion carries 5 – 0.

**Discuss and Act on proposal with Terradon** for Court/Maple Corner bump out. Zenda commented we have so many complaints about this problem. Plan to start construction @ \$9,480. Okey made motion, second by Stanley motion carries 5 – 0.

**Discuss and Act on proposal with Terradon** for correcting the problem with Short Street before Pavement in the Spring of 2026. Terradon costs \$2,875 to find a solution. Stanley made motion, second by Brian motion carries 5 – 0.

**Discuss and Act on clarification of clerical error on ordinances 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1318.** After researching it was determined that no error was made, and this does not need motion.

**Discuss and Act on the hiring of Patrick Bragg,** full-time Street Department at the a of \$18.50 per hour starting on November 17, 2025, contingent upon initial drug testing. Okey made motion, second by Lori motion carries 5 – 0.

**Discuss and Act on the hiring of an interim attorney in the absence of Town Attorney.** The town attorney recommends Bill File, and he will be needed one month, two months at the most. Brian made motion, second by Lori motion carries 5 – 0.

Brian made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice.

Start time 7 pm and ended at 7:16 pm with no decision being rendered.

Stanley made a motion to adjourn and second by Gabe.

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Zenda Vance (Recorder Acting as Mayor)

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Kathy Williams, (Treasurer Acting as Recorder)