

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Present: Mayor David Velegol, City Manager Joe DiBartolomeo and City Clerk Dave Kurcina

Council: Tammy Johnson, Charles McCoy, Nick Cekinovich,
Alexis Russell, Wendy DeAngelis and John Casinelli

Also: Public Works Director Steve Meca, Police Captain Rick Reinard and Police Officer Dan Casto

Absent: City Attorney Mike Gaudio

Place: Council Chamber

Time: 6:00 p.m.

John DeStefano Memorial Bench Dedication

The Mayor, City Manager and Council dedicated a Memorial Bench in front of the City Building for former City Manager John DeStefano. Julie Piergallini, daughter of John, on behalf of her father and family, thanked the City of Follansbee for honoring him in this special way. Joe mentioned how much he was involved with the West Virginia Municipal League over the years. John passed away last year after serving as the City Manager for the past 16 years and before that he was a member of Council.

Public Request

Rich Suddoth (809 Terika Drive) – He was at the meeting to ask what the City can do about kids riding their motorcycles and ATV's on the streets on Parkview. He noted they speed and make a lot of noise. Alexis would like for the city to pass an Ordinance on this issue to solve this problem. Officer Reinard noted that the kids have been caught in the past and citations have been issued. Joe noted that there are enough current laws that can be enforced on this issue.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2nd by John Casinelli to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimous

Motion by John Casinelli/ 2nd by Nick Cekinovich to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 Committee As A Whole Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimous

Police Department Report

Motion by John Casinelli/ 2nd by Nick Cekinovich to approve the Police Department Report. Motion Carried Unanimous

Fire Department Report

Motion by Nick Cekinovich / 2nd by Wendy DeAngelis to approve the Fire Department Report. Motion Carried Unanimous

Financial Data

Motion by Charles McCoy/ 2nd by Wendy DeAngelis to approve the Financial Data. Motion Carried Unanimous

Bills of Account

The Bills of Account were not available.

UDAG Bills

There were no UDAG Bills.

New Business

- a. **Light Up Night** – Monica was at the meeting and she is asking for a Budget of \$2,300.00. The Mayor noted that last year the Budget was set at \$3,000.00. The event will take place on Saturday December 3rd. The parade will start at 4:00 p.m. and Santa will arrive at 5:15.
Motion by John Casinelli/ 2nd by Alexis Russell to approve a Budget of \$3,000.00 for the Light Up Night event. Motion Carried Unanimous

- b. **Joe Edmiston's Contract** – The Mayor is asking for Council to re-new the contract for the City's Grant Writer, Joe Edmiston, for 1 year at a cost of \$10,000.00. He noted that Joe has brought in \$14 million dollars for the City in the way of Grants. Alexis would like to see the Contract and a listing to what has occurred and what did the Contract actually say. The Mayor will send a copy of the Contract to Council and Joe to attend the next Council Meeting to answer any questions.

- c. **Market Street Bridge Signs** – The Office personnel is still working on this issue. This item will be on the Agenda for next month.

City Manager Comments

Joe stated that there are major water problems in the City as far as leaks and residents using water that has not been metered. He also thanked all of the City Employees for their hard work with a limited number of Employees.

Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2nd by Alexis Russell to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Carried

David P. Kurcina, City Clerk