

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

DECEMBER 12, 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 Chief Larry Rea and  
Police Captain Rick Reinard

Absent: City Attorney Mike Gaudio

Place: Council Chamber

Time: 6:00 p.m.

### **Congratulations**

The Mayor and Council congratulated Mark Kafton for winning the James Long Memorial Award from the Follansbee Volunteer Fire Department.

### **Public Request**

**Katy O’Connell and Bruce Cionni (Wellsburg Elks)** – On behalf of the Wellsburg Elks, they were at the meeting to present a check of \$500.00 to Police Chief Larry Rea to help out with the safety programs in the school.

**Natalie Rocchio** – She is asking what City Council’s plans after the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Meeting on Wednesday are. This meeting is about the new Medical Waste Treatment Plant from Diversified Energy. The Mayor noted that the City will have to issue a permit for construction. The Company will also have to submit construction details to the City. He also stated that there will be a Special Meeting on this issue.

**Skip Cutrone** – He stated that there are 42 streetlights that are currently not working on Main Street. He wanted to know how many Solar Lights the City is planning on purchasing. John noted that the City will be replacing the streetlights on the east side of Main Street first. The Mayor said that the Project will go out to bid in January with construction starting on April 1<sup>st</sup> or May 1<sup>st</sup>. Skip also asked about the Medical Waste Plant. The Mayor replied that Council only approved a Building Permit for the Building.

### **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by John Casinelli / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Cekinovich to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Johnson to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Committee As A Whole Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Police Department Report**

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

**Fire Department Report**

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

**Financial Data**

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Johnson to approve the Financial Data. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Bills of Account**

**Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Johnson to approve the November Bills of Account. Motion Carried Unanimous**

Nick questioned why the Comcast Bill is not listed every month.

**Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Casinelli to approve the December Bills of Account. Motion Carried Unanimous**

Wendy would like to see the Budget information on a monthly basis.

**UDAG Bills**

**There were no UDAG Bills.**

**New Business**

- a. **Joe Edmiston's Contract** – Joe was at the meeting and stated that there was misinformation that was mentioned in the meeting last week. There has been no written reporting to the Mayor and City Manager, only verbal communication. He handed out a sample update report that he would provide to the Mayor after the first of every month. To clear up any issues that was said at the last meeting, he noted that the Mayor and the City Manager has their best interest in the City of Follansbee. Alexis wanted a list of what Grants the City has applied for and what has been received under the previous contract. She had asked for this report at the last meeting. **Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles McCoy to approve a 1-year contract from Grant Writer Joe Edmiston at a cost of \$10,000.00. Motion Carried 4 in favor  
2 opposed (Alexis Russell and Tammy Johnson)**

- b. **Solar Lights** – Nick handed out quotes from Solar Lighting International.  
**Motion by Alexis Russell/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Casinelli to purchase 18 Solar Lights from Solar Lighting International at a cost of \$24,782.00. Motion Carried Unanimous**
- c. **Year End Adjustment** – It was discussed to have each Full Time Employee clear \$300.00 and for the Part Time Employees, have their amount be based on hours worked in 2022.  
**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Cekinovich to approve a Year End of Adjustment of \$300.00 for a Full Time Employee and for Part Time Employees, to have the amount based on hours worked in 2022. Motion Carried Unanimous**
- d. **Market Street Bridge Signs** - The Mayor will talk to the West Virginia Department of Highways or the County Commissioners to help with the cost. This item will be on Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

### **City Manager Comments**

Joe stated that his priorities continue to be with the water and sewer problems. There are still issues that are being worked on and he is asking Council to be patient. During a discussion, Nick would like for each Council Member to come up with project ideas and present them at a workshop after the first of the year.

### **Information**

Alexis submitted the Budget from Light Up Night. She also announced that next year's event will take place on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Motion by Alexis Russell/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Johnson to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Carried**

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**David P. Kurcina, City Clerk**