

**REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2014:** The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** City Manager Jeff Mikorski, Assistant City Manager of Operations Glen Kelly, City Attorney Steve Fanok, City Clerk Linda Little, and Council Members: Ron Bane, Bill Kawecki, Wes Nugent, Marti Shamberger, Mike Fike and Nancy Ganz. Mayor Jenny Selin was absent.

The Meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Shamberger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 7, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved as presented by acclamation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Deputy Mayor Shamberger noted that many emails have been sent to her with regard to the equality resolutions which will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting following the conclusion of the Regular Meeting. She noted the names of those who voiced their opinions.

**PUBLIC HEARING - AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY, AS LESSOR, AND MOUNTAINEER CONTRACTORS, INC., AS LESSEE, AND PERTAINING TO OFFICE SPACE WITHIN THE TERMINAL BUILDING OF THE MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.**

There being no appearances, Deputy Mayor Shamberger declared the Public Hearing closed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:** The below entitled Ordinance was presented for second reading:

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Motion by Fike, second by Kawecki, to adopt the above entitled Ordinance. After discussion, motion carried 6-0.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** By acclamation of Council, William Blosser was appointed to the Traffic Commission; and Ashley Kyber was appointed to the Urban Landscape Commission.

Councilor Fike noted with regard to the Human Rights Commission, that a majority of Council Members agreed to discuss the equality resolutions on the Committee of the Whole agenda, following the conclusion of the Regular Meeting.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** There being no appearances, Deputy Mayor Shamberger declared the public portion closed.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Deputy Mayor Shamberger announced the first meeting of the Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission for Thursday, January 30, 2014.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT:**

INFORMATION:

1. City of Morgantown Branding Project

Mr. Mikorski explained that the consulting team could not travel to Morgantown last week due to the weather, and the meeting has been rescheduled for February. He noted that focus groups, public comment periods and open forums are planned as part of the branding effort.

2. Solar Roof Electric Power Generation

Mr. Mikorski reported that the amount of solar power generated by solar panels on the roof of the Morgantown Market Place can be tracked through a link available on the City's website.

Additionally, Mr. Mikorski conveyed winter weather maintenance statistics including man-hours spent by city employees, salt and cinders used. He assured citizens that the Public Works department and its employees have been working around the clock to keep up with the challenge. He noted that only City Streets are plowed and they are maintained in order of primary, secondary and tertiary importance for safety.

Deputy Mayor Shamberger inquired whether there was enough salt to continue road treatments for the remainder of the winter. Mr. Mikorski assured her of the ample supply. Councilor Kawecki then asked for more details concerning the focus groups involved with the branding project, and there was some discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Walnut Street Streetscape Engineering and Design Contract

After explanation from the Manager, and discussion by Council about contract and project details, motion by Nugent, second by Kawecki to approve of the contract with AECOM as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

2. FY 2014 City Street Paving List

After explanation from the Manager, and discussion about how the needs of streets for paving is determined, Councilor Ganz informed the Manager she would vote no, suggesting that new criteria be used in determining which thoroughfares to pave and asking that the paving list be re-evaluated. Motion by Kawecki, second by Fike to approve to paving list as presented. Motion carried 5-1. Councilor Ganz voted NO.

**REPORT FROM CITY CLERK:** Ms. Little reminded Council of their updated reservations for the rescheduled WV Municipal League Conference in February. She also noted that copies of budget discussion documents were handed out before the meeting for Council's reference during the Committee of the Whole following the Regular Meeting.

**REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilor Bane:

No report.

Councilor Kawecki: No report.

Councilor Nugent: Councilor Nugent thanked the City employees who have worked to maintain the roads during the recent weather events and thanked those who have been responsive to the needs of pedestrians as well.

Councilor Fike: Councilor Fike also thanked the City for its diligence during the weather events. He noted both positive and negative comments he received from the public with regard to the City's performance during the weather events.

Councilor Ganz: Councilor Ganz echoed thanks for the City and employees. She discussed the business after hours event and the related newspaper feature. She announced the upcoming meeting of the Suncrest Neighborhood Association meeting and special guests that will attend and speak.

Deputy Mayor Shamberger: Deputy Mayor Shamberger discussed MLK day events including an art display at the Mon Art Center, breakfast and event at the Met Theatre. She announced the MPO bicycle plan meeting, Morgantown Museum reception, Chinese New Year at the Mountainlair, and an Empty Bowls charity event.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further items of business or discussion, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:40 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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