

REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 7, 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 7, 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, Mayor Jenny Selin and Council Members: Ron Bane, Bill Kawecki, Wes Nugent, Marti Shamberger, Mike Fike and Nancy Ganz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting and Special Meetings of 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm were approved as presented by acclamation.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: By acclamation of Council, Clement Solomon was accepted as the joint City/County nomination for WVU representative on the Mountain Line Transit Authority Board of Directors.

PUBLIC PORTION: There being no appearances, Mayor Selin declared the public portion closed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: No reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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.

Motion by Bane, second by Nugent to pass the above entitled Ordinance to second reading. After explanation from the City Manager and discussion, motion carried 7-0.

A RESOLUTION TO ADMINISTER GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF FORESTRY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC TREES IN THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN: The above entitled Resolution was presented for approval.

Motion by Bane, second by Ganz to approve the above entitled Resolution. After explanation from the City Manager and discussion, motion carried 7-0.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

INFORMATION:

1. FY 2015 Budget Schedule

Mr. Mikorski presented the schedule for the FY 2014-2015 budget approval process.

Mr. Mikorski then discussed the treatment of road conditions and explained that Council in the past has requested abrasives such as cinders not be used in treatment of winter roads. He stated that salt is only effective up to a certain temperature, and when there is an extreme drop in temperatures, salt cannot be used to make hills and curves safe. He asked Council to

acknowledge that cinders will be placed only in areas needed for safety, and only at times when temperatures are cold enough that salt is not effective.

Council members discussed different types of abrasives and then Councilor Ganz asked that a press release be published explaining the history and process the City will use for road treatments to inform the public on the matter. Councilor Kawecky asked that the areas to be cindered be identified in the press release. It was discussed that the list of expected areas to be cindered is subject to change as conditions dictate. Discussion continued, and Mr. Mikorski stated administration will work on the requested press release and list.

Mayor Selin then requested the Manager give a report about the warming stations in place during the extreme cold. Mr. Mikorski replied that the pipes froze at the warming station located at the Woodburn School multi-use building and the three persons using the warming station were moved to St. Johns church.

REPORT FROM CITY CLERK: No report.

REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY: No report.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilor Bane: No report.

Councilor Kawecky: No report.

Councilor Nugent: No report.

Councilor Shamberger: Councilor Shamberger stated that the warming station was a great use of the Woodburn School building, despite the frozen pipes. She announced various upcoming MLK Day events, and the Chinese New Year celebrations at the Mountain Lair in February.

Councilor Fike: Councilor Fike mentioned he was pleased to receive the report from the visioning meeting, and looks forward to working towards those objectives.

Councilor Ganz: Councilor Ganz thanked the Police for their diligence in solving crimes and welcomed back the WVU Students. She noted that the WVU Presidential Selection Committee did not include anyone from the Town & Gown Association or a City representative. She encouraged citizens to participate in sled riding and take advantage of sledding hills and dog parks. She announced participation in Mon County Legislative Day at the Capitol.

Mayor Selin: Mayor Selin noted that low airfares are still available from MGW to Dulles. She announced the WV Municipal League Conference and the Clerk's involvement in organizing the Election Seminar. She noted Mon County Day at the Legislature will focus on transportation. She thanked the Management Partners for their help with Council's visioning process and asked Council Members who have not yet approved the document from the Management Partners to do so, and then contact the City Manager. She noted that she

appreciates working with the other Council Members and looks forward to working with budgeting, Town & Gown, Chamber of Commerce, MPO, Mon County, other Municipalities, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Main Street Morgantown, the Airport, Arts Mon, the MAC, BOPARC, MUB and others, in the new year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items of business or discussion, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:38 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

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