

REGULAR MEETING January 19, 2016: The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: City Manager Jeff Mikorski, City Clerk Linda Tucker, Mayor Marti Shamberger, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Assistant City Manager Glen Kelly and Council Members: Ron Bane, Deputy Mayor Bill Kawecki, Wes Nugent, Jenny Selin, Jay Redmond, and Nancy Ganz.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shamberger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Shamberger requested that the minutes of December 15, 2015 be deferred for approval until the February 2, 2016 meeting. Motioned by acclamation to defer minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Shamberger presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Justin Knotts for his assistance apprehending a suspect that attempted to flee the scene of an accident. Councilor Ganz referenced an e-mail (**Exhibit A**) she received stating that Rich and Bettina Dennis support the reservoir project; but believes the City should seek a comprehensive plan. Exhibit A. Mayor Shamberger announced the following activities: Arts Mon, Arts Exhibit, January 19-February 5, 2016; Benefit for Boys & Girls Club, Old Stone House, January 18-January 30, 2016; Family Fireside Reading, January 19, 2016-February 16, 2016; One Act Festival 2016, January 22-23, 2016, M.T. Pockets; Mars 2614, January 23, 2016 at Morgantown Public Library.

Mayor Shamberger announced that the Public Hearing Notices A through D will be taken off the agenda this evening per the request of MUB and will be on the February 2, 2016 agenda. She noted that anyone wishing to comment on these items could do so during the Public Portion.

PUBLIC HEARING - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER PORTION OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$100,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 A (TAX EXEMPT); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF, AND THE SECURITY FOR, THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS.

Mayor Shamberger declared this Public Hearing open.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER PORTION OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$30,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 B (TAX) EXEMPT-EXTRAORDINARY OPTIONAL CALL); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF, AND THE SECURITY FOR, THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND

DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS.

Mayor Shamberger declared this Public Hearing open.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER PORTION OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THEREOF THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 C (WEST VIRGINIA SRF PROGRAM); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

Mayor Shamberger declared this Public Hearing open.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POTABLE WATER PORTION OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$40,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 D (TAX EXEMPT); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF, AND THE SECURITY FOR, THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS.

Mayor Shamberger declared this Public Hearing open.

Susan Elkin, 408 Cobun Creek Road, asked Council if there was a plan available or schedule for this reservoir. She then commented that spending this amount of money without a plan is irresponsible.

Tom Richards, 253 Cobun Valley Lane, commented that he opposes the reservoir project.

Rebecca Singleton, 225 Lebanon Street, stated that she is present to show support of those living in the Cobun Creek area and hopes Council does not proceed with this project.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AN ORDINANCE ISSUING \$100,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER PORTION OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$100,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 A (TAX EXEMPT); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF, AND THE SECURITY FOR, THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS.

Motion by Selin, second by Ganz, to approve the above entitled Ordinance for third reading. After discussion, Councilor Selin and Ganz rescinded their motion to return to the Public Hearings portion of the agenda. Motion by Ganz, second by Selin to approve the above-entitled Ordinance for third reading. Mayor Shamberger requested consensus from Council to suspend the rules to have Tim Ball, MUB Director answer questions. Approved by consensus. After question and answer session, Ordinance was moved to third reading by 7-0 vote.

AN ORDINANCE ISSUING \$30,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER PORTION OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$30,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 B (TAX EXEMPT-EXTRAORDINARY OPTIONAL CALL); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF, AND THE SECURITY FOR, THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS.

After discussion, motion by Ganz, second by Selin, to approve the above entitled Ordinance to third reading. Motion carried 7-0.

AN ORDINANCE ISSUING \$10,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER

PORTION OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THEREOF THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 C (WEST VIRGINIA SRF PROGRAM); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

City Manager summarized, motion by Ganz, second by Selin, to approve the above entitled Ordinance to third reading. Motion carried 7-0.

AN ORDINANCE ISSUING \$40,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POTABLE WATER PORTION OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$40,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016 D (TAX EXEMPT); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF, AND THE SECURITY FOR, THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS.

After discussion, motion by Kawecki, second by Selin to approve the above entitled Ordinance to third reading. Motion carried 5-2. (Nugent & Redmond Voted No)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Motion by acclamation to re-appoint Jenny Dinsmore to the Transit Board as the City Appointment.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Shamberger declared the Public Portion open.

Alice Meehan, 888 Vandalia Road, acknowledges good work of all but commended Ganz, Selin, Shamberger and Kawecki for their service to the community.

Bill Reger-Nash, 304 Dream Catcher Circle, Vice-Chair Pedestrian Board, supports Councilor Selin's vision of a walking trail at the reservoir. He stated he supports the hard work this Council does, and for their support of the pedestrian board. He noted he is frustrated that Council members are being targeted for a frivolous lawsuit.

Barbara Howe, 432 Riley Street, thanked the City for their support of the 10th Annual Martin Luther King event, at which over 300 people attended.

Rich Brooks, 112 Forest Drive, commented on the pending litigation against Council. Mr. Brooks stated that 25 voters is such a low bar to be able to take action against our Elected Officials. Mr. Brooks noted that this Council is civic minded and is doing a good job for little pay they receive.

Kathleen Labys, 221 Grand Street, stated she has lived in this community for a long time and supports the four Council Members that are being petitioned out of office. She stated this is awful and shows politics at its worst.

Don Spencer, 565 Harvard Avenue, referenced the book of Matthew and the letters that mentions the writing's and the gospel's. He then referenced that the three Councilor's that signed the petition consider something different by withdrawing their support now for the betterment of Council and Community.

Susan Elkin, 408 Cobun Creek Road, stated that she is affected by the reservoir and does not want to sell her land.

Randy Jones, 762 Spring Ranch Road, commended the community for the MLK events stating all were well attended.

There being no more appearances, Mayor Shamberger declared the Public Portion closed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilor Redmond requested the City Manager forward a letter of concerns that he should have received to Council on the University Avenue project.

NEW BUSINESS:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN.

City Manager explained, motion by Kaweck, second by Ganz, to pass the above entitled ordinance to second reading. Council suspended the rules to have Tim Ball, MUB Director answer questions of Council. After question and answers were taken, Council voted. Motion carried 7-0.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.03 FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.03 OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN'S STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE BY SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN.

City Manager explained, motion by Selin, second by Ganz, to pass the above entitled ordinance to second reading. Requested by Council for Tim Ball, MUB Director to answer questions. Council

suspended the rules by consensus for him to speak. After question and answer session vote taken. Motion carried 7-0.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AND A WATER RESERVOIR: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER PORTIONS OF THE EXISTING COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AND A WATER RESERVOIR.

Motion by Ganz, second by Kawecki to pass the above entitled Ordinance to second reading. Rules were suspended to have Tim Ball, MUB Director, answer questions to Council. After discussion, vote was taken. Motion carried 5-2. (Bane and Redmond Voted No)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MONONGALIA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR MINERAL INTERESTS IN 122.34 ACRES NEAR THE MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT: The below entitled Ordinance was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MONONGALIA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR MINERAL INTERESTS IN 122.34 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, NEAR THE MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Motion by Bane, second by Redmond to pass the above entitled Ordinance to second reading. City Manager explained the Ordinance. Council suspended the rules by consensus to have Holly Childs, Mon County Development Authority answer questions to Council. After discussion, vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

Information

1. Fiscal year 2016-2017 Budget Schedules

City Manager updated Council that City Administration is currently working to develop the FY 2017 budget with the Finance Department and with department directors to determine needs of each department. The following is a summary of the goals for adopting the FY 2017 budget. Additional meetings or Special meetings can be added to provide clarification of direction from Council prior to approval of the budget:

- **February 5th** – Deadline for City and non-profit agency requests for funding.
- **February 15th** – City Manager recommended budget is provided to City Council
- **March 1st** – Council approves first reading of adoption of next fiscal year’s budget
- **March 15th** – Council approves second reading of adoption of next fiscal year’s budget

Immediately upon final approval – Budget is published in the newspaper once per week for two consecutive weeks

- **March 29th** – Budget to be submitted to State Auditor’s Office for review
- **April 19th** - Upon approval of State Auditor’s Office, council approves, adopts and lays the levy. Presentation of final compiled performance based budget document. Within 3 days of laying the levy, the levy order is prepared, certified and forwarded to the State Auditor, who then turns the order over to the County Assessor
- **May 3rd or 17th**- Council approves first and second reading of final budget revision for the current fiscal year.

New Business

1. 2015 Urban Deer Count

City Manager provided the final report from Rick Bebout on the 2015 Archery Deer Hunt. The 2015 season was the fifth year of the Morgantown Urban Archery Deer Hunt designed to reduce the number of deer within the urban areas of the City. City Manager recommended the City contract with Vision Air Research Inc. (the same company that provided the first Deer Count) at a price of \$5,900.00 to see what effect the five years of hunting can be seen in a new Urban Deer Count. The \$5,900.00 would be budgeted from the Capital Escrow contingency.

After discussion, motion by Bane, second by Kawecki to approve the Vision Air Research in establishing a deer count. Motion carried 5-2. (Nugent and Redmond voting no)

REPORT FROM CITY CLERK:

No Report

REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

No Report

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilor Bane:

Councilor Bane questioned the rejection of the minutes and brought up the “Removal of Office” Legislation and discussions held at the WVML Meeting. Councilor Bane discussed the WV Municipal League Handbook for Elected Officials, and Hotel Motel tax.

Deputy Mayor Kawecki:

Deputy Mayor Kawecki reported that Sunnyside Up is moving forward with their projects. He commented that at the WVML Meeting, everyone seemed forthcoming, cooperative, and supportive of Morgantown. Deputy Mayor Kawecki commented that the WVML passed this “Removal from Office” Legislation forward for amendment. He finds it disheartening and frustrating and is dismayed as to what to do next.

Councilor Nugent:

Councilor Nugent reported that the Wiles Hill Highland Neighborhood Meeting was cancelled due to weather. He requested that the definition of “density” be easier to find in the code. By consensus, definition of “density” will be placed on a future COW. He mentioned a FOIA request that was outstanding, and his attendance at the WVML meeting. He wished for a fair hearing on January 22, 2016 and that a reconciliation will happen one way or another.

Councilor Selin:

Councilor Selin requested the City Manager for updates on lighting on Patteson Drive and Public Safety bids for Plaza Design. She mentioned the Municipal League Meeting, “Removal Action”, and that Council should be able to work together on behalf of the City.

Councilor Redmond:

Councilor Redmond requested City Manager distribute Pedestrian Safety Board letter to Council. He mentioned concern about minutes; too many speed bumps; MUB’s hard work and his vote; and for the lawsuit on 1-22-16 a fair and just hearing must occur.

Councilor Ganz:

Councilor Ganz thanked those that made public comment this evening. She commented on the minutes, Wards & Boundary Commission issues, and Ethical issues since she was elected in 2013. She reported that Suncrest Neighborhood Association would be meeting on January 28th, 2016. She encouraged citizens to remain positive and supportive of the City.

Mayor Shamberger:

Mayor Shamberger requested consensus for Election discussion on February COW. Approved by consensus. She reminded residents to keep their sidewalks cleared; thanked Republic for calls about trash pick-up; MLK activities; Community Coalition on Homelessness Lunch 2-2; and 2-13; Chinese New Year Lunch. She stated that the minutes should be an accurate record of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items of business or discussion, motion by Selin, second by Ganz to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous consent at 10:40 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor

*A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON DVD AT THE MORGANTOWN CITY LIBRARY.



Nancy Ganz <nancyganz7@gmail.com>

Request for a Comprehensive Project Plan for the Proposed New Cobun Creek Reservoir

1 message

BR Dennis <dennis5665@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 19, 2016 at 3:03 PM

To: Nancy Ganz <Nancyganz7@gmail.com>

Cc: Jennifer <jselin@hotmail.com>, Bill <wm_a_kawecki@comcast.net>

Dear Nancy;

The purpose here is to reiterate and clarify my comments made at the 1/5/2016 Morgantown City Council Meeting of the Whole with respect to the proposed new Cobun Creek Reservoir and the need for a comprehensive project design plan and budgetary cost report to support this project.

The subject reservoir project and the associated funding request (City Council 1st reading 1/4/2016) should be based on a comprehensive project plan that would include additional budgetary and project scope details. The current project plan and financing appears to be based on a feasibility study (Cobun Creek Supplemental Source Development Evaluation and Feasibility Study, GD&F Inc., 2015). This feasibility study is the first part of a comprehensive plan. For a project of this magnitude financing authorizations would be based on a Class 3 AACE estimate that would provide project definition at a 10 – 40 % level of detail. GD&F suggests that the referenced feasibility study is only at the 10 % stage of definition.

Furthermore the above mentioned feasibility report fails to address project scope and cost and planning details that fall outside the scope of the reservoir feasibility study. The additional details and project scope should be included in the comprehensive plan. It should be a best practice for the City of Morgantown, through its council, to require a comprehensive project plan prior to seeking city and county based financing authorization for a public project.

In summary we support the reservoir project and the benefits it will bring to the Greater Morgantown Area. However we believe that the city should seek a comprehensive plan to fully assess all reasonable project scope and details and include accompanying budgetary information. Developing a comprehensive project plan should be a best practice for the city prior to seeking financial authorization that will be financed by county rate payers.

Sincerely;

Rich and Bettina Dennis
197 Upper Cobun Creek Road
Morgantown, WV 26508