

REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2010:

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The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers on Monday, November 3, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Interim City Manager Jeff Mikorski, Mayor Bill Byrne, City Clerk Linda Little, City Attorney Steve Fanok. Council Members Ron Bane, John Gaddis, Charlie Byrer, Jenny Selin, Marti Shamberger and Don Spencer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the regular meeting on October 19, 2010 were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Byrne welcomed WVU Journalism Class 214, 426 and Political Science 220 to the meeting.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

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PUBLIC PORTION:

Nelson France, 222 High Street, BOG Representative, commended City and Sunnyside Up on the new Big-Belly Trash Receptacles.

Guy Panrell, 768 South Hills Drive, stated that the new mail boxes are functioning downtown. He also reminded everyone that Saturday is the Post Office/United Way Holiday Food Drive. He apologized for offending anyone, but stated that the Ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer is not going to work, and we cannot afford to wait for a better solution.

There being no more appearances Mayor Byrne then declared the Public Portion closed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilor Spencer reported on the Pedestrian Board and mentioned that he appreciated an article in the paper about the crosswalks. He also reported on the Solid Waste Advisory Board's progress on recycling and the landfill and that a proposal on the new recycling system will be presented to Council and the City Manager in the spring.

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NEW BUSINESS:

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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER GRANT FUNDS PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM. The above entitled Resolution was presented for approval:

Motion by Spencer, second by Selin to adopt the above titled Resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN \$1,500 FOR THE CARITAS HOUSE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND IMPROVEMENT TO THEIR APARTMENT COMPLEX. The above entitled Resolution was presented for approval:

Motion by Shamberger, second by Byrer to adopt the above titled Resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN \$5,000 TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GRANT PROGRAM. The above entitled Resolution was presented for approval:

After explanation by the Interim Manager, motion by Bane, second by Shamberger to adopt the above titled Resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN \$2,000 FOR THE CELEBRATION OF AMERICA THROUGH THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GRANT PROGRAM. The above entitled Resolution was presented for approval:

Motion by Shamberger, second by Byrer to adopt the above titled Resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

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CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

INFORMATION:

- Item No. 1: The City of Morgantown Audit Selection Committee reviewed proposals to provide the City Audits for next two years. Proposals were ranked, utilizing State Audit ranking forms and procedures, to ensure that the Companies had the necessary experience and credentials. The Audit Committee selected Tetrick and Bartlett, PLLC Certified Accounts to provide the City's auditing services. Funds for the service have already been allocated in the 2010-2011 budget.

Item No. 2: Comcast is excited to announce that they will be rolling out a new converter box specifically for the people that were affected by the WNPB changes last year. People that had analog televisions that utilize the only the Comcast basic service tier were given a digital converter box for free for a year, and were scheduled to begin leasing that converter box. That charge was delayed for another year, but soon they will be able to receive up to three free smaller converter boxes that will allow basic subscribers to get the digital channels. Once Comcast rolls out the new, smaller converter box, residents can call Comcast and get the new boxes sent to them by mail. They are very easy to install, but if residents have trouble they can call Comcast to install for a small fee.

CITY CLERK:

- **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No report.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER:

Councilor Bane: No Report.

Councilor Gaddis: Councilor Gaddis reported that the Greenmont Hunt was well attended with games and costume prizes. The Greenmont Neighborhood Association will have their Holiday Dinner on December 1st at Jones UM Church.

Councilor Byrer : Councilor Byrer updated Council on the new building for the Museum and that the facility is very nice and everyone is excited. He also reminded everyone to attend the various Veterans Day events around town. He asked that everyone attend the neighborhood meetings every month as well.

Councilor Selin: Councilor Selin stated that she attended the Vision for our Children meeting and they will circulate information to the community soon. She relayed that there is a shortage and need for day care for infants in our area. She mentioned that crosswalks are needed near the Coliseum and the Patteson Drive Kroger. She asked there be a provision for pedestrians at Laurel and Patteson. She commented that the City Manager interview process went well last week and thanked the City Clerk for all her help. She said that citizens have been asking her if they can have more than one blue recycling bin and asked that the Interim Manager check into it.

Councilor Shamberger: Councilor Shamberger thanked the MPD for their presence during the Halloween festivities. She asked that we all remember all Veterans during Veteran's Day. She also announced that at the Met Theatre MHS will be performing their Spirit of America show.

Councilor Spencer: Councilor Spencer reported that the MPO last week had their State Conference at the Hotel Morgan and the Pedestrian and Bike Boards were instrumental in planning this event. A Tour was taken of the Downtown area where things are problematic. He asked that the issues be addressed. He announced that the new disc golf course was opened at Dorsey Knob and can be played year round. He commented on violence in our community and in today's society and called people to be more aware and sensitive towards this.

Mayor Byrne:

Mayor Byrne mentioned that Saturday at Dorsey Knob, Main Street held a Harvest Fest for the farmer's market to help raise funds for the new structure. He reminded everyone of the Holiday Cookie Quest coming up and encouraged people to visit the MAC and the exhibits there. He announced a celebration of Coal Mining Legacy at the Waterfront coming up where a band will be playing as well. He asked that we all remember Veteran's Day and announced a Symposium on Long Term Unfunded and Underfunded Liability at the Erikson Center. He reminded everyone that on November 11th at 2:30pm a new Vet. Center that opens up at

Glenmark
Center and
the Sister
City
Commission
Meeting is
at 4pm.

Councilor Byrer interjected that Crosswalks need lighting. Councilor Selin added that this week is the last Farmer's Market.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Spencer, second by Selin to go into executive session pursuant to Section 6-9A-4-2 of the West Virginia Code in order to discuss personnel matters, with Council present at 8:20 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION: 9:35p.m.

SELECTION OF NEW CITY MANAGER:

Mayor Byrne made a motion to offer City Manager Candidate Terrance Moore the position of Morgantown City Manager pursuant to the terms set for in offer of November 2, 2010.

Councilor Byrer moved to approve the motion, second by Councilor Selin. Motion carried 6-1, Councilor Bane voted NO.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:39 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

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