

AGENDA FOR A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MEETING FOR THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018,  
4:00 PM, EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
SECOND FLOOR, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

(Councilmen Fox, Barber, Mercer, and Carpenter)

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Councilman Dave McCrady, Chairman
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MINUTES – meeting held March 27, 2018
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  1. Presentation of City Parks Master Plan, Pickering Associates
  2. Reports from Public Works sub-committees.
- V. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Committee of City Council met Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Meeks conference room on the second floor of the Municipal Building at One Government Square, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Councilman Dave McCrady, who presided over the meeting. Members attending included Councilmen Jeff Fox, Eric Barber, Bob Mercer, JR Carpenter, and Dave McCrady.

Others attending included Mayor Tom Joyce, Everett Shears, Eric Jiles, Rickie Yeager, Chief Matthews, Councilman Sharon Kuhl, Mike Reynolds, and John Reed.

MINUTES – Mr. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to adopt the minutes from the meeting held February 13, 2018, and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

From a workshop held earlier this year establishing priorities, Chairman McCrady stated they would like to break down the priorities into subcommittees, and hopes they can accomplish some things within a year or 18 months. This is nothing formal, but he would like to see if we can make some progress.

NEIGHBORHOOD NAMES – Mayor Joyce encouraged them to engage the Wood County Historical Society because we have areas with well-preserved significances; and to also have meetings within their districts to get input from the public.

That committee will have members Mercer, Reed, and the Mayor's designee;

CITY INTERNET – Even though the City has some 'hot spots' for Wi-Fi, some Councilmembers believe it should be City-wide. Mr. Fox stated some places have internet and are billed through the City, but that is something more substantial. Mr. Jiles cautioned that we would be operating like a utility, similar to the Parkersburg Utility Board, and that would cost millions to set up.

That committee will be members Fox, Stanley and the Mayor's designee.

CENTRALIZED GARAGE – Mr. Reynolds said we have used a temporary building for 30 years. He would like to see the City to survey the East Street/Camden Avenue corner, then get a quote for a new garage, and property appraisal. Everything would be central at the MRF, then we could have the Camden property for sale, contingent on moving to the new location within a year or so.

Mayor Joyce recalled an earlier plan to build a new garage for administration with 23,000 square feet, but our new shooting range for the Police Department took that space. There is not a lot of property left at the MRF that is not in the floodplain, he said. Getting the Camden property on the tax rolls would be a good thing, and we have a surveyor on staff. The other piece would be the appraisal. There are also wetlands to consider.

That committee will be members Reynolds, Carpenter, Barber and the Mayor's designee.

**ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS** – Mr. Fox stated that private enterprise could buy into a charging station, or the City could use two spaces in the parking lot at 7<sup>th</sup> and Juliana Streets, which is very visible and a good site for solar, – or near Point Park market place.

Mr. Mercer thought it could be done at no cost to the City through Tesla.

Mr. Carpenter remembered that there was supposed to be a bike kiosk on the 7<sup>th</sup> and Juliana Street parking lot, with a canopy. Mr. Yeager said that came through a grant through the Health Department and he will look into it.

Committee members for this will be Fox, McCrady and the Mayor's designee.

**I LOVE MY PKB** – Mr. McCrady said he hopes this will catch on. Ms. Kuhl stated that Charleston has done something similar and they have commercials on TV, and have added a song.

Members will be Reed, Kuhl and the Mayor's designee.

**GATEWAY SIGNS** – Mr. Reed stated that some cities have very nice entrances into their cities, and some of ours are hodge-podge with little or no maintenance. Wheeling has nice signs, he said, and a place on the sign designated for people who have donated that sign.

Mayor Joyce wants a consistent design because the areas have different sizes. He has some examples where Everett Shears' son is an artist, and had some sketches to review. Phase I would be design, then decide how much they want to pay. We want something more modern, he said, and also wants to incorporate the history of our region. We would use that as our branding, he said, and there is some money in the budget for next year, but the project will have to be phased in.

Committee members Reed, Barber, Mercer, and the Mayor's designee.

**PARK FOUNTAINS** – Mr. Reynolds stated that at one time the fountain at the City Park was well maintained. Mayor Joyce said that in the last 14 months that he has been Mayor, he is amazed how hard it is to get folks to weed or water plants, and we have to be more consistent and find resources to pay someone to do it.

The fountain at the entrance to the park on 17<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed. Mayor Joyce said there might be someone at WVU who could tell us our options for restoration because the fountain is in bad shape. He does not think we need a committee for this because we don't have enough money to fix it. It is 120 years old and poorly maintained, he said.

Mr. McCrady said we leave that fountain for discussion at another time.

The fountains in the ponds were discussed, and Mayor Joyce said the Southwood fountain was in better shape than the one at City Park.

Ms. Kuhl said she thought the fountains were under the Parks Advisory Committee, that they have designs and information, but Mayor Joyce said that the people in this meeting have the authority to move forward. He said they would be shocked at the cost of a new fountain to push water.

We need business people who can come together and raise money, Mr. Reed stated, similar to the skateboard park.

The committee referred the fountains to the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Shaffer, City Clerk

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