

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF PARKERSBURG
CITY COUNCIL FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012, 7:30 PM
SECOND FLOOR, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

I. CALL TO ORDER – Council President, Tom Joyce

II. PRAYER

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. MINUTES – Council meeting held February 14, 2012

VI. REPORTS FROM STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Report from the Committee of the Whole on the budget
2012/2013

VII. MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution authorizing the Sanitation Department to continue the part-time recycling assistant position after the grant ends February 28, 2012, and will continue with funding in that department through the current school year. (Sponsored by the Personnel Committee of City Council.)

X. ORDINANCE, FIRST READING

2. An ordinance authorizing the acquisition and construction of additions, betterments and improvements to the existing sewerage portion of the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City of Parkersburg and the financing of the cost, not otherwise provided, thereof through the issuance by the City of Parkersburg of not more than \$7,000,000.00 of Series 2012 bonds. (Sponsored by Councilmen Kimes, Sandy, Reynolds, Joyce, Reed, and Rockhold) No rate increases.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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PARKERSBURG, W. VA., February 14, 2012

The Council of the City of Parkersburg met Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the second floor at One Government Square, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Tom Joyce, who presided over the meeting. Councilman John Rockhold led the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and the clerk noted the attendance as follows: Those attending included Councilmen Nancy Wilcox, Sharon Lynch, Brad Kimes, John Sandy, Sharyn Tallman, Mike Reynolds, John Rockhold, Jim Reed, and Tom Joyce.

MINUTES – Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Wilcox, to approve the minutes from the meeting held January 24, 2012, and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

REPORTS FROM STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES – Councilwoman Lynch reported that the Personnel Committee met concerning the drug and alcohol testing policy, and also about appointments to certain positions. There is no legislation at this time for Council.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE – Mayor Robert submitted the budget to City Council for fiscal year 2012/2013 in the amount of \$25,504,975.00. Highlights of his speech included that there are reductions in every department, and they have included an additional column to explain the difference between last year and this year. There were some increases out of our control for gasoline, electric, and pension costs. There are several federal mandates in this budget.

This past year Mayor Newell said that we spent \$1,000,000.00 paving streets. In this budget, he has included \$650,000.00 in the general fund for paving and he will add \$250,000.00 for that purpose before July 1, 2012. Of that he would like \$500,000.00 to be spent on high traveled streets.

Mayor Newell told those attending that one half of our houses in Parkersburg were built before 1950. The Neighborhood Strategy District was a good start, but one is not enough, he said. He is proposing \$250,000.00 to demolish 25-30 houses by the end of summer. We also plan to spend \$1,000,000.00 in repairs at the Memorial Bridge, including resurfacing spans of the bridge as weather allows.

We are also faced with federal mandates for signs that will cost \$65,000.00. The storm water management program for MS4 municipalities will be funded at \$500,000.00. Cities are required to reduce pollutants going into streams and rivers, and as some other cities are charging a fee, and Huntington has been fined for not beginning a program, this will be the beginning for Parkersburg and will be operated by the Parkersburg Utility Board. Mayor Newell has reduced the flood wall fee, which will not be part of the storm water utility board.

OPEB costs are a problem for our cities and the State, and the Mayor is proposing to address it by allocating 1% of our salaries to begin this effort of paying the debt off.

Many have thought that we have dropped our support for the Humane Society, but we gave them a building. He is now asking for a one-time payment of \$50,000.00 to begin building a facility for spay and neutering of animals. He is also asking for \$10,000.00 for the Parkersburg Homecoming and \$10,000.00 for the Half Marathon.

Mayor Newell said he would be asking Council to readjust our classification plan. We have reduced personnel by 13% and some employees are exceeding their job classification. He is also considering a base salary increase, but realizes we may never be able to raise all positions. Employees now pay health insurance costs based on their salary.

MOTION - Mr. Reed move, seconded by Mr. Sandy, to receive, file and refer the budget to the Committee of the Whole, and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote

PROCLAMATION - Mayor Newell explained a Proclamation for National Kids to Parks Day for Saturday, May 19, 2012. We will have events at Southwood Park and the City Park, and the main purpose is getting kids out of the house for a healthier lifestyle.

MOTION - Mr. Rockhold moved, seconded by Ms. Wilcox, to receive and approve the proclamation, and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC FORUM - Mr. Eric Bennett, Manager of the Parkersburg Utility Board, appeared before Council to request support for a bond ordinance to meet DEP requirements by 2020. It will be a \$7,800,000.00 project for two pump stations and a force main and will reduce sso's. There is no rate increase requested, as they are getting a loan. They plan for the ordinance to be on the council agenda February 28, 2012, he said.

RESOLUTION - there was no action necessary on the resolution authorizing the City Administration to proceed with hiring one full-time caretaker in the Building and Grounds Department, as that position was filled by another employee who was working part time in another department.

RESOLUTION - The clerk presented a resolution requesting a budget revision in the CDBG budget moving \$5,000.00 to Westbrook - PATH, Housing Project from 2008 Code Enforcement funds that were not needed.

MOTION- Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Wilcox, to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Kimes asked if we had other money available from that time and Ms. Conageski said we there were some funds from a TEA 21 match for 5th Street that is not complete at this time. At his request, she said she would give them an update on any prior funds. Ms. Tallman asked how the \$5,000.00 would be spent, and Ms. Conageski said that Westbrook was asking for a match for permanent housing, that that purpose is eligible and we can provide that match.

VOTE - the motion was adopted by majority vote with all members voting "yes" with the exception of Mr. Rockhold, who abstained.

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RESOLUTION- The clerk presented a resolution authorizing Mayor Newell to submit a grant application to the WV Development Office on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Parkersburg in the amount of \$7, 5000.00.

MOTION - Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Tallman, to adopt the resolution, and the motion was adopted by majority vote with all members voting "yes" with the exception of Mr. Rockhold, who abstained.

RESOLUTION - The Clerk presented a resolution that City Council urge our U. S. Senators and Representatives to maintain the current population threshold for Metropolitan in any new legislation for Federal Transportation Authorization.

MOTION - Mr. Kimes moved, seconded by Mr. Sandy, to adopt the resolution, and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION - The clerk presented a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Professional Pool Management Company for management of our pools and waterslide for the 2012 season - no change in the cost of management.

MOTION - Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Lynch, to adopt the resolution, and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR
THE CITY OF PARKERSBURG AMPHITHEATER
AT RIVERFRONT/POINT PARK
(\$30.00/hr for non profit, \$200.00 all day;
\$100.00/hr for profit, \$800.00 all day)

MOTION - Mr. Rockhold moved, seconded by Mr. Sandy, to adopt the ordinance on first reading.

Ms. Tallman stated that she thinks the citizens have been paying for this park and she doesn't think the upkeep warrants the amount that is being proposed. We should take reservations to use the park, she said, and establish a deposit, but the park should not be a money-maker. We want the public to enjoy the park, she said.

Mr. Rockhold asked the Public Works Director how many of our parks make money, and Mr. Edman answered that we do not make money on our parks. He estimates it could take two men 3 or 4 hours for clean-up at that park.

If someone uses the park and will make money, such as for a concert, we should charge a fee. The rates proposed are similar to what is charged in Morgantown and Huntington for their riverfront parks, Mr. Rockhold stated.

Mayor Robert Newell stated that these were not the rates first proposed by the Administration - they were lower. He said he did not disagree that we should charge more for anyone making a profit, but for non-profit events he thinks a smaller fee would be better.

VOTE - the motion to adopt the ordinance failed with all members voting "no" with the exception of Mr. Kimes, Mr. Rockhold and Mr. Joyce, who voted "yes".

There was a request from the Administration to postpone action on an ordinance to rezone the southerly half of City Tax Map 62, parcel 301, from R-4 to B-2, off 19th Street between Latrobe Street and Lynn Street.

MOTION -Mr. Rockhold moved, seconded by Ms. Wilcox, that Council resolve into the Committee of the Whole and recess until Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The Committee recessed at 8:05 PM.

Connie Shapiro

City Clerk

Council President

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKERSBURG that the City administration be authorized to continue the part-time Recycling Assistant position in the Sanitation Department after the grant funding ends on February 28, 2012 and will continue through the current school year.

(Funding is available in the current Sanitation Department budget)

Sponsored by the Personnel Committee of City Council Feb. 22, 2012