

## **MORGANTOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

The Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Morgantown Fire Station to hear the results of a Wastewater Rate Study prepared by Steve Brock, the Town's financial consultant.

Present were; Council President, Penny Anderson, Council member, Walter Abbott, Council member, Courtney Allen, Council member, Greg Randolph and Council member, Vern Snyder. Also, present were; Certified Wastewater Operator, Jesse Jones, Utility Clerk, Becky Rose, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. Special guests were; Jill Curry with Curry & Associates and Steve Brock, the Town's financial advisor.

Steve Brock presented the Wastewater Rate Study to the Council that was prepared to set the new Wastewater rates. The proposed new rate for 4000 gallons of water would increase to \$68.12 up from \$43.07 for a 58% increase. After discussion by Council members, a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-1 on first reading was made by Penny Anderson and seconded by Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and make comments concerning the proposed rate increase. The second reading of the Ordinance will take place to approve the rate increase after the Public Hearing.

Lee Robbins presented the Bond Consul opinion, prepared by Tom Pittman as Ordinance 2021-4 on first reading. Greg Randolph made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-4 on first reading and Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Final reading of the Ordinance will be heard on March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Jill Curry, the Project Manager reported there are about 21 easements that are still outstanding and need signatures. Jill will continue to work to contact those who still have not signed.

The Council would like to mail out a letter to all Utility customers explaining the rate change along with frequently asked questions. Jill Curry said she would prepare the letter.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Penny Anderson.

Council Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2020, signed March 8, 2021

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

3/8/2021

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

Dated

Penny Anderson

Town Council President, Penny Anderson

Walter Abbott

Council Member, Walter Abbott

Courtney Allen  
Council Member, Courtney Allen

Vern Snyder  
Council Member, Vern Snyder

Greg Randolph

Council Member, Greg Randolph