

MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD APRIL 11, 2022

Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Council member, Courtney Allen. Council member, Vern Snyder led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were; Council member, Walter Abbott, Council member, Courtney Allen, Council member Terry Poindexter and Council member, Vern Snyder. Absent was Council President, Penny Anderson.

Also present were; Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, DPW, Kyle Rooks, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. Special guest was Clayton Chapman with the Morgantown Fire Department.

ARP Funds

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins presented the ARP Ordinance 2022-1 for the Council's consideration. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to adopt the ARP Ordinance 2022-1. Walter Abbott, seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. At this time no ARP funds have been spent. The Ordinance 2022-1 is the Plan for use of ARP Grant funds to be used for the provision for government services as approved in the Final Rule. The Final Rule provides for a standard allowance of \$10 million for revenue reduction which a governmental unit, including Morgantown may select as part of the reporting process to the U.S. Treasury.

Playground Equipment

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to authorize Council member, Courtney Allen to obtain 3 quotes for playground equipment for the Town Park. The equipment costs about \$62,000.00, the border and surfacing cost about \$225.00 and installation will be close to \$25,000.00. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen reported a group from the Town meet with the Center for Rural Engagement from Indiana University. This meeting was the start of ways to find funding for Park improvements.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to allow a Community Garden on a section of the park grounds. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Morgantown Fire Contract

Clayton Chapman with the Morgantown Fire Department presented the 2022 fire contract to the Council for approval. This year the Fire Department is asking for \$45,000.00 up from \$40,000.00 last year. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to accept the contract agreement with the Morgantown Fire Department for \$45,000.00. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Only \$40,000.00 was appropriated in the 2022 budget for fire services. The Clerk Treasurer will have to find the other \$5,000.00 in the current budget.

DPW Workers

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve the hiring of a 3rd DPW worker, Jessie Gardner. The new worker will be full time at \$15.00 an hour. There will be a 90 days probation period for Mr. Gardner. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

DPW worker Joe Patton was removed from probation and hired as a full-time employee. His hourly wage was increased from \$22.00 an hour to \$23.00. The Council also instructed that Mr. Patton would receive back pay for 1 week. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

It was announced that the Baseball league will have opening day on April 23rd.

Tyler White will be paid after all stumps and the large pile of limbs are removed. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve payment of Tyler White's check once DPW, Kyle Rooks verifies all work has been completed. Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to give the Fire Department \$300.00 to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve Pay Application #11. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen asked the Clerk Treasurer to close out the Lock Box at First Merchants Bank and move the documents to the Peoples Bank. Courtney also asked about closing the account at First Merchants because of the fees. The Clerk Treasurer explained the Town is still receiving revenue from the State and she has not been able to contact the right agency to change the deposit to the new bank account so the account cannot be closed. Most of the fees have been refunded.

Council member, Courtney Allen asked about a late charge on a credit card. The Clerk Treasurer said the late charge had been refunded.

Council member, Courtney Allen had questions with the \$3,000.00 invoice from Kenna concerning the SRF Labor Standard which is a separate contract to be paid from local funds. The Clerk Treasurer said she would contact Kent Anderson with Kenna so he could explain the invoice to Courtney.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to pay mileage to Walter Abbott for \$58.08. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approved the payment of mileage to the Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh for \$19.36 and to Sarah Keaton-Dillahay for \$36.96. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

An adjustment for Sarah Keaton-Dillahay on Highland Street was presented to the Council for approval. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the request for a waste water credit. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the March 14, 2022 Council meeting. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve the Claim Docket dated April 11, 2022 for \$281,730.88. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve the payroll check register for April 2022. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Council members reviewed and signed off on the January and February Bank Rec.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank gave an update on the process to hire a new deputy. There are 12 applicants who applied for the position.

The Marshal will be attending training all next week.

Clean up day is Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Kyle Rooks with the DPW reported to the Council on the maintenance of the wells.

Two bids for tree removal were presented to the Council for consideration. Reece Tree Service estimate was \$1800.00 and Brown's Tree Service quote was \$2,900.00. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to accept and hire Reece Tree Service for \$1,800.00 to remove two trees. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins presented Ordinance 2022-2, to reestablish a CCD fund at the maximum tax rate. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-2 on 1st reading. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comments

John Gatton reported there is an open ditch from the Lykins project that is a safety concern. A child could get hurt if they fell into the trench. This will be brought up at the progress meeting.

There was discussion about having another Public Meeting about the Waste Water project to address some of the residents' concerns.

The meeting was adjourned.

Council Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2022, signed, May 9, 2022

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

5/9/22

Dated

Town Council President, Penny Anderson

Walter Abbott

Council Member, Walter Abbott

Courtney Allen

Council Member, Courtney Allen

Vern Snyder

Council Member, Vern Snyder

Terry Poindexter

Council Member, Terry Poindexter