

MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Penny Anderson at 6:00 p.m. Council President, Penny Anderson let the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Council members; Walter Abbott, Country Allen, Terry Poindexter, Vern Snyder and President, Penny Anderson. Also present were; Marshal, Ryan Swank, Town Attorney Lee Robbins, and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank asked the Council's permission to purchase a SUV locker plus the kit and cargo barrier for his new vehicle for \$1,539.55. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the purchase. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Kyle Rooks could not be at the meeting tonight. Council President, Penny Anderson explained to the Council DPW Joe Patton has given his 2-week notice. Penny explained Kyle would like to hire John Poe and Dustin, Penny did not have his last name so when Kyle gets back from his time off both will be in place to work. Council member, Courtney Allen felt the background checks were very important and needed to be done before hiring anyone. After discussion it was decided to do a background check on both applicants before extending an offer of employment. Both applicants would be on probation for 90 days and then the Council can determine if they want to offer full time employment. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to hire both John Poe at \$18.00 an hour and Dustin at \$23.00 an hour. Both would be subject to a background check before being hired. Dustin would give a 2 week notice to his current employer. Council member, Terry Poindexter second the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Clerk Treasurer explained to the Council that the time clock was moved to the DPW garage for the guys to use. There was no utility clerk at that time. When the utility clerk was hired the guys started using their phones to clock in. The utility clerk was hired so the time clock was moved back to Town Hall to use to clock in. Council member, Walter Abbott said he wanted everyone to clock in using the time clock with a scan of their face. The Town was trying to cut cost by using the 1 clock and allowing the DPW to use their phones to clock in. The cost is \$22.00 a month for the clock. Council President, Penny Anderson had given the DPW permission to use their phones to clock in. Attorney, Lee Robbins said this should be brought before the Council and let the Council decided what should be done. Council member, Courtney Allen felt the Town should go ahead and lease another time clock. Town Attorney, Lee Robbins said the Council voted in the past to include in the personnel policy a time clock will be used to clock in with facial recognition. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to lease another time clock to be installed at the DPW garage to clock in. The other clock will be left in the Town Hall. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Clerk Treasurer talked about remodeling the Town Hall inside and out. The building looks bad and needs a great deal of TLC. The Clerk Treasurer asked the Council to consider making this a project in the beginning of 2023. The Town has the money in the Co-Edit Fund to help pay for the remodel. Specks need to written up for the project as well.

Attorney, Lee Robbins explained he had no word on the property next to the water tower that the Town is interested in purchasing.

Council member, Vern Snyder asked the attorney if he had researched the alley on the Whitaker Chevrolet business. The attorney explained he has not been able to locate information that shows that David Whitaker owns the alley. The Town needs proof that David Whitaker does own the alley before the issue can be settled.

Attorney, Lee Robbins said the property at 29, 39, and 49 W Washington Street the owner would like to install 4 separate water meters. DPW Kyle Rooks said he did not believe it would be possible because the sidewalks would have to be torn up and there was not enough area to work with. Lee Robbins explained the owner would have to come up with another way to account for the water usage for the 4 units.

Public Comment

Glenn Brown spoke asking about when the Town would be starting on installing a larger line for his service and also his neighbors. Council President, Penny Anderson explained the engineer, Lori Young has not gotten the bids back yet but hoped to have them next week. The Council may hold another special meeting to open bids for the project. Mr. Brown wanted to make sure the Council is aware that they are struggling with the small amount of water that does come out of the faucet.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Council Meeting Minutes for September 26, signed October 10, 2022

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

10/10/22

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

Dated

Penny Anderson

Town Council President, Penny Anderson

Walter Abbott

Council Member, Walter Abbott

Council Member, Courtney Allen

Vern Snyder

Council Member, Vern Snyder

Terry Poindexter

Council Member, Terry Poindexter