

The regular meeting of the Beverly Town Council was held Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm in council chambers of Beverly Town Hall. Mayor Andy Burns called the meeting to order in the presence of council members Connie Pingley, Matt Lewis, Katie Whittaker, Kenny Pritt, Recorder Sheila Scott Strahin and Clerk Robin Wilson. Council member Robbie Moyer was absent. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer was given by Mayor Burns.

MINUTES

Motion made by Kenny Pritt to approve January 2024 minutes without reading aloud. Seconded by Katie Whittaker. Motion carried.

VISITORS

Tim Ferguson-Celtic Festival & Highland Games
Janetta Ross- Beverly Elementary School Playground
Phyllis Baxter-Beverly Landmark Commission
Janet Gould-Beverly Heritage Center

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Burns and Chief Vanscoy went to the neighborhood Watch meeting in December. They spoke concerning the homeless people living in the camper across the bridge on Georgetown Road selling drugs. Mayor Burns told them they needed to call 911.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Celtic Festival** - Tim Ferguson gave an update on the plans for the festival games and new events happening on June 14th. They are seeking a donation for sponsorship and hope to give back to the community. Mayor Burns spoke for the council about funding to set a Budget for the Council and so this was tabled until after the budget is set.
2. **Beverly School Playground** - Janetta Ross gave a proposal on some new playground equipment. The equipment is needed as it's very old and things are missing on them. They have plans for a 2-year project and hope to raise \$135,000 in the first year. March 6, 2024 is a fund raiser at the Beverly Fire Hall. Mayor Burns suggested a chicken burn. They should have a purchasing decision in by April for the first section.
3. **Beverly Landmark Commission** - Phyllis Baxter spoke on accomplishments, grants, upcoming meeting dates, events for the Beverly Heritage Center that include Live on the Lawn concerts, Beverly Heritage Days, Lantern Tours in October, Old-Fashioned Christmas in December and the Beverly branch of the Elkins-Randolph Public Library. At this time, she is asking Council to appoint Jamie Belman as a 3-year member to the Commission that would fill the vacant seat of Chris Mielke. Matt Lewis made the motion to except the appointment, Connie Pingley 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Cintas New Agreement**- Cintas, the uniform provider for employees, is up for another 5 year term. Katie Whittaker made the motion to except the new agreement and Connie Pingley 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Opioid Funds Project** - We were sent a check for \$563.77 and should receive future annual payments. The funds must have their own account and there are specific restrictions on the use of the funds. Invoices are to be approved by Council and requires we submit an annual financial report each year on how the money is spent.
6. **Water Sewer Office Rent Increase** - They have paid \$4,800 a year split 2 ways, or \$2,400 each water/sewer for renting office space from the town hall. Council members asked the town clerk to figure how much the town pays each month on average for utilities and to also take the increase to the water/sewer board before making a final decision on raising the office rent.
7. **EHS Graduation** - Matt Lewis made a motion to give \$250 to this program. Kenny Pritt 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Move paydays** – The town clerk asked to move the pay day of 06/20/2024, which falls on a holiday, WV Day to June 21, 2024. Katie Whittaker made the motion to move this pay day and Connie Pingley 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The clerk also asks for council meetings that fall on holidays that are Oct 14, Columbus Day, and Nov 11, Veteran's Day, to be held on a different day. Matt Lewis made the motion to change the meeting dates to the following Mondays being Oct 21st and Nov 18th. Kenny Pritt 2nd the motion to accept these dates. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Things are running smooth in the new building.

FINANCIAL REVIEWS

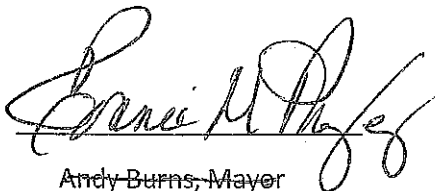
Matt Lewis asked to table the budget till next meeting.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR INVOICES

Katie Whittaker made the motion to pay the bills. Kenny Pritt 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Lewis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Connie Pingley 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Andy Burns, Mayor



Sheila Scott Strahin, Recorder