



## City Council Meeting Minutes August 2, 2021

<b>Sammy Hartwick, Mayor</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Stephen Ferguson</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mark Hardin</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Ty Kelso</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Larry Johnson</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Richard Snuggs</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Matt Reynolds</b>	<b>Present</b>

Roll call indicated a quorum was present.

Ty Kelso made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting, Richard Snuggs seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

*Ordinance #09-21 – Appeal of Denial, Garrett Road R-1 to PUD – Harry Schneider*  
Developers of MilCo originally approached the Planning Commission in the April meeting with a request to rezone a parcel of property on Garrett Road. Due to the negative response from neighbors that were present, and the number of homes shown on the property (originally eight), the Planning Commission denied the request for rezoning. The developers have since amended their proposal to only four houses, and are requesting an appeal of the denial to the City Council. The developers, and Tim Tyler, stated that a PUD zone would allow for there to be only a single driveway entering Garrett Road, which is a collector street, rather than four driveways that would be present if it were to remain R-1. There was no one present at the Council meeting to speak against the proposed plan. A motion was made by Matt Reynolds to suspend the rules. The motion was seconded by Richard Snuggs and passed 5-0. A motion to approve Ordinance #09-21 was then made by Matt Reynolds, seconded by Richard Snuggs, and passed unanimously. A motion to approve the emergency clause was made by Matt Reynolds, seconded by Richard Snuggs, and passed unanimously.

*Ordinance #10-21 – Establishing Setbacks Along State and U.S. Highways – Tim Tyler*  
The proposed ordinance establishes 40ft setbacks for both commercial and residential lots along any state or U.S. highways in the city limits. Mr. Tyler stated

that he and the Planning Commission have discovered that there is no city code that places setbacks at 40ft along highways, although that is best practice. C-2 zoning currently only requires a 25ft setback, but should be increased along highways. The ordinance would turn best practices into city code. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Richard Snuggs, and passed 5-0. A motion to approve Ordinance #10-21 was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Richard Snuggs, and passed unanimously. The emergency clause was approved with a motion from Richard Snuggs, a second from Mark Hardin, and a unanimous vote.

*Fireworks at Football Games – Shawn Moss, Booster Club President*

The Booster club is asking to shoot fireworks at the end of the national anthem and when the football team scores at football games. They are requesting to shoot these fireworks at the 5 home games on Friday nights, and they plan to abide by the ordinance to not shoot them past 11pm if games go too late. Most games end by 9:30pm. Richard Snuggs made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reynolds seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

*Amend Fireworks Ordinance for Days of Sale – Mayor Hartwick*

Mayor Hartwick requested there to be a change to the current ordinance outlining the days of sale for firework stands around the Fourth of July holiday. The current days of sale are July 1 – July 5. He requested the dates to be expanded to June 20 – July 5. State law currently allows fireworks to be sold between June 20 and July 10. Councilmen requested that the dates be expanded from June 20 – July 7. There was no vote this month. The ordinance will be amended and voted on at the September meeting.

*Chamber of Commerce – Ashton Pruitt*

There are several new members to the chamber this month, including businesses and individuals. The chamber had an excellent membership drive, adding 57 members. The teacher breakfast and expo will be on August 10 from 8-10am. The July Business of the Month is Conway Regional/Greenbrier Family medicine and the August Business of the Month is Hometown Party Rentals. There are several events coming up in August including the Welcome Home for Kayle Browning on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the Greenbrier Fire Department open house on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ashton also gave a presentation on the holiday events coming up at the end of the year including the Christmas open house, Black Friday/Small Business Saturday, the Thanksgiving meal through the Chamber, Glisten up greenbrier, and the Christmas Parade. The Christmas Parade will now feature the “Glisten in Greenbrier Winter Wonderland Experience”, which will be a new event with a tree lighting and other attractions including an ice skating rink at Matthews Park. The synthetic ice skating rink will be in operation from Black Friday to New Years and will cost approximately \$16,000 to buy, with a life span of over 15 years. This ice skating rink will bring out of town revenue and attention to Greenbrier and it’s local businesses.

**Ashton also presented the Greenbrier Mural Project, which is in association with the American Love Project. Ashton stated that Jessica Jones, who does many murals in Conway, Arkansas, and around the nation, has designed a mural to be submitted to the American Love Project to be on display at the White House. The mural will be located on the south side of the Dollar Tree building. A mural of this size would usually cost \$24,000, but Jessica has offered to gift her time and services, and the chamber and City is confident that most if not all of the other items can be donated so that the mural is completed at little or no cost to the City.**

**The Mayor then stated that the City has received half of the money that it has been designated through the American Rescue Plan. The other half will come next year. The money can only spent on water, sewer, and broadband projects, and not until next year. In total, the City will receive around \$1.1 million.**

**The Mayor also stated that Bruce Towery, who runs the Greenbrier Farmers Market, contacted the City requesting to move the farmers market to the grass area behind City Hall.**

**Mr. Travis Thorn, who is running for County Sherriff, was present at the meeting and spoke briefly to the Council to introduce himself and announce his candidacy.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Ty Kelso, and passed 5-0.**

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*Sammy Hartwick, Mayor*

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*Hunter Thrasher, Recorder/Treasurer*