



## **City Council Meeting Minutes December 2, 2024**

<b>Sammy Hartwick, Mayor</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Kelly Knowland</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mark Hardin</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Ty Kelso</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Larry Johnson</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Richard Weaver</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Jason Bollinger</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Roll call indicated a quorum was present.**

**A motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Mark Hardin, and passed unanimously.**

### *Chamber of Commerce Report*

**Chamber President Ashton Pruitt presented the Chamber report for December. Glisten in Greenbrier began on November 30 with the Mistletoe Market and the lighting ceremony. The Chamber also hosted a Lip Sync Showdown, sponsored by Centennial Bank, that raised \$4,000 for the Amp Up the Amp capital campaign, which has raised \$11,000 to date. The Chamber annual elections were held in November and Clara Weatherley, Richard Weaver, and Rebecca Corrigan were elected. Business Award Voting is now open for members until December 11<sup>th</sup>. There are 31 floats or exhibits registered for the Christmas Parade on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Other December events include a Santa Night at Matthews park on the 17<sup>th</sup>, a Grinch Night on December 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Piccolo-Zoppe Winter Circus will begin on December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### *Proclamation – Arbor Day – Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**City Attorney Dustin Chapman read a proclamation from Mayor Hartwick setting aside December 3<sup>rd</sup> as Arbor Day in the City of Greenbrier. An Arbor Day Celebration will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm at Matthews Park. Four trees will be planted, including one in memory of Tim Rowlett, who served on the City of Greenbrier Planning Commission for 22 years. A motion to approve the**

**proclamation was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Richard Weaver, and passed unanimously.**

*ARDoT Meeting for Officials – December 10<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-3:30pm*

**ArDoT is holding a public meeting for upcoming improvements around Highway 65 at 4:00pm. There will be a meeting for City Officials at 2:30.**

*Special Council Meeting for Bond Issue – December 10<sup>th</sup>*

**A Special Council Meeting will be held at 6pm on December 10<sup>th</sup> to approve the bond issue for upcoming Water and Sewer projects.**

*2025 Budget*

**Mayor Hartwick presented the proposed 2025 Annual Budget. The budget was given to Council Members prior to the meeting to review. There were no substantial changes to the budget other than the projected income from the amended water and sewer rates. This budget is a rough outline with the understanding that the debt service may change, and additional grants may be awarded.**

**Council members had several questions for Leslie Littell, who assisted in presenting the budget. The first question concerned the monies used for Police Department dispatcher salaries. Surrounding municipalities help pay for dispatchers from the City of Greenbrier to assist when they are short staffed. There has been no increase in funds for dispatchers in eight years. Other questions included budgeted salary increases for all employees. In 2025 there was a 4% salary increase across the board built into the budget. Each percentage increase is equal to around \$25,000 annually. It was recommended that the flat percentage for salary increases be raised to 5%.**

**A motion to adopt the recommended salary increase for all City employees was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Mark Hardin, and all voted in favor.**

**Mayor Hartwick said he would work with surrounding municipalities to increase the funds available for dispatcher salaries.**

**A motion to approve the 2025 Annual Budget was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Mark Hardin, and all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Daniel Hollinger, from Garver Engineering, stated that improvements to the sewage treatment plant and the new sewage line are both underway and going well.**

**Richard Weaver made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Larry Johnson seconded and all voted in favor. The Council adjourned into executive session at 7:03pm.**

**The Council returned from executive session at 7:17pm. Upon returning, Mark Hardin made a motion to accept Mayor Hartwick's recommendations. Larry Johnson seconded and all voted in favor.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Richard Weaver, and passed unanimously.**

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*Sammy Hartwick, Mayor*

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*Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer*