



City Council Meeting Minutes May 1, 2023

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor	Present
Kelly Knowland	Present
Mark Hardin	Present
Ty Kelso	Present
Larry Johnson	Present
Richard Weaver	Present
Matt Reynolds	Present

Roll call indicated a quorum was present.

Kelly Knowland made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting, Mark Hardin seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Chamber of Commerce Report – Ashton Pruitt

Chamber President Ashton Pruitt gave an update of the Chamber activities, including an upcoming ribbon cutting at Marketplace Boutique. They visited over 60 local businesses in the “Tour de Greenbrier” promoting upcoming events. The Eclipse information event on April 20 went very well, and the Chamber is preparing for Junk and Drive on 65 in the next couple of weeks. There will be a Lunch and Learn on May 9.

Ashton then gave a presentation on the upcoming Eclipse, and what the City and Chamber are doing to prepare.

Rezone 6 Lake Street from R-1 to O-1 – Ordinance #2023-02

This item was presented at the April meeting and tabled to the month of May. The Mayor invited those that were there to present to speak in a public discussion.

Attorney Mark Carter spoke representing the neighbors surrounding the property in question. He spoke in opposition of the ordinance. The surrounding property owners believe there will be an increase in traffic that the drive way would push through.

Robin Hackett, COO of First Service Bank, spoke in favor of the rezoning on behalf of the bank. She presented the tentative plan for the property They are seeking to add on to the current corporate office, and use the property in question as a driveway.

Attorney Gary Childs spoke representing First Service, in favor of the ordinance. He stated that the City cannot consider local bills of assurance when rezoning, that it is a matter for the neighborhood to take up.

There were several others present who asked questions and gave comments for and against. Not all were named explicitly.

Council members stated that several of them had visited the property since the item was tabled in April to evaluate the concerns of local property owners. The City Attorney, Dustin Chapman, reminded the council members that the site plan is not to be considered in a rezoning, but will come later to the Planning Commission to be evaluated. He also stated that the Bills of Assurance for a subdivision are not considered by the City when a property is being rezoned. After rereading the ordinance heading, a motion was made by Richard Weaver to approve Ordinance #2023-02. The motion was seconded by Ty Kelso. Mayor Hartwick requested a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

In favor: Kelly Knowland, Mark Hardin, Ty Kelso, Larry Johnson, Richard Weaver, Matt Reynolds.

Against: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the emergency clause was made by Mark Hardin and seconded by Kelly Knowland. The vote was as follows:

In favor: Kelly Knowland, Mark Hardin, Ty Kelso, Larry Johnson, Richard Weaver, Matt Reynolds.

Against: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Justice of the Peace Maree Coats about the County

JP Maree Coats introduced herself to the Council and gave an update on the County and Quorum Court. The court has a new County Judge and County Administrator, and she provided updates on current projects around the county that received ARP money. The county also hosted an informational meeting on crypto-mining. Mrs.

Coats stated that the county does not currently have any ordinances in place restricting crypto-mining.

Report on Garrett Road Construction.

Construction on Garrett Road will begin as soon as school lets out. The road will close from the highway to the far entrance of the baseball complex. Construction will try to be completed before school starts again in the fall. The road will be widened, sidewalks added, curb and guttered, and have a turning lane added. They will also clean out the shallow creek to address some water flow issues.

A motion to adjourn into executive session was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Richard Weaver, and passed unanimously.

After executive session was concluded, a motion to approve the Mayors recommendation and adjourn was made by Matt Reynolds, seconded by Larry Johnson, and passed unanimously.

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor

Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer