



## **City Council Meeting Minutes May 5, 2025**

<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>Present</b>

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

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

### *Chamber of Commerce Report*

**Chamber President Ashton Pruitt presented the monthly Chamber Report. In April the Chamber held several events, including the Tour de Greenbrier to visit 55 businesses in the community. They also held a Lunch and Learn for Small Businesses on April 17<sup>th</sup>, and an Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration on April 22, including a day of service in partnership with Greenbrier Schools and the City. There were 14 total projects, and 400-500 students who helped serve the community on that day. The Chamber also coordinated with the Greenbrier Area Arts Council to install a new mural on the Panther Gas Station on Highway 65 titled "Be the Change." In May the Chamber will hold the Junk and Drive on 65 on May 9-10<sup>th</sup> and hold another Lunch and Learn on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. June will hold the Community Fish Fry and Baggo tournament on June 5, and the Community Partner Luncheon will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### *Right of Way Dedication HBH Subdivision*

**Mr. Tim Tyler presented the right of way dedication for HBH subdivision. The preliminary subdivision plat was approved at the April Planning Commission meeting. The property owners are requesting the dedication of a 30 foot right of way**

to the City. A motion to approve the right of way dedication was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mark Hardin, and passed unanimously.

*Variance for HBH Subdivision*

Mr. Tyler then presented two variances for the HBH subdivision that were approved at the April Planning Commission meeting. The first was a variance from the installation of curb and gutter, and the second was a variance from the installation of sidewalks. Both approved by the Planning Commission because this would be in congruence with surrounding residential properties. A motion to approve both variance requests was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Kelly Knowland, and passed unanimously.

*Ordinance #2025-04 – Special Use Ordinance for Tractor Supply*

Mayor Hartwick presented an ordinance for a special use permit for the Tractor Supply development on the north side of the City. The special use permit was approved by the Planning Commission in the April meeting, and is for the property to include outside sales. A motion was made by Jason Bollinger to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by the heading only. The motion was seconded by Richard Weaver and passed unanimously. A motion to approve Ordinance #2025-04 was made by Ty Kelso, seconded by Richard Weaver, and passed unanimously. A motion to approve the emergency clause was made by Ty, Larry, unanimous.

*Discussion on Water Hook-Up Fees*

Mayor Hartwick presented the current water hook-up fees and costs to the City. Water Superintendent Kaleb Mack presented the hook-up fees for surrounding cities in comparison. Currently the City consistently loses money on hook-ups, and has the lowest fees in the area. The fees are collected before the installation of the water meter for each residential development. Discussion by council members was around setting a fee that would change with rising costs each year, and the current deficit of income for water and sewer meter set fees. It was also discussed to adjust the costs for developments where the developers preset the water taps. A motion was made by Jason Bollinger to adjust the hook-up rates as follows: Excluding taps that are preset by the developer, water meter hook-up rates will now be set to \$1750 for  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch hookups, \$2250 for 1 inch hook-ups, and \$4850 for 2 inch hook-ups. Sewer tap rates will be adjusted to \$300. The motion was seconded by Richard Weaver and passed unanimously.

*Follow Up on 122 S. Broadview*

A letter has been sent to Mr. Buice regarding the property at 122 S. Broadview, and will be further addressed by the council at the June meeting.

Mayor Hartwick informed the council that former Mayor Melton Cotton passed away over the weekend. Mayor Cotton served as the mayor of Greenbrier for 28 years, and will be dearly missed by the City and the community. The visitation is May 8 at 10:00am, and the service will follow at 11:00am at Faith Baptist Church.

**Mayor Hartwick then presented a letter from Councilman Ty Kelso to resign as a council member after 21 years, effective tonight, May 5, 2025. He presented Councilman Kelso an award in appreciation for his service to the City of Greenbrier. A motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Kelso was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Larry Johnson, and passed unanimously.**

**A nomination to fill Councilman Kelso's spot may be presented at the next Council meeting.**

**A motion was made Jason Bollinger to declare May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as a day of mourning for the City of Greenbrier in remembrance of Mayor Melton Cotton.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Ty Kelso, seconded by Larry Johnson, and all voted in favor.**

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*Sammy Hartwick, Mayor*

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*Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer*