



City Council Meeting Minutes December 1, 2025

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor	Present
Kelly Knowland	Present
Mark Hardin	Present
Meredith Post	Present
Larry Johnson	Present
Richard Weaver	Present
Jason Bollinger	Present

Roll call indicated a quorum was present.

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

Chamber of Commerce Report – Chamber President Ashton Pruitt

The Glisten in Greenbrier Christmas Tree Lighting at Matthews Park was delayed due to weather. It will now take place at 5:30 on December 7th. The Chamber Hometown Holiday Open House was a great success, with Santa being hosted at the Greenbrier Fire Department. There were 10 stops this year, with 127 completed maps turned in from participants. In November, the Chamber hosted the Lip Sync Show Down, which raised around \$2,000. They also hosted a ribbon cutting at Lenders Title. In December, there are an array of Glisten in Greenbrier events including the 30th Annual Greenbrier Christmas Parade on December 11th. The Grand Marshal of the parade will be Johnny Miller. The Circus will begin on Friday, December 19th.

3/8 Cent Bond Issue for Fire Department – Taylor Marshall, Friday, Eldredge & Clark David Downs from Crews & Associates began the presentation on a 3/8 cent bond issue for fire department improvements. The 3/8 cent tax was originally approved by voters in 2018. The proposed bond issue at question is a restructure of that bond, refunding the remaining amount of the 2018 funds and issuing new monies for the fire department. Greenbrier has seen an 88% growth in collections since 2018. This

has allowed the city to be significantly ahead of schedule on the payment of the 2018 bond.

The proposed bond restructure would have an estimated true interest cost of 4.61%. The total funds of the proposed bond would be \$11,183,870. Of that, \$8,106,743 would be available to be deposited in the construction fund for capital improvements. The remaining would be used to pay interest and to refund the original 2018 bonds. This is not a new tax, but a restructure and continuance of the 3/8 cent tax already in place.

Taylor Marshall presented Ordinance #2025-10 to call an election for March 3, 2026 for the 3/8 cent bond restructure. There would be two questions on the ballot – one to refund the original 2018 bonds, and another for the funds to be used for fire department improvements. Both questions would need to pass for the bond funds to be used for the proposed improvements. If either doesn't pass, the bond would not be issued.

The proposed firefighting improvements include, but are not limited to the acquisition of a new fire truck, equipment and other apparatus for the fire department and improvements to the Springhill fire station. The last new fire truck was purchased by the city in 1974. The improvements to the Springhill station could include living quarters for fire fighters, and could be used for Pafford medical services to house another ambulance unit near Greenbrier.

A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only was made by Mark Hardin and seconded by Kelly Knowland. The roll call vote was as follows:

Kelly Knowland – Yes
Mark Hardin – Yes
Larry Johnson - Yes
Jason Bollinger - Yes
Meredith Post - Yes
Richard Weaver - Yes

A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Richard Weaver and seconded by Mark Hardin. The roll call vote was as follows:

Kelly Knowland – Yes
Mark Hardin – Yes
Larry Johnson - Yes
Jason Bollinger - Yes
Meredith Post - Yes
Richard Weaver – Yes

Ordinance 2025-09 – Variance for 122 S. Broadview St. to waive cross-access requirements – Second Reading

Ordinance #2025-09 was approved on its first reading at the November council meeting. A motion to read the ordinance by title only for the second reading was made by Jason Bollinger, seconded by Meredith Post, and all voted in favor. City Attorney Dustin Chapman read the ordinance by its title for the second time.

Approve East Side Sewer Project – Daniel Hollinger, Garver Engineering

Daniel Hollinger gave an update on the sewage treatment plant. There was an issue with a component on a vital part of the plant. The issue was a manufacturing defect, and has been remedied by the manufacturer.

Garver is expecting the Health Department to approve the east side sewer project in the near future. The project should go out for bid in late January if it is approved by the council. There were questions concerning the impact on property owners which may be impacted by the new sewer line. A motion to approve the east side sewer project was made by Larry Johnson and seconded by Mark Hardin. Five council members voted in favor. Kelly Knowland abstained with a vote of “Present”.

Performance Bonus for Employees

Mayor Hartwick asked the council to approve a performance bonus for all employees, determined by their years of service. A motion to approve the performance bonus was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Jason Bollinger, and all voted in favor.

Approve 2026 Budget

Mayor Hartwick and Leslie Littell, the Administrative and Financial Assistant for the City, brought the issue of the proposed 2026 Budget. As discussed in the November meeting, the budget provides funding for new employees for both the fire and police departments. There were questions regarding retirement for employees, which is contributed to by the City, and line items for overtime within the budget. Overtime is approved by the Mayor when necessary. Another question pertained to revenue from city league ball games and tournaments, which is reflected in the budget. A motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Meredith Post, and all voted in favor.

2024 Audit

Leslie Littell presented the 2024 annual audit of the financial statements of city operations and water/sewer funds. Searcy & Associates completed the audits in November, and presented both as “clean”, having no material findings. A motion to accept the audit as reported and to implement any recommendations was made by Jason Bollinger, seconded by Kelly Knowland, and all voted in favor. There will be a link on the city website that will lead to the audit on the state legislative audit site.

The fence at 122 S. Broadview, addressed in the November council meeting, is still within the thirty day appeal window. After the appeal window closes the city will be allowed to take next steps.

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

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor

Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer