



## **City Council Meeting Minutes May 6, 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>

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

**Ty Kelso made a motion to accept the March minutes, Richard Weaver seconded and all voted in favor. There was no April meeting.**

### *Chamber of Commerce Report*

**Chamber President Ashton Pruitt gave the report for the Chamber of Commerce. There were several events that happened in the months of May and April. The Chamber Banquet was a huge success, and sold out tickets. The silent auction brought in over \$5000. The Chamber staff is completing “Tour de Greenbrier” – where they stop in at local businesses to talk and drop off City Directories. There were three ribbon cuttings at Pro Land Title, Barksdale Federal Credit Union in Greenbrier, and Huddle House. They are also launching a capital campaign to raise \$100,000 to help fund an amphitheater at Matthews Park. “Blackout Over Brier” during the Eclipse had a really good turnout. The events in Matthews Park were attended well locally, and by people from over 40 states and other countries, and drew over 5000 unique visitors. Coming up is several other ribbon cuttings at Barksdale Federal Credit Union in Damascus and Greenbrier Eye Care, and Junk and Drive on 65 on May 10-11.**

### *Appoint New Council Member – Mayor Hartwick*

**Matt Reynolds resigned at the March council meeting. Richard Weaver made a motion to appoint Jason Bollinger to Matt Reynolds vacant position. Kelly Knowland seconded and all voted in favor. Jason joined the council for the remainder of the meeting.**

*2023 City Event Center Report – Shellie O’Quinn*

**Shellie O’Quinn, the director of the City Event Center, began her report with a wrap up of the Eclipse. People who traveled into Greenbrier from out of state had a really good experience, and enjoyed our community and the state.**

**In 2024, the Event Center will celebrate it’s 19<sup>th</sup> year. Shellie O’Quinn also served on several community committees and coalitions around Greenbrier and Faulkner County, which has helped open doors in Greenbrier, including scholarship endowments, grants, and other funds. The Event Center had a record attendance in 2023, with over 40,000 visitors total. Facilities in the event center like the weight room, ball courts, and gym usage went up significantly in 2023 as well. There were 2750 reservations in the gyms and 700 reservations in the community room. They continue to offer several programs and classes such as the Hollenballs JO Volleyball League, Line Dance Classes, and Pickleball clinics. They host events all year long including a volunteer work day, health information classes for the high school, a “Trashion Show” on Earth Day with fashion made out of recycled materials or trash, Art Jam, Arbor Day Tree Planting, Boo Brier, and Veterans Day. The Event Center implemented Rec Desk for court reservations and updated their policies and procedures in 2023.**

**In 2024, the Event Center staff has many goals. Including making some much needed repairs, implementing Rec Desk for Community Room Reservations, helping the Chamber with their capital campaign for a Matthews Park amphitheater, and plan several additional events.**

*24” Sewer Line & Treatment Plant Report*

**Jerry Martin, from Garver, gave an update on the sewer line and treatment plant upgrades. Material is arriving for the new sewer line, and will begin being installed soon. The Treatment Plant upgrades are underway. The beginning stages of those upgrades is checking current equipment and building specs to see what needs to be updated. Demolition should begin in June, and be completed by Fall of 2025.**

**A motion was made by Larry Johnson to adjourn into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Richard Weaver, and all voted in favor.**

**After Executive Session, Richard Weaver made a motion to accept the recommendations of Mayor Hartwick and adjourn. Jason Bollinger seconded and all voted in favor.**

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*Sammy Hartwick, Mayor*

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*Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer*