

**Mayor and Council
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2022**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02pm, with Councilman Faith, Councilman McCusker, Councilman Lanehart, and Councilman Kerns in attendance. Quorum in place.

Approval of Minutes

The June 7, 2022, Public Hearing meeting minutes and June 7, 2022 Monthly meeting minutes were approved as presented. Motion made by Councilman Lanehart. Seconded by Councilman Kerns. All in favor. No opposed

Pledge of Allegiance

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATION:**
 - **Greg Alton- Washington County Sheriff candidate**
 - Mr. Alton introduced himself and informed he is running for Washington County Sheriff. Mr. Alton, Mayor, and Council had discussions on current issues and platforms.
 - **Councilman resignation**
 - Mayor Smith announced and accepted the resignation of Councilman Michael Faith.
 - **Appointment of Town Manager/ Administrator**
 - Mayor Smith appointed Michael Faith as the new Town Manager/ Administrator.
 - **Election Business**
 - Mayor Smith suggested appointing Larry Gerber, Terry Brakeall-Smith, and Nancy Ingram to the Election Board. The Election Board is set to present the Mayor and Council with new written policies in the near future.

▪ **GREENWILL CONSULTING:**

- **Revitalization Grants-** Mr. Valentine informed the grant review panel, consisting of four people, have reviewed, and approved one grant so far and is sending the grant along to Mayor and Council for approval. Motion to approve the grant application made by Councilman McCusker. Seconded by Councilman Lanehart. All in favor. No opposed.
- **Letter for property owner-** Mr. Valentine informed there is a property owner waiting on a letter from the Town to complete the filing of a deed combining three lots. Mr. Valentine ask that Mayor and Council get this letter to the property owner as soon as possible.
- **317 & 319 East Main St-** Mr. Valentine stated the RFP packets for 317 & 319 East Main Street are completed and available. The requests are due July 15, 2022.
- **CDBG Grant-** Mr. Valentine stated he was recently informed of a grant the Town has regarding the I & I study for the Wastewater Treatment project. The Town has submitted for reimbursement of the I & I study and should receive that reimbursement of \$128, 900 from CDBG.
- **Urban Renewal Plan-** Mr. Valentine reminded Mayor and Council there needs to be a committee formed, and a review of the draft. Mr. Valentine ask that Mayor and Council request inspections for buildings on Main Street.
- **Parking lot lease –** Mr. Valentine informed that he has recently been informed that there is a lease agreement between DNR and the Town for the parking lot by Buddy Lou’s restaurant. Mr. Valentine stated the leased needed to be renewed.
- **Meeting-** Mr. Valentine along with Councilman McCusker, and Sergeant Miller met with two Washington County Board of Education members to discuss school resource officers. Mr. Valentine

suggested the Hancock Police Officers receive the school resource officer training. Councilman McCusker stated there would be more meetings in the future.

- **Speed signs-** Mr. Valentine met with State Highway Administration regarding the speed signs located in the school zone.
- **Orchard Business Park-** Mr. Valentine received a request for water and sewer to the annexed Orchard Business Park. Mr. Valentine will meet with RK&K engineering regarding a study.
- **Boat Ramp grant-** Mr. Valentine stated the Town has two grants available for the Boat Ramp. One grant is for the design, and one is for the construction. The design would be fully funded through the grant; however, the construction would require a match. Mr. Valentine suggested accepting the grant for the design of the boat ramp. Motion to accept the grant for the design but decline the grant for the construction made by Councilman Kerns. Seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed.
- **Fencing/ Roofing-** Mr. Valentine and Councilman Kerns asked Mayor and Council to review and choose the fence and roofing options that will border the new wastewater treatment plants. After discussion, motion to choose fence and roofing color made by Councilman Kerns. Seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed.

▪ **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

- **Preston Hall-** Mr. Hall inquired about the Truck Plaza, Museum, and parking meters.
- **Daniel Murphy-** Mr. Murphy inquired of the camera system around Town due to recent vandalism. Mr. Murphy also ask Mayor and Council to consider upgrading the security system for the Museum.

- **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Police Commissioners/ Police Dept.**

- **Cadets-** Councilman Lanehart informed the two new Police Officers are in stage 3 of their FTO program. The new Officers had 89 traffic stops during the month of June.
- **National Night Out-** Officer Faith stated the annual National Night Out will be August 2, 2022.

- **PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. John Cohill stated the last meeting had been postponed. Mr. Cohill informed that the committee has received one resignation.

- **HANCOCK IN MOTION:**

- Councilman Lanehart informed there will be a car show/ benefit on Sunday, July 17, 2022. There will also be free live music in Widmeyer Park on July 30, 2022.

- **PARKS / PARKS AND REC:**

- Councilman McCusker informed there will be an outdoor movie on July 23, 2022, at Kirkwood Park.

- **ARTS COUNCIL-**

- Mr. Sinclair Hamilton informed that the Arts Council hosted a concert on July 9, 2022, and that was the first event in two years due to the pandemic. Mr. Sinclair informed of an upcoming concert at Kirkwood Park on July 31, 2022.
- Mr. Hamilton inquired about the pump at the Canal and was informed by Mayor Smith that issue had been reported.
- Mr. Sinclair inquired about the restrooms located by the boat ramp and ask that Mayor and Council report them as inoperable at this time.

- **MAIN STREET HANCOCK**

- Mr. Thomas Taylor informed of the upcoming Medieval Days, Harvest Festival, Miracle on Main Street, and the 2023 Trails Day.

- Mr. Taylor introduced new members to Main Street Hancock.
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY-**
 - Mr. Murphy informed the Museum transition from upstairs to downstairs will be nearly completed this week.
- **Public Works**
 - Councilman Lanehart informed there is a position open for Superintendent of Public Works.
- **TOWN ATTORNEY/ Mr. Ed Kuczynski: NO REPORT**

- **MAYOR and COUNCIL REPORT:**
 - **Monthly Reporting-**
 - Mayor Smith expressed his gratitude to Council for enforcing the Water Ordinance.
- **New Business**
 - Mayor and Council informed they will be meeting with contractors regarding the emergency sewer line repair on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman McCusker. Seconded by Councilman Lanehart. All in favor. No opposed.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:24pm

Heather Keefer

