

MARLINTON TOWN COUNCIL

November 2, 2020

Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Auditorium, Marlinton Municipal Building, 709 Second Avenue
Due to the Governor's Covid-19 Safer-at-Home Order the meeting was made available by telephone and Zoom. The public was invited to call in

Mayor Sam Felton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Recorder called the roll.

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| Present: | Sam Felton, <i>Mayor</i> | B.J. Gudmundsson, <i>Recorder</i> (remote) |
| | Chris Curry (remote) | Bill McMann |
| | Joe Smith | Gail Hyer (remote) |
| | Scott Gibb | |

Reading and Approval of Prior Council Meeting Minutes

- Joe Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on 10/05/20 as presented; Bill McMann seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mayor's Report

Mayor Felton reported on efforts to improve the ability to conduct remote meetings. Equipment was purchased and installed. New safety measures include plexiglass shields on council members' tables and a temperature station inside the entrance to town hall.

Mayor Felton's complete report is attached to these minutes.

Public Input

Cara Rose reported that the Convention and Visitors Bureau will be launching a "Wear a Mask" campaign. They hope to place banners and other messaging in the county's communities and will seek permission from the DOH for a banner to be placed on Rt. 39 in Marlinton. She asked for and received the Council's blessing for the program.

Committee Reports

Gail Hyer reported on the web site and said they hope that the Bill Pay will be in use of January.

Police Report

Police Chief Ian Galloway gave the Police Report for October.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Resolution #51 (to pay invoicing for construction, engineering and administrative invoices) - Water System Improvement Project**
 - Scott Gibb moved to approve Resolution #51 to pay invoices totaling \$15,118.70 as presented for the Water System Improvement Project; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

2. **Discuss and/or Act Approval to Engineering Amendment #6 - Water System Improvement Project**
 - Scott Gibb moved to approve Engineering Amendment #6 for the Water System Improvement Project as presented; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

3. **Discuss and/or Act on Contract 1, Change Order #11 - Water System Improvement Project**
 - Scott Gibb moved to approve Contract 1, Change Order #11 for the Water System Improvement Project; Gail Hyer seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

4. **Discuss and/or Act on First Reading of Sewer Rate Ordinance - Sewer System Improvement Project**
 - Scott Gibb moved to approve the First Reading of the Sewer Rate Ordinance for the Sewer System Improvement Project; Gail Hyer seconded. ***Motion passed with Chris Curry voting NO.***

A legal ad will be placed in the Pocahontas Times setting the Public Hearing and Second Reading for the Regular Council Meeting on December 7, 2020.

5. Discuss and/or Act on Approving Christmas Parade for December 4th

- Joe Smith moved to approve December 4th for the Christmas Parade if there are participants, and pending approval by the Department of Highways; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Approve Invoices/Payment of Bills

- Joe Smith moved to pay the bills as presented; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Adjournment

- Joe Smith moved to adjourn. ***The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.***

Respectfully Submitted:

Sam Felton, Mayor

B. J. Gudmundsson, Recorder

MAYORS REPORT FOR November 2020 MTC Meeting:
October 2020 MTC activity Report.

10/1/20 - Follow-up meeting with Slum & Blight program reps. Bicentennial meeting. Follow-up on vision complaint at Lakeview. Floodplain compliance on 9th str. Already on Commission Agenda

10/2 – follow-up on pallet house at riverside.

10/5 – follow-up on water meter leak checks. Intake work. Fire hydrants prep. MTC Meeting.

10/6 – Meet with PC County Commission, received \$10T for COVID related expense. CEFP

10/7 – Arrange Zoom communications presentation. Schedule immediate consultation. The Infrastructure Council Report noted that The Town of Marlinton came seeking 100T dollars and a Binding Commitment for IJDC Pre-applications funding assistance, for smoke testing, to determine the extent of a required improvement of its sewer collections system and treatment plant upgrade project. The MHI is stated at 35.79. Motion passed. – HubCap zoom at 6PM.

10/8 – Gov Announcement. DEP Conference Call. Planning Commission via Zoom.

10/9 – Meet with Electronic Specialty Company rep. Mark Woods

10/12 – Holiday

10/13 - Order new Meetings Communication system from Electronic Specialty Company

10/14 – Follow-up on Backflow Prevention Program (BPP). HubCap by Zoom. Democratic gathering on river bridge. Governor Broadband announcement.

10/15 – Communicate with MES Principle regarding unloading/loading

10/19-21 Worked with (new) CEO on a variety of beginning work & issues.

10/21 – Voice-message to Fire Marshall. follow-up on cross-contamination program & reporting. Congresswoman Miller rep set in on MFTP/Grants Committee zoom meeting.

10/22 – Filing, calls, email, other. Day Report Board Meeting from 4-530pm.

10/23 – Tom White on issues. Follow-up on elevation certificates. Zoom/per IMBA Impact. Pocahontas County Senior Citizens Board Meeting. Meeting at CVB; charging station & rest-R

FRN Empty-Bowls program utilized Discovery Junction.

10/24 – FYI: PCSC held first Rodeo event at ARC arena. Hilleary Turner at gazebo.

10/26 – While setting up training with a GBC Inspector, (new) CEO, gave notice. PMH called and offered a maintenance position at five more dollars per hour. Note: ran same ad 2 weeks for CEO. Talk with CVB/Depot/RR. Municipal Judge to Prosecutor office for community service code. Met with Lauren Bennett on 4th avenue to consider entrance options to Overlook Trail.

10/27 – FEMA Webinar per Ray Perry (intended for CEO). Decals on trash truck. G.Tarazi, roof.

10/28 – followup on 2nd avenue pine tree. Also, 27% Water-loss on Sept/Oct billing, (the best that star remembers).Reschedule events & meetings.

10/29 – Security camera followup. More filing. Susan Riggs, counsel for PSC sewer ordinance.

10/30 – Installation of new Electronic Specialty Company Communication system in auditorium, Temperature station at the front entry.

10/31 – Communicate with First Energy during power outage.

Halloween function utilized Discovery Junction, (Thanks to Joe Smith & others)