Council Minutes February 06, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Belington met for a Public Hearing Thursday, February 06, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Dana Booth presiding.

Mayor Booth read the following agenda items for:

*Enactment of the Series 2025 A Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Bond Ordinance. No public in attendance. Councilman Raschella made the motion to accept and adopt the enactment. Councilman Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilwoman Skidmore motioned to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Councilman Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Common Council of the City of Belington met in regular session Thursday, February 06, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Dana Booth presiding.

Council attending: Craig Bolton, Suzanna Skidmore, Morgan Nesland, Josh Raschella, and Stephanie Davis.

Also attending: Gwendolyn Valentine, City Clerk; Connie Stewart, Assistant City Clerk; Belington Police Chief, Joshua Hymes; Belington Ptlm. Trenton Cooper; Charlie Wilson, Sewer Department; Lori Wetzel, Jessica George, Shaylee Coberly, Sharon Guthrie, Carrie Wallace, Hunter Mullins.

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilman Bolton moved to approve the February 06, 2025 agenda as presented. Councilwoman Nesland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of January 16, 2025 Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Skidmore made a motion to accept, Councilwoman Nesland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jessica George, with the Belington Library, presented council with calendar dates for upcoming community activities for the year. Mayor Booth presented the library with a donation check from the city.

Carrie Wallace with Region VII, went over progress with project.

- Councilman Bolton made the motion for Mayor Booth to sign a Resolution to Enter into Contract with the Department of the Army for funding of Water System upgrade. Councilman Raschella seconded the motion.
- Councilman Bolton made the motion to waive and adopt the 3rd Reading and Enactment of the Series 2025 A Combined Waterworks and Sewerage Bond Ordinance. Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Councilwoman Skidmore made the motion for Design Sweep Resolution and Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Design Revenue Bonds Series 2025 a (West Virginia CWSRF Program) Supplemental Resolution. Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Councilman Bolton made the motion for Resolution of the City of Belington approving invoices relating to the design of certain public combined Waterworks and Sewerage System facilities of the City and authorizing payment thereof requisition #1 Sewer Project. Councilman Raschella seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Councilwoman Skidmore made the motion to approve opening two new accounts at Freedom Bank. One for Belington Water Improvements Project and one for Belington Sewer Improvements Project. Councilwoman Nesland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hunter Mullens presented council with the 2^{nd} Opioid Settlement check and went over some guidelines.

The following building/demolition applications:

Gregory Pigott

14 2nd St

Garage

Estimated cost: \$15,000.00

Acting upon the recommendation of building inspector, Councilwoman Skidmore moved to approve all application(s) and issue permits once Cooper approves offsets. Councilman Raschella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Hymes gave his report for January, 2025. The Belington Police Department had 85 calls of service and 43 traffic stops. 3 citation(s) issued including 3 charge(s) for traffic offense, 0 city ordinance violations, and 40 warnings. 12 misdemeanor arrests, 2 felony arrests, 0 traffic accidents, 1 process notice(s) served, and 4 background check(s). He reported on totaled police cruiser and presented quotes. He explained to council Officer Cooper's job at the City of Philippi. He also reported that he is staring on the annual fishing derby.

Charlie Wilson discussed issues with pumps. Deciding to rebuild or purchase new one. Discussed water leaks and removal of barrels from main street. Councilman Raschella offered to remove barrels. Mayor Booth will discuss light removal with John Rider. Councilman Bolton made the motion to sign annual agreement with Hach. Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Asking council to look at quote for Media at the water plant.

Business licenses was submitted for The Law Office of Morris C. Davis at 606 Crim Ave and Sunrise Roofing, Inc at 9414 Morgantown Pike. Discussion. Councilwoman Skidmore made the motion to accept The Law Office of Morris C. Davis and Sunrise Roofing Inc. Councilman Raschella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Early voting for the City Election will be February 19th to March 1st. Clerk Valentine also asked council if the Board of Parks can take back their responsibilities for their finances now that they have a functioning board. Councilwoman Skidmore made the motion to allow the Board of Parks to take back their financial responsibilities. Councilman Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lori Wetzel, with the Board of Parks, updated council on renovations recently done at the Civic Center. She has requested the city crew to check a drain at the Civic Center and requested keys to the basement. Discussion. She gave appreciation to the office staff and gave dates of some upcoming events. The library will be renting equipment for the pickleball courts and hopefully the disk golf equipment also. Painting at the Civic Center will start soon.

Councilman Bolton made the motion to waive 2nd reading and adopt the Industrial Park Annexation Resolution. Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Booth had nothing to report on the CSX property.

Councilwoman Skidmore made the motion to donate \$100.00 to the Belington Elementary School's Blue and Gray 5k. Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consideration of February 06, 2025 Invoices, Councilman Bolton made the motion to accept, Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Raschella asked about the ice situation of the roof. Discussion. He is getting updates on projects he is working on.

Mayor Booth thanked the office staff for their hard work. He, along with Clerk Valentine, thanked Councilwoman Davis for helping in the office as well.

Councilman Bolton made the motion to enter executive session at 8:31 pm. Councilwoman Nesland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Skidmore made the motion to enter regular session at 8:48 pm. Councilman Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Bolton made the motion to give the option of submitting an affidavit from an attorney with a notarized certificate from a manufacturing home firm, stating that the Hart's unit fits the definition of a modular home, in 30 days. Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. by Councilwoman Skidmore, Councilwoman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.