

Council Minutes
March 20, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Belington met in regular session March 20, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Dana Booth presiding.

Council attending: Charles Alth, Suzanna Skidmore, Craig Bolton III, Stephenie Davis, Joshua Raschella, Marshall Reed, and Katie Wolpert.

Also attending Gwen Valentine; City Clerk, Connie Stewart; Assistant Clerk, John Rider; Coordinator, Trenton Cooper; Patrolman and Joey Bolyard.

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

Roll Call

Councilman Reed moved to accept the March 20, 2025 agenda as presented. Councilwoman Wolpert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Reed moved to accept the March 06, 2025 Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Police Department:

Patrolman Cooper led a brief discussion on the quotes for the new police cruiser purchase.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Code Enforcement Officer Cooper presented two building permit applications.

Herbert H. Browning Jr.	25 Old Morgantown Pike Rd	\$8,958.61	Pre Fab Utility Building
Allegheny Mountain Prop	706 Brown Ave	\$12,000-\$15,000	Porch Enclosure

Councilman Raschella made a motion to accept the building permits as presented contingent on the approval of CEO Cooper. Councilman Alth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Plant:

Coordinator Rider spoke about narrowing down leaks and finding a leak in a 6-inch pipe.

City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Valentine noted that all election materials and numbers had been turned in. **Councilwoman Skidmore made a motion to certify the 2025 election results. Councilman Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board of Parks:

Connie Stewart informed council about the upcoming Taylor Swift party on Friday March 21, 2025.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Skidmore for the beautification committee set the date of April 19, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the Hopping Down the Bunny Trail event.

Old Business:

Spring Cleanup has been set for April 26th, 2025 with a rain date of May 3rd, 2025.

New Business:

Councilwoman Wolpert went over the Finance Committee recommendations for the upcoming 2025/2026 Budget. **After a brief discussion Councilman Reed made a motion to accept the 2025/2026 Budget as presented. Councilman Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilman Alth made a motion to sign the adoption and execution of the Letter of Conditions and Letter of Intent to meet conditions for the City of Belington's Sewer Vacuum truck. Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Wolpert led a discussion on the purchase of a new police cruiser. Councilman Alth spoke on the location of said purchase and voiced his concerns. **After a brief discussion Councilman Skidmore made a motion to use forty thousand from the coal severance account, eleven thousand from the insurance, and the remainder of the purchase from the opioid account. Councilman Raschella seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Hall Office breaks have been tabled until the next meeting.

Councilman Alth made a motion to pay March 20, 2025 invoices. Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

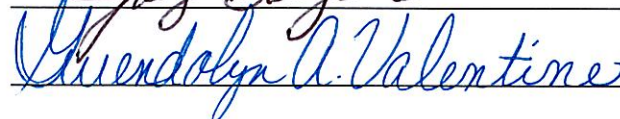
Mayor and Council Comments:

Councilman Bolton thanked Mayor Booth and outgoing councilperson for their service. Councilwoman Skidmore thanked Mayor Booth and outgoing councilmembers for their service. Councilman Alth stated his appreciation for Mayor Booth and outgoing councilmembers. Councilwoman Davis thanked everyone and stated she would miss them on her exit. Councilman Raschella thanked outgoing members for their service. Councilman Reed also expressed his gratitude for outgoing council. Councilwoman Wolpert thanked council on her exit. Mayor Booth thanked everyone for their time of service as his reign of Mayor came to an end.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by Councilman Bolton, Councilman Alth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor



City Clerk