

State of West Virginia
County of Tucker
City of Parsons

Call to Order

Mayor Rosenau called the meeting of the Parsons City Council to order March 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Call of Roll

Recorder Judy called the roll, finding the following members in attendance: Roy, Maxwell, Barb, Goss, Judy (Recorder), Lambert, Alkire and Mayor Rosenau.

Approval of Agenda

A motion made by Roy to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Goss, all were in favor.

Opening Prayer

Hazel Phillips led with the Opening Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Myers led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes to be Approved

A motion made by Maxwell to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 21, 2006, seconded by Lambert; Alkire abstained, due to his absence. Motion carried.

Guests Wishing to Address Council

Guests present were: Jason Myers, John "Jack" McGuigan, Julieanne Cooper (The Inter-Mountain), Christopher Stadelman (The Parsons Advocate), William Dodge, Hazel Phillips, Clyde Long, Scott Hornafius, Joy Showalter, Kathleen Moore and Ronald Marker.

Scott Hornafius with Mega Energy, Inc. reported that his company is presently operating at the Wilfong property. He also requested that the Parsons City Council approve a pipeline right-of-way agreement, which he provided each Council Member, along with a map. Mayor Rosenau appointed Roy, Lambert, Goss and Judy to work with the City

Attorney on the right-of-way agreement and report back to City Council at the next meeting.

Joy Showalter with Nelson Excavating came before City Council concerning an outstanding invoice for the demolition and construction of sidewalks on Chestnut Street. Mayor Rosenau stated that the work was not performed according to the bid contract. He also advised that by the advice of our attorney, we held back \$1,617.79.

Payment of Bills-Review/Approval or Disapproval

A motion by Goss to approve payment of bills as presented, seconded by Barb, all were in favor.

Building Permit(s)

A motion made by Judy to approve a building permit for Greg and Carolyn Gray at 101 Park Street (a.k.a. Price Street), seconded by Goss, all were in favor.

Unfinished Business

Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project:

1. Project Update – Thrasher Engineering, Inc.

Mayor Rosenau stated that Hamrick Public Service Department filed a protest with the West Virginia Public Service Commission, regarding our sewer rate increase, which will hold our Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project up for approximately six months.

Water Storage Tank Replacement Project

1. Project Update – Thrasher Engineering, Inc.

Mayor Rosenau stated that none of the water customers filed a protest with the West Virginia Public Service Commission during the protest period.

Parsons Streetscape Improvement Project (a.k.a. Lover's Lane Project) – Charles W. Rosenau

Mayor Rosenau stated that the West Virginia Division of Highways had committed \$100,000 toward the sponsor's match for the Parsons Streetscape Improvement Project (a.k.a. Lover's Lane Project). He advised that Mr. Myers had e-mailed Delegate Stevens, Senator Hunter and Senator Hunter, hoping they could help secure some monies for this project.

Governor's Community Partnership Program for Parsons Revitalization Organization (P.R.O.)

1. Grant Program Contract:

- A. Pat A. Nichols Letter – Review/Discussion
- B. Resolution to Accept All Terms and Conditions of the Contract with West Virginia Development Office – Review/Discussion/Motion

Recorder Judy read correspondence from Pat A. Nichols (Attorney). Nichols stated in his letter that the City was responsible for the grant and should be informed from Parsons Revitalization Organization as to what they are using the funds for. Ronald Marker chairman of P.R.O. spoke of his concerns for City Council to approve the Governor’s Community Partnership Grant Program Contract. He emphasized if the Council did not wish to approve the grant contract and work with P.R.O. they would go the Tucker County Commission. Kathleen Moore with P.R.O. explained the way the funding process worked with the West Virginia Development Office.

A motion made by Lambert to approve a resolution of City Council to accept all terms and conditions of the contract with West Virginia Development Office, Governor’s Community Partnership Program for the Parsons Revitalization Organization, Inc. First Street Project, seconded by Barb, those in favor were Lambert, Barb, Goss, Alkire, Maxwell and Roy; Judy abstained, due to membership of P.R.O. Motion carried.

Tucker County Courthouse Annex Project – Discussion/Motion

A motion made by Roy not to approve the closing of Second Street for the Tucker County Courthouse Annex Project, seconded by Goss, following a discussion on this issue Roy and Goss agreed to resend their motion.

Roy made a motion to table the Tucker County Courthouse Annex Project issue, seconded by Goss, Alkire suggested having a poll and each council member would go around in their perspective ward and get the opinion of the public, all were in favor.

New Business

Engineering Proposals for Lover’s Lane Project

The following Engineering Firms submitted proposals on the Parsons Streetscape Improvement Project (a.k.a. Lover’s Lane Project):

- Hannah Engineering, Elkins, West Virginia
- Civil Tech Engineering, Inc., Hurricane, West Virginia
- Rummel, Klepper & Kaul, LLP, Keyser, West Virginia
- E.L. Robinson, Charleston, West Virginia
- Thrasher Engineering, Inc., Clarksburg, West Virginia
- Swecker Engineering, Elkins, West Virginia
- RPM Engineers, PLLC, Charleston, West Virginia
- Alpha Associates, Inc., Morgantown, West Virginia
- Honor Brothers Engineers, Clarksburg, West Virginia
- R.D. Zande & Associates, Inc., Buckhannon West Virginia

Chapman Technical Group, St. Albans, West Virginia
Baker Engineering & Energy, Charleston, West Virginia
Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., Morgantown West Virginia
Floyd Browne Group, Charleston West Virginia
Potesta and Associates, Inc., Morgantown, West Virginia.

Mayor Rosenau assigned the Street Committee to analyze the proposals submitted by the above engineering firms and report back to City Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Rosenau advised that he and Administrator Myers spoke with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers about flood protection for the City of Parsons. He advised that Michael Rattay informed him that the current floodwall in place is inadequate and a new wall would have to be built according to their recommendations.

Mayor Rosenau also stated that the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers stated that if Parsons hoped to have any future, they would have to build a new wall for flood protection.

Mayor Rosenau also discussed the flood protection wall around the new town bridge.

Executive Session-Employee Issues

A motion made by Goss to enter into executive session, seconded by Maxwell, all were in favor.

A motion made by Goss to enter into regular session, seconded by Lambert, all were in favor.

Committee/Council Member Report(s)

Cemetery Committee

A motion made by Roy to approve Thrasher Engineering, Inc. for the purpose of making a map for the Parsons City Cemetery at a cost of \$2,906.00, seconded by Goss, all were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion by Barb to adjourn, seconded by Goss, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:

James L. Judy, Recorder

Charles W. Rosenau, Mayor