

REGULAR MEETING July 2, 2019: The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL 2019-2020: New City Council members for the 2019-2021 term took their oath of office in a ceremony led by City Clerk Christine M. Wade.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR:

Motion by Selin, second by Fetty, to appoint Bill Kawecki as Mayor. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kawecki, second by Wendell, to appoint Jenny Selin as Deputy Mayor. Motion failed 2-5. Rachel Fetty and Bill Kawecki voting yes.

Motion by Dulaney, second by Selin, to appoint Rachel Fetty as Deputy Mayor. Motion carried 5-2 with Rachel Fetty, and Bill Kawecki voting no.

ROLL CALL: Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty, Zachery Cruze, Jenny Selin, Ron Dulaney, Dave Harshbarger, Barry Wendell and Mayor Kawecki.

PRESENT: City Manager Paul Brake, City Clerk Christine Wade. City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Assistant City Manager Emily Muzzarelli was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kawecki.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 4, 2019, and June 18, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes were approved as printed, by consensus. June 4, 2019 Special Meeting minutes was approved as corrected, by consensus.

CORRESPONDENCE: Councilor Cruze received an email from Barbara Howell representing the Community Coalition for Social Justice, and they wanted to make it known that they support the passage of the Ordinance on Bullying. Deputy Mayor Fetty announced that she received an abundant of emails regarding the City's Annexation Plan and stated that she would forward those along. Councilor Wendell announced that he has received emails regarding the following: 3 supporting the PRT, 1 thanking Council for supporting the Paris Climate Agreement Ordinance, and approximately 54 people who are opposed to the proposed Annexation Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING RECLASSIFICATION OF 40 PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE IN THE FIFTH WARD OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN FROM B-2, SERVICE BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-1A, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1331 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN AS SHOWN ON THE EXHIBIT HERETO ATTACHED AND DECLARED TO BE A PART OF THIS ORDINANCE AS IF THE SAME WERE FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN

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PUBLIC HEARING – AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING BULLYING IN CITY SERVICES, ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, AND FACILITIES SERVING YOUTH

Mayor Kawecki declared the Public Hearing open

Please see below those that spoke in favor of the bullying ordinance:

- Jan Derry
- Daniel Walker

Gillian Icelanderson stated that this Ordinance would not stop the bullying.

There being no other appearances, Mayor Kawecki declared the Public Hearing closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Mayor Kawecki asked the new council members to choose which Board/Commission/Committee they would like to sit on.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Kawecki declared the Public Portion open.

The following people spoke in favor of the Sabraton Station noise Ordinance waiver petition to extend the hours from 10pm to midnight for Wednesday and Thursday night, July 24, and 25, 2019, for MountainFest:

- Craig Wolfe
- Dustin Barnes
- Monica Andis
- Keisha White
- Eric Bellidina
- Susan Barnes
- Lori Maxon
- Ashley Bennett
- Lasaya Giet
- Summer Cane

Kevin Maxon, Norwood neighborhood, spoke against the Sabraton Station noise waiver petition.

There being no other speakers, Mayor Kawecki declared the Public Portion closed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

New Business:

1. **ABCA Floor Plan Extension – Sabraton Station/MountainFest Event**

City manager explained, after discussion, motion by Dulaney, second by Selin, to approve the Floor Plan Extension for Sabraton Station. This would allow for Sabraton Station to serve alcohol outside of their normal business parameters for the celebration of MountainFest taking place July 24 – 27, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

2. **BID Call 2019 VoIP Phone System Equipment/installation purchase**

City Manager explained, after discussion, motion by Selin, second by Dulaney, to approve the VoIP Phone System Equipment and Installation purchase. This would allow Segra to host the systems for city buildings. This service would cost the city \$300,000 over a 5- year period. Motion carried 6-1 with Deputy Mayor Fetty voting no.

Information:

1. City Manager spoke about the annexation open houses that will take place throughout the month of July. The open houses will be interactive in style with several stations set up to present information about the different aspects of the annexation plan.
2. Shared thanks for allowing him to participate at Harvard Kennedy School

REPORT FROM CITY CLERK: City Clerk Christine M. Wade spoke about the meeting with the League of Women Voter's and shared that our office is responding to the comments received during the meeting. City Clerk reached out to some of her partners regarding diversity and inclusion training. She also reached out to WVU of Social Work as well. She shared her vision, to provide online on-demand training for the poll workers. City Clerk announced the dates for the WVML Summer Conference with Council and the deadlines to sign up.

REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY: Absent

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Deputy Mayor Fetty: Thanked Council for the nomination of Deputy Mayor. She stated that because she is the Deputy Mayor, she is nominating Councilor Dulaney to the Parking Authority. She mentioned the 3rd Annual Morgantown Housing Fair will be taking place on July 13, 2019 and noted that there are still some spots available to participate in the fair. She mentioned that the First Ward Neighborhood Association Meeting will be on July 22, 2019 and looks forward to hearing from everyone.

Councilor Cruze: Thanked those who come out to speak in support of Sabraton Station. He encouraged everyone to visit the Morgantown Public Library as they have many activities going on in July. He mentioned that the Wiles Hill Neighborhood Association meeting will be on July 17, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

Councilor Selin: Thanked Deputy Mayor Fetty, and Councilor Dulaney for their nomination for Deputy Mayor. She announced that there are seats open on the Boards and Commissions that needs to be filled this month. She mentioned to the new members of the Boards and Commissions, if they have questions, they can always reach out to other Board and Commission members to get a taste of what it is all about. She thanked those who come out tonight to speak during the public portion. She announced that on behalf of the Celebration of America Committee music will be on the Courthouse Square at 5:00 pm with the parade starting at 6:00 p.m. Randy Mazy, WVU Baseball Coach will be the Parade Marshall this year. She mentioned the bike decorating contest and stated that applications are available online, at the City Clerk's office and at Tanner's Alley on High Street. She encouraged anyone that is interested to sign up they can do so the day of and will meet at the Zacquill Morgan Statue in front of the Public Safety Building. She mentioned that this year the City will not have fireworks but recommended going to the Ball Park to watch them this year or anywhere else that are having them. Suncrest Neighborhood Association will be holding their picnic at Krepps Park at 5:00 pm with the potluck. Bumper Jackson will be playing at Krepps Park at 7:00 pm.

Councilor Dulaney: He mentioned that the Morgantown History Museum will be having it annual Best Chef's Cookoff on August 1, 2019 and tickets are on sale for \$30.00. There is entertainment and a silent auction that will be held. He encourages everyone to come out and have a good time. He mentioned that the Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission met recently, and concerns were brought forth from a tenant. He mentioned that the next meeting will be held at the end of July and hopefully will have some updates from the City Manager on how those concerns are being addressed.

Councilor Harshbarger: Stated that he looks forward to spending time with Council the nest 2 years.

Councilor Wendell: Provided the following.

We met last week on Thursday for a Council initiation, and it was great to be introduced or reintroduced to the department heads who work for the city. Their expertise is appreciated, and I know it is a labor of love for them.

I left that meeting early because my sister had arrived from Maryland for a visit that afternoon. Since Thursday, we have eaten at Yama on Fayette Street, worshipped at Tree of Life on South High Street, and visited an artists' show on Cherry Street in Greenmont. My sister swam at Krepps Park pool. She was impressed with the "pirate ship" and with the politeness of the many children at the pool. She played mah-jongg with friends from South Park. Morgantown is an impressive and friendly place for visitors.

There has been a national debate about the use of the term "concentration camps" regarding detention of asylum seekers, and children without parents or guardians, on the southern border of the United States. Supporters of the camps have labeled the term disrespectful of the history of Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II. Concentration camps in Europe included places where people, not just Jews, were held in inhumane conditions, whether or not they were murdered. From what I have seen, the camps on the border, to the everlasting shame of our country, do qualify as "concentration camps."

I visited Crawford County, Ohio, a small county with a declining population, last week Monday to Wednesday. The county seat and largest city is Bucyrus. The second-largest town, Galton, has a streamline modern movie theater, now used as the home of a community theater. My wish is that we could acquire and rehab the Warner on High Street for movies, or as a community theater center.

Thanks to our friends and family who came out for us tonight.

I'm am still in favor of the proposed annexation of areas outside the current city boundaries. I have read all of the opposing emails I received. I hope that we will be able to tell this story from the point of view of the city in the coming weeks. As Barb Howe suggested, we should notify all property owners, and I would add all tenants, of the upcoming meetings, although the meetings have been widely publicized.

I wish a warm welcome to Zach Cruze and Dave Harshbarger and a hearty "Welcome Back" to Rachel Fetty, Bill Kawecki, Jenny Selin, and Ron Dulaney, Jr. We have our work cut out for us these next two years.

Mayor Kawecki: He announced that there is a vacancy on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board and that Councilor Dulaney is an alternate because the meeting date and time is a conflict with another board or commission that he currently serves on. He asked council if anyone was interested. Thanked the City Clerk for having the announcements ready to read. **Announcements:** **July 4, 2019** - 18 Strings to play at the Morgantown Brewing Company at 6pm with a live performance; Celebration of America Parade down High Street 6pm; **July 5, 2019** – Friday Family Walk at the Botanic Gardens 10am; **July 6, 2019** – Chimp Day at the Spark, \$2 to help celebrate World Chimpanzee Day 10am; **July 7, 2019** – Outlander Plants at the Botanic Gardens at 2pm; **July 8, 2019** – Morgantown Public Library Stranger Things Craft Night at 6pm, Steel Drum Camp at BOPARC 7:30am; **July 9, 2019** – Evening Yoga in the Garden, \$12 at the Botanic Garden 7pm, Women’s Assault Prevention and Response Part 1, Defense in Depth on Earl Core Road 6pm; **July 11, 2019** – Krepps Kritters (ages 3-6) Krepps Park 10am; **July 12, 2019** – Stepping Stones Jim Dunn Run on the Wharf, \$35 with a spaghetti dinner.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion by Wendell, second by Dulaney, to adjourn the meeting.
Time: 9:12 p.m.


City Clerk


Mayor

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