

CITY OF ROMNEY
ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA
AUGUST 1, 2016

Mayor Hileman called to order the regular City of Romney Council Meeting August 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed with prayer by Councilman Gary Smith.

Roll Call:

Mayor Hileman: present	Councilman Allen: present
Recorder Keadle: present	Councilman Cannon: present
City Administrator Marsh: present	Councilman Duncan: present
City Clerk & Treasurer Colebank: present	Councilman Hott: present
Chief James Lambert - present	Councilwoman Roberts: present
Municipal Attorney Moreland: absent	Councilman Smith: present

Mayor Hileman declared there to be a quorum.

- **Previous Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 11, 2016, by Councilwoman Roberts, second by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.
- **Comments from Guests:** **John Stump** of Steptoe and Johnson was present to explain the opportunity to refinance the outstanding sewer and water revenue bonds. This would be a refinancing for savings only, no change to term or payoff date. The water bond issue may save as much as \$2000/month; the sewer bond issue may save about \$200/month net of all costs to both. Two ordinances will be required and Three readings of each. If approved by Council, the First Reading will be tonight. His recommendation is to proceed with the readings and then see what the interest rates are at that time before a final decision is made.
- **Communications:** (Copy of all communications available for review in the Business Office)
 - Hampshire County Government Recognition Service will be held on Thursday, August 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Old Courtroom in the Court House, all are invited to attend.
 - The Halloween Parade request by the GFWC for Monday, October 31, 2016, to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Romney Community Pool parking lot and walk down Rosemary Lane to the FNB bank parking lot; followed by Trick or Treating from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Motion to approve by Councilwoman Roberts, second by Councilman Duncan. Motion carried.
 - Tree Board Ordinance – Report by Lynn DeVault
 - Recognition of the contribution by the City of Romney employees to the R. L. Johnson, Jr., Scholarship Fund administered by the Hampshire County Community Foundation.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Ordinance: Mr. Cannon/Ms. Moreland – No Report
 - Sanitation: Mr. Smith – No Report
 - Streets: Mr. Duncan – No Report
 - Water: Mr. Allen – No Report
 - Finance: Ms. Roberts – No Report
 - Buildings: Mr. Hott – No Report
 - Councilwoman Roberts questioned the policy of abandoned properties in particular the property located at 465 West Birch Lane. Also, the status of the pool/fence behind Madeline Blue's old home.
 - Attorney Moreland: No Report
 - Parks and Recreation: Dennis Morris – No Report

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Romney Tree Board: Lynn DeVault announced that her two years as President of the Tree Board are now at an end. She pointed out that to maintain the status of Tree City we must continue with the requirements of the program with the continuation of a Tree Board, spend money on trees, and volunteer hours. Grants through the Division of Forestry may still be available for adding trees.

Animal Control Board: D. Marsh, Coordinator – No Report

Police Department: Chief Lambert reported on July police activity.

Romney Police Board: Mayor Hileman, Coordinator, reported that the Board met today and discussed the issue of blighted and abandoned properties.

Interconnector Report: D. Marsh – June’s report will be sent when the July report becomes available.

- **Building Permits:** Were reviewed.

- **Consolidated Checking Report:** Payment of Bills (a complete copy of all invoices and vendor report information available for review in the Business Office). Motion by Councilman Duncan to approve payment of bills based on availability of funds with second by Councilman Hott. Motion Carried.

- **Overtime Report:** Reviewed and discussed.

- **Old Business:**
 - None

- **New Business:**

- **Ordinance:**

Authorizing the Refunding of The Outstanding Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 1994 of the City of Romney through the issuance by the City of Romney of not more than \$400,000 in aggregate principal amount of sewer refunding revenue bonds, series 2016 A; providing for the rights and remedies of and security for the holder of such bonds; authorizing the sale and providing for the terms and provisions of such bonds and adopting other provisions relating thereto.

Motion by Councilman Hott, second by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

- **Ordinance:**

Authorizing the refunding of the outstanding water revenue bonds, series 1997 of the City of Romney through the issuance by the City of Romney of not more than \$2,100,000 in aggregate principal amount of water refunding revenue bonds. Series 2016 A. Providing for the rights and remedies of and security for the holder for the terms and provisions of such bonds and adopting other provisions relating thereto.

Motion by Councilwoman Roberts, second by Councilman Cannon. Motion carried.

- **Motion:**

To accept the minutes from City of Romney Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on May 24, 2016. Motion by Councilman Hott, second by Councilman Duncan. Motion carried.

Mayor and City Administrator Comments:

- **Mayor’s Report:**
 - Mayor Hileman announced that the Peach Festival will be Friday through Sunday of this week on South High Street.
 - Mayor Hileman attended a recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony.

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- The Vulture Elimination Project meeting will be Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. USDA representative will attend to discuss solutions.
- The Co-op Building is being restored, stop in and take a look.
- Senator Manchin will be at the WWTP on Monday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m. to tour the project.

- **Administrator's Report:**
 - Public Works and Water Update
 - Repaired 3 water leaks
 - Closed on tank project loan (1.625% interest)
 - Received sludge truck from Thornhill Ford – works great
 - New culvert at Daskal Hill Tank
 - Provided gabion stone for residents of Cornwell Drive
 - Removed stumps at Davis Building and seeded
 - Patched several water/sewer repair locations

 - Patched concrete sidewalk next to Bank of Romney

Q: Councilman Hott asked for report on street scape

A: Administrator said progress is slow, he will contact the DOH

Q: Councilman Hott, when will the first payment begin on sewer plant? And how much?

A: Administrator, already begun, about \$8000-9000/month.

Q: Councilman Hott, the \$20,000/bonus from the cell tower contract, will that be set aside for the street scape?

A: Administrator, it will be placed in the Safe Route to Schools account for that purpose.

Request to Adjourn. Motion by Councilman Hott, second by Councilman Duncan. Motion carried.

Mayor, Daniel O. Hileman

Recorder, Beverly C. Keadle