

CITY OF ROMNEY  
ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA  
OCTOBER 3, 2016

Mayor Hileman called to order the regular City of Romney Council Meeting October 3, 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
Officer Reno - present	Councilman Hott: present
Municipal Attorney Moreland: present	Councilwoman Roberts: present
City Clerk/Treasurer Betty Colebank: present	Councilman Smith: present

Mayor Hileman declared there to be a quorum.

A **Public Hearing** was conducted on the Refunding of the outstanding sewer revenue bonds. No comments from the public.

- **Previous Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 12, 2016, by Councilman Hott, second by Councilman Duncan. Motion carried.
- **Comments from Guests:** **Todd Swanson**, of Steptoe and Johnson, was present to answer any questions about the refinancing of the outstanding sewer revenue bonds. Tonight will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. Will then go through RFP process and the sewer revenue bonds and the water revenue bonds will be put out for acceptance and then final approval by the Council and hopefully close in mid-November. **Charlie Baker** representing the County Historic Landmarks Commission was present to discuss the Indian Mound Cemetery and whether it was ever annexed into the City of Romney. If the Cemetery is in the County jurisdiction, then they would submit for National Registry status and work on overall maintenance. Mayor Hileman asked that Council look into this issue before going forward. Legal counsel will look examine the issue of jurisdiction and report at the November Council meeting.
- **Communications:** (Copy of all communications available for review in the Business Office)

Thank you letter from Romney Presbyterian Church

- **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 – Keyser City Council is pursuing a trash ordinance that may be of interest to Romney City Council. We will watch development.
  - Attorney Moreland: No Report
  - Parks and Recreation: Dennis Morris – Pool is closed.
  - Romney Tree Board: Vacant
  - Animal Control Board: D. Marsh, Coordinator – No Report
  - Police Department: Officer Reno reported on September police activity.
  - Romney Police Board: Mayor Hileman reported that the Police Board met today. They discussed the mysterious clown in the community. USDA Fish and Wildlife Service is in the City trapping and removing the black vultures. New brackets and electrical update are being installed in preparation for the new Christmas decorations.

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Interconnector Report: D. Marsh – included in packet

- **Building Permits:** 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 Councilwoman Roberts. Motion Carried.
- **Overtime Report:** Reviewed.
- **Old Business:**
  - None
- **New Business:**
- **Ordinance: (3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading)**

Authorizing the Refunding of The Outstanding Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 1994 A of the City of Romney through the issuance by the City of Romney of not more than \$400,000.00 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 Councilwoman Roberts, second by Councilman Cannon. Motion carried.
- **Resolution:**

USDA Grant for Co-op renovations, authorization of payment #4. Motion by Councilman Hott, second by Councilwoman Roberts. Motion carried.
- **Resolution:**

Authorization to purchase a tailgate spreader for the new public works dump truck. Approximate cost of \$5,000.00. Motion by Councilman Duncan, second by Councilman Cannon. Motion carried. Councilwoman Roberts cast the one dissenting vote.
- **Resolution:**

To authorize the following payments for the City of Romney Water Tank project (USDA Law interest Loan).

  - R. G. Smith (construction contractor) - \$139,349.47

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

**Mayor and City Administrator Comments:**

- **Mayor's Report:**
  - Contained in the Police Board Report.
- **Administrator's Report:**
  - Public Works and Water Update
    - Repaired 6 water leaks this month
    - Daskal Hill Tank – Painting complete, installing mixers this week
    - Repaired water leak at City Hall and replaced tile
    - Repaired columns at City Hall and painted front exterior
    - Planning to paint the sign pole, windows and rear exterior before winter

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- It has been a pleasure working with everyone in this community. I'll miss everyone. It has been a great opportunity to serve the community.

**Request for Executive Session for 2 personnel matters and one legal issue:** Motion by Councilman Cannon, second by Councilwoman Roberts. Motion carried.

**Out of Executive Session.** No business was transacted while in Executive Session.

- **Resolution:**  
Authorization to hire a new City Administrator. Motion by Councilman Hott, second by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

Request to Adjourn. Motion by Councilwoman Roberts, second by Councilman Duncan. Motion carried.

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Mayor, Daniel O. Hileman

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Recorder, Beverly C. Keadle