

Council of the City of Wheeling met in Council Chambers, City-County Building, on the above date, with Mayor Glenn Elliott presiding.

The invocation was offered by Second Ward Councilor Ken Imer.

On roll call, the following were present:

Elliott, Thalman, Imer, Wilson, Scatterday, Thorngate and Palmer

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Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting be approved as received. Motion carried.

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to suspend the regular order of business to conduct a public hearing.

**“Public Hearing -Lease Agreement SWN Production Co., LLC - Oil, Gas,
and Mineral Rights”**

As no one signed up to speak at the public hearing, Mayor Elliott asked for a motion to conclude the public hearing and resume the regular order of business. Mr. Thalman so moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Elliott gave an update on the Ad Hoc Committees. Regional Industrial Development Committee will meet on Thursday, January 26 at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers; Workforce Housing Committee will meet on Monday, January 23 and will begin the process of preparing its final report; Retention Committee survey received over 600 responses. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Orrick. They plan to go over survey responses for inclusion in their final report.

Mayor Elliott announced that the State of the City Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 at 12:00 noon at Wheeling Island Casino.

He thanked Mr. Wilson, Chair of the Public Works Committee, for starting dialogue in regard to the City’s Recycling Program. He also thanked Mr. Wilson and the Young Preservationists for the clean-up of City-owned buildings at 1107 and 1109 Main Street.

Mayor Elliott announced that the Development Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, January 20th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the Facade Improvement Program.

He reminded the public that the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council, which is February 7th, will be held at The Linsly School and this will be the first televised meeting.

Mayor Elliott congratulated Councilwoman Wendy Scatterday on her appointment to the West Virginia Board of Architects.

He reminded businesses that City law requires snow removal on sidewalks. He indicated that, as part of next year’s budget process, we will be considering a fee-based program to ensure that our business districts are shoveled and salted following snow/ice.

At this time Mayor Elliott introduced two individuals, Jon-Erik Gilot and David McKinley, whom he would like to appoint to the Wheeling Hall of Fame Board. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, Council’s concurrence in the appointments. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (BB & T), UNITED BANK, PROGRESSIVE BANK, N.A., WHEELING, WESBANCO BANK WHEELING, J. P. MORGAN CHASE AND COMPANY, AND MAIN STREET BANK WHEELING, AS BANKS WITHIN THE CITY WHICH SHALL BE CITY DEPOSITORIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017, AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND EACH SUCH DEPOSITORY WHICH SHALL FIX ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC MONEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 185 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING.

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Imer moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Imer, Wilson, Scatterday, Thorngate, Palmer - 7

NOES: - 0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the Mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

POMEROY & APS - LAPTOPS, PRINTERS FOR NORTHERN REGIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,290.39 WITH POMEROY OF DUNBAR, WV AND APS OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FL FOR E-CITATION LAPTOPS, PRINTERS, AND PAPER FOR NORTHERN REGIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM, TO BE CHARGED TO POLICE DEPARTMENT -WV HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM.

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Imer, Wilson, Scatterday, Thorngate, Palmer - 7

NOES: - 0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the Mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Ms. Scatterday moved, seconded by Mr. Palmer, that the Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes, 11/17/16, which were held be approved as received. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager Robert Herron respectfully requested two readings on Item 9/1 under Original Propositions. This emergency demolition is necessary because of the tragic fire on Wheeling Island that burned down five structures and they need to be removed as they present a hazardous condition.

Mr. Herron recognized John Ryder, a 45 year employee of the City in the Recycling Department and presented him with a plaque.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Ms. Scatterday moved, seconded by Mr. Palmer, that the Wheeling Housing Authority Minutes, 11/09/16; CDBG Program Status Report, 12/31/16; HOME Program Status Report, 12/31/16; Wheeling Municipal Parking System Financial Report, 11/30/16; Robert C. Byrd Intermodal Transportation Center Financial Report, 11/30/16; Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health Minutes, 11/15/16; Planning Commission Minutes, 11/14/16; Planning Commission Report to Council, 1/11/17; and Financial Statement, 12/31/16; be held over until the next meeting. Motion carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

RAZE INTERNATIONAL - EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF 61, 63, 65, 67, & 69 VIRGINIA ST. - RCIP

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 WITH RAZE INTERNATIONAL, OF SHADYSIDE, OH, FOR EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF 61, 63, 65, 67 AND 69 VIRGINIA STREET, TO BE CHARGED TO RCIP.

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the ordinance be read a second time this evening. Motion carried.

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 WITH RAZE INTERNATIONAL, OF SHADYSIDE, OH, FOR EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF 61, 63, 65, 67 AND 69 VIRGINIA STREET, TO BE CHARGED TO RCIP.

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Imer, Wilson, Scatterday, Thorngate, Palmer - 7

NOES: - 0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the Mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

RESOLUTION - APPROVING INVOICES - WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

The following was then read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Imer, that the Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - LEASE AGREEMENT - SWN PRODUCTION CO., LLC - GAS, OIL, MINERAL RIGHTS

The following was then read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE WITH SWN PRODUCTION COMPANY, LLC, OF 0.0700000 ACRES OF LAND IN THE CLEARVIEW TAX DISTRICT FOR RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH OIL, GAS, MINERAL, ETC. EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Imer, that the Resolution be adopted.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - AGREEMENT - WLU - TV - TELEVISIONING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following was then read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY TELEVISION TO TELEVISION WHEELING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Imer, that the Resolution be adopted.
Motion carried.

Mayor Elliott clarified the contents of the agreement with those present.

THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

Chuck Fair, 1290 National Road, addressed Council and encouraged them to seek legalizing marijuana for medical purposes in Wheeling. Mayor Elliott advised Mr. Fair that this was not something we could do without the State first approving it.

There being no further business, Ms. Scatterday moved, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 6:00 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor