

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017, 7:00 PM**

AGENDA ITEM I - CALL TO ORDER & MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pierson called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Stacey A. Dodson Pfaltzgraff reported all Council Members present: Dave Cheshire, Donnie Haines, Tony Grant, Scott Coulter, and Mike Anderson with the exception of Jay Watson. Also present were City Manager Andy Blake, Chief William Roper, Assistant City Manager Edward Erfurt, Finance Director Lori Nice, and CVB Director Debbie McClure.

AGENDA ITEM II – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 18, 2017, Regular Meeting

Minutes of the **April 18, 2017**, Regular Meeting was presented for approval. There were no objections to the Minutes. Minutes was accepted as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM III – CITIZEN’S PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS

CVB Director Debbie McClure brought before Council received requests from organizations within the City inquiring about borrowing tents and tables for various events. Mayor Pierson recommended staff and Council to review said requests and look into the matter in detail to determine what options might be available and how the City would like to address said requests in a consistent manner in the future.

AGENDA IV - CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

CHIEF OF POLICE

Council Meeting - Chief Roper, along with Officer Meacham, attended the April 18, 2017, Regular Council Meeting. New employee to the Ranson Police Department Ryan Jenkins was sworn in by Mayor Pierson with members of Mr. Jenkins' family present for the occasion.

LEPA Committee Meeting – Chief Roper attended the LEPC Committee meeting April 19, 2017.

Cell Phone Investigation Training – Officer Hosby-Brown and Officer Watson attended a two-day seminar to learn about efficient cell phone investigations.

WV Chiefs of Police Association – Captain Roberts and Lieutenant Lutman attended a supervisor training seminar hosted by the West Virginia Chiefs of Police Association.

Drug Take Back Program – In an effort to properly dispose prescription drugs, the Ranson Police Department once again participated in the Annual Drug Take Back Program. The department received 7 bags of prescription narcotics, which were turned over to the DEA for proper disposal.

Annual Ranson Festival & Car Show - Once again the City of Ranson will be hosting the Annual Ranson Festival & Car Show the first Saturday in June. Members of the department are working on duty details for the events.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant Vacancy – The Police Department received eleven applications for the part-time Administrative Assistant position. Chief Roper will be working with City Clerk/HR Manager Stacey Pfaltzgraff to schedule interviews for May 16, 2017, for potential candidates.

Fairfax Boulevard Concerns – During the April 18, 2017, Regular Council Meeting concerns were brought to Council from residents on Fairfax Boulevard about traffic at said location exceeding the posted speed limit. Chief Roper met with his staff to address this concern and to increase surveillance.

Narcan – Chief Roper reported 2 drug overdoses within the same weekend, which took place within the City of Ranson. Narcan was administered by the local EMS and both subjects were revived.

Body Cameras – Body Worn Camera Training will be provided May 10, 2017, for all department officers. Upon completion of the training all department officers will be wearing the newly implemented equipment.

Ranson Elementary Bike to School Day – May 10, 2017, will be Ranson Elementary's Annual Bike to School event. Members of Ranson City Council will be participating, along with the students, in this health and fitness endeavor.

Statistic Reports – April 2017, department statistic reports were provided to Council for review.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Andy Blake provided Federal Spending Bill; Fairfax Boulevard Punch List; Code Enforcement Violations; Meetings with Landowners and Developers; Infrastructure; and City Brush Pick-up Volume updates to Council.

AGENDA ITEM V – COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Independent Fire Company - Placement of 30 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in service April 28, 2017

2. Ranson Elementary Bike to School - Wednesday, May 10, 2017
3. High Tunnel Dedication and Celebration - Friday, May 12, 2017 - 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm - 410 W. 3rd Avenue, Ranson
4. Jefferson County Commission Public Hearing Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 7:00 pm to discuss sewer line consolidation

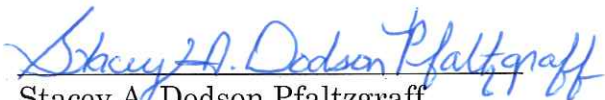
AGENDA ITEM VI – COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance #2017-299 – 2nd READING** of an Ordinance of the City of Ranson Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Necessary Documents to Purchase the Property Known as 317 E. Fifth Avenue for the Amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) - After several months of negotiations and an appraisal, the property owner of 317 E. Fifth Avenue, Ronald V. Lloyd, has decided to voluntarily sell to the City and has signed a contract. This property is directly adjacent to the City's current Public Works facility. The facility needs to be expanded as City operations are outgrowing physical space. Purchasing the adjacent property is a cost-effective method of meeting the City's needs. Motion was made by Council Member Haines to approve the **2nd READING of Ordinance #2017-299**. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coulter. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Resolution #2017-021** - A Resolution of the City Council of Ranson, West Virginia Encouraging Congress to Create a Reliable, Predictable Stream of Resources to Address Deferred Maintenance Needs in America's National Park System - The National Park Service has the obligation to preserve our nation's history; promote access to national parks for all citizens; stimulate revenue to sustain itself and nearby communities; educate the public about America's natural, cultural and historical resources, and provide safe facilities and environs to enjoy these resources. Staff recommended Council to show their support with this endeavor by forwarding said resolution to the West Virginia congressional delegation. Motion was made by Council Member Cheshire to approve **Resolution #2017-021**. Motion was seconded by Council Member Grant. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Resolution #2017-022** - A Resolution of the City Council of Ranson, West Virginia Appointing John Dorsey, Mark Renner, and William McDonald as Ranson Municipal Court Judge and Magistrates - John Dorsey, Esq 4-Year Term May 2, 2017 - May 2, 2021 - Court Judge; Mark Renner 3-Year Term May 2, 2017 - May 2, 2020 - Court Magistrate; and William McDonald 2-Year Term May 2, 2017 - May 2, 2019 - Court Magistrate - Motion was made by Council

Member Grant to approve **Resolution #2017-022**. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coulter. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Anderson to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Haines. The Regular Council Session adjourned at 7:29 pm. The next Regular Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm.


Stacey A. Dodson Pfaltzgraff
City Clerk


Keith D. Pierson
Mayor