

Greenbrier Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Regular Minutes
May 5, 2008

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

1. Call to Order by the Mayor 7:01:52 PM
2. Roll Call

PRESENT:	Alderman Bonnette Dawson Alderman Jeff DeLong Alderman Wayne Dugger Alderman Joshua Evans Alderman Carol Fagg Alderman Bill Vernich Mayor Billy Wilson.
ABSENT:	None.
STAFF:	City Attorney Christina Bartee Police Chief Rich Hatfield City Superintendent Tommy Maitland City Recorder Rachel Slusser.

3. Prayer/Pledge to flag

Wayne Dugger prayed followed by the pledge.

4. Adoption of the Revised Agenda

It was moved by Evans, seconded by Dugger, to adopt the revised agenda.

<u>Vote:</u>	7-0
Yes:	Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No:	None

Motion Passed.

5. Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting.

It was moved by Evans, seconded by Dugger, to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting.

<u>Vote:</u>	7-0
Yes:	Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No:	None

Motion Passed.

6. Presentations/Memorials

7. Communications from the Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Wilson reported that he is currently working with Don Roney with Whelen Engineering to get additional information for tornado sirens for the City as requested by Phillip Bollinger. Mayor Wilson will have a meeting with Mr. Roney to discuss how many the City will need. Each siren will cost \$35,000 to \$40,000 each. There is a possibility that grants will be available through GNRC.

Mayor Wilson has also contacted Senator Diane Black and Representative Bob Bibb to request their help in obtaining the red light at Hygeia Road and crossing arms at the Main Street Railroad crossing. On the original proposal, the light was part of the corridor safety project. Senator Black said that she would talk to Rep. Bibb and come up with a plan. Mayor Wilson feels that the need

for a light and crossing arms are still a safety issue. Alderman Vernich added that the State said the only way to get a light at Hygeia was part of the corridor project.

8. Reports from Committees and Department Heads

Alderman Bonnette Dawson reported on the findings of the committee appointed by the Mayor to look into the City ordinance concerning Pit Bulls on Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

First part of the ordinance in question is Chapter 4, Pit Bulls 10-403(6) stating All owners, keepers, harborers, or possessors of pit bull dogs shall provide proof to the city recorder of public liability insurance in a single incident amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of any person or persons or for damages to property owned by any persons which may result from owning, possessing, keeping or maintaining of such animal. Such insurance policy shall provide that no cancellation of the policy will be made unless ten (10) days written notice is first given to the city recorder.

Inquiries were made to a local insurance agency as to whether or not this type of insurance is even obtainable. A homeowner's policy can/will be written to owners, keepers, or possessors of pit bull, chow or german shepherd dogs; however, an exclusion will be placed in the policy stating these animals will not be insured. It is therefore the recommendation of the committee that this section of the ordinance be removed.

Second part of the ordinance in question is Chapter 6, Dangerous Dogs and Potentially Dangerous Dogs 10-609(k) stating Requiring the owner of the or owner of the premises on which animal is kept to obtain and maintain liability insurance in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) and to furnish a certificate of insurance.

For the same reason as given above regarding ability to obtain such insurance, it is the recommendation of the committee to also remove this section of the ordinance.

Chief Hatfield did check with the City of Springfield as to what is in their ordinance pertaining to insurance and they stated these sections had been removed from their ordinance due to inability to enforce these two sections.

Alderman Dugger reported that the Growth committee is working with the Chamber of Commerce on getting information to them to put together a marketing tool to attract new retail developments in Greenbrier.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

a. Ordinance No. 08 – 06 – Budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009.

It was moved by Dugger, seconded by Vernich, to Approve Ordinance No. 08-06 – Budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009.

Vote: 6-1
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: Evans
Motion Passed.

Mayor Wilson thanked the board members that took the time to review the budget and calling him with questions.

b. Ordinance No. 08 - 07 – Fixing the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

It was moved by Evans, seconded by DeLong, to adopt Ordinance No.08-07.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

- c. Ordinance No. 08-08 – Ordinance to amend Title 10, Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Dugger, to adopt Ordinance No. 08-08 to amend Title 10, Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

- d. Ordinance No. 08-09 – Ordinance to amend Title 10, Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by DeLong, to Approve Ordinance No. 08-06 to amend Title 10, Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

- e. Addition to personnel policy – Expectation of legality

It was moved by Dugger, seconded by Vernich, to approve the addition of the personnel policy.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

- f. Proposed Salary Pay Range

It was moved by DeLong, seconded by Dugger, to approve the salary pay range.

Discussion: Alderman Evans stated that he liked the way the old program was. He is concerned that the employee will not move up through the pay range. He is also concerned that 5 years from now the employees will not be where they should be because of budgeting or Department Heads not giving salary increases. Alderman Dugger explained that the range pay scale worked the same way as the pay steps. This is on a more graduated pay scale it puts the employee where they should be or where the Department Head believes they should be and then it is approved by the Board. There has to be communication between the Board and the Department Heads in order for this to work as it should. This is a more professional and fair way to compensate employees for the work. Alderman Fagg added that this lets employees receive a pay increase for doing an outstanding job and gives the City a bargaining tool when hiring new employees. Alderman DeLong said that this gives the employees incentives to do a good job. Mayor Wilson said that any increases in pay would still go through his office and to the Board for approval.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

g. Purchase of two grinder pumps - \$4700.00

It was moved by Dugger, seconded by Vernich, to approve the purchase of grinder pumps for \$4700.00.

Discussion: Superintendent Tommy Maitland informed the Board that the City has to keep these pumps in stock. And the purchase of the two grinder pumps where to replace the one that we had to use because of the heavy rains.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

h. Emergency purchase to repair lift station

It was moved by Dugger, seconded by DeLong, to approve emergency purchase of \$4924.68 to repair lift station.

Discussion: Alderman Dugger wanted to know if the heavy rain was the cause for the lift station repair and if future rains will cause the station to go down. Superintendent Maitland informed the Board that the problem was caused by the amount of inflow and that it is in the budget to replace the lift station.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

i. Drainage in Church Hill Downs subdivision

It was moved by DeLong, seconded by Evans, to approve fixing the drainage in Church Hill Downs subdivision.

Discussion: Mayor Wilson reported that in the past the City has done temporary repairs to the damage. This problem has continued over the years and the Mayor feels that it is the City's responsibility to repair. Alderman DeLong said that this is a safety issue and the City needs to take the responsibility to fix it. Alderman Fagg wanted to know what can be done in the future so contractors will be held more responsible for the drainage issues in the subdivisions. Mayor Wilson said inspections are now being made by the City before being accepted.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

j. Finance- Adjustments to the water and sewer account – \$751.98

It was moved by Evans, seconded by DeLong, to approve adjustments to the water and sewer account for \$751.98.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

11. Adjournment

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Vernich and Wilson
No: None
Motion Passed.

MEETING ADJOURN 7:31:21PM



Mayor Billy Wilson

Attest: Rachel Slusser

Rachel Slusser, City Recorder