

**City of Greenbrier  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2014**

***Swear into office – Mayor Bonnette Dawson***

Judge Joel Perry swore Bonnette Dawson in as Mayor of Greenbrier

***Public Hearing***

- Ordinance 14-11, Ordinance to increase water and sewer rates  
    No one spoke for or against  
    Public Hearing Closed

***Citizen Comments***

Jamie Blair asked if there were any problems with the water because it smelled bad. Superintendent Maitland told Ms. Blair that all water samples sent to the State for testing have come back good.

1. Call to Order by Mayor Dawson 7:05 PM
2. Swear in Aldermen Billy Ray Dorris, Larry Stroup, and Jeff DeLong  
    Judge Joel Perry swore in Mr. Dorris, Mr. Stroup, and Mr. DeLong
3. Appoint Ward 3 Alderman  
    Mayor Dawson appointed Bill Deaver as Ward 3 Alderman
4. Swear in Ward 3 Alderman  
    Judge Joel Perry swore in Mr. Deaver
5. Roll Call

**Present:** Alderman Bill Deaver  
Alderman Jeff DeLong  
Alderman Billy Ray Dorris  
Alderman Carol Fagg  
Alderman Steve Higdon  
Alderman Larry Stroup  
Mayor Bonnette Dawson

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** City Attorney Bill Vernich  
City Superintendent Tommy Maitland  
City Recorder Rachel Slusser  
Police Chief Kenneth Smith

6. Prayer – Alderman Larry Stroup
7. Pledge to flag
8. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Stroup, seconded by Deaver, to approve.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and Dawson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Voice Vote)

9. Approval of Minutes of the August 4, 2014 regular scheduled board meeting

It was moved by DeLong, seconded by Fagg, to approve.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and Dawson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Voice Vote)

10. Presentations/Memorials

Mayor Dawson announced Tiffany Boyd, Trey Burnette, and Alex West as the “Employees of the Month” for September.

11. Communications from the Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dawson had the following announcements:

- Robertson County Senior Center has requested a donation from the City. The City cannot make a donation, but she encouraged anyone that was interested in donating to contact them directly.
- On September 16, 2014, the Imagination Library Bus will be at the Old Hickory Credit Union from 12:00-1:00 pm. Mayor Dawson will be presenting a “Key to the City” to Crissy Haslam, Governor Haslam’s wife. Mayor Dawson encouraged everyone to attend.
- City Attorney Vernich will now be serving as the City’s debt collector for unpaid utility bills and unpaid traffic tickets.

12. Communications from the City Attorney

There were no reports.

13. Reports from Committees and Department Heads

Alderman Stroup was Chairman of a Mayor appointed committee to discuss limb/brush pile on Sugar Camp Road. Aldermen Deaver and Fagg and Superintendent Maitland were the committee members. The committee made the following suggestions:

- Eliminate all commercial dumping
- Allow only citizens of Greenbrier access to brush pile
- Change key on lock at gate, engrave Do Not Duplicate on keys. Key will only be in the possession of certain City of Greenbrier employees.

- Citizens wanting to access burn pile must come to City Hall and request the key. City Hall will make a copy of their driver's license and inspect the load to be dumped.
- The Police Department will patrol and issue tickets for any known littering, speeding, and for not having loads covered.

Superintendent Maitland reported on the upcoming projects the City would have going on after the approval of the loan:

- Paving of streets that will consist of streets in every ward.
- A drive thru window for City Hall.
- A permanent Board Room

Chief Smith reported the following regarding about police activity and purchases of items for the Police Department:

- Security for the evidence storage locker
- Security key pad door locks for side and back doors
- Wireless remote cameras that can be used to monitor activity

#### 14. Old Business

- a. Ordinance 14-11, Ordinance to increase water and sewer rates

It was moved by Deaver, seconded by Stroup, to approve

Discussion: Alderman Dorris asked what was the purpose of the rate increase. Mayor Dawson informed him that the City of Springfield went up on the water rates to the City and the City had no choice but to raise the rates as well.

<u>Vote:</u>	7-0
Yes:	Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and Dawson
No:	None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

#### 15. New Business

- a. Ordinance 14-12, Ordinance to amend Code to increase court costs

It was moved by DeLong, seconded by Deaver, to approve.

<u>Vote:</u>	7-0
Yes:	Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and Dawson
No:	None

Motion Passed. (RollVote)

- b. Resolution 14-08, Resolution proclaiming Constitution Week

It was moved by Deaver, seconded by Higdon, to approve.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and Dawson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

c. Elect Vice Mayor

Alderman Stroup was nominated for Vice Mayor.  
Alderman DeLong was nominated for Vice Mayor.

The vote was to have Stroup as Vice Mayor.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and Dawson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

d. Hire Austin Herendeen, Brian Speer, and Seth Lata as full-time police officers.

It was moved by Stroup, seconded by Deaver, to approve.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and Dawson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

e. Finance

1. Adjustments to water and sewer account - \$ 3,544.81

It was moved by Higdon, seconded by Stroup, to approve.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and Dawson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

16. Adjournment

It was moved by Deaver, seconded by Stroup, to adjourn.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Deaver, DeLong, Dorris, Fagg, Higdon, Stroup, and  
Dawson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Voice Vote)

MEETING ADJOURN [7:37 PM](#) .

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Mayor Dawson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder