A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BECKLEY CONVENED AT 5:30 PM ON OCTOBER 06, 2026, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA WEB-X.

PRESENT: Mayor Ryan Neal, City Attorney Bill File, City Manager Phillip Jarrell, Mayor and City Manager's Executive Assistant Susan Miller, and Recorder-Treasurer Evan Dewey. Council Members: Janine Bullock, Kip Buchanan, Frank Williams, Natalie Coots, Nancy Shoemaker-Dingess, Sherrie Hunter, and Cody Reedy. The following City employees were present: IT Technician Matt Blake, Director of Board of Public Works Mike Bolen, BPD Chief Dean Bailey, Fire Marshal/Code Official Chris Graham, Chief Ed Thompson of BFD, Beckley Events Director Trish Morgan. ABSENT: Luke Miller, Director of IT and Leslie Baker, Director of Parks & Recreation.

The Mayor led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer led by Councilman Williams. The public had the option to join the meeting in person, listen by WEB-X from their computer, or listen by phone, using the weblink or phone number provided the day of the meeting on the City's webpage at Beckley.org or the City's Facebook page. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor said that there was a quorum. Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes from September 15, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, copies of which had been distributed to each member. Council unanimously approved the minutes as written on the motion by Councilwoman Hunter and seconded by Councilman Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Mayor announced that if calling by phone, dial *5 to raise your hand. Once you have been enabled, you can unmute your microphone with *6. If connected by computer, mobile app or tablet, click the "hand icon" which may be under the 3 vertical dots, menu.

The Mayor asked if anyone was online requesting to speak. There were no online speakers. Mary West said another speed hump is needed on Larew Avenue and cameras are needed. She said the garbage on Larew Avenue needs to be picked up. James Birt spoke on behalf of Housed Up, Inc., a nonprofit organization in Oak Hill that is to open soon. He said this organization will help a lot of people on the streets in Beckley. He asked the City if it would consider making a contribution to help. Housed Up, Inc., needs $20K. Reverand Matthew Saunders said the water that drains off of the golf course is causing problems on his property and wants the City and the Beckey Sanitary Board to work together to solve this issue. Reverand Calvin Moore thanked the City for helping him and his wife by purchasing their house.

He said he was patient with the City and is appreciative. He said it took the City too long to help him and his wife, and asked the City to be as patient with him and his wife and give them more time to find a place to live. Tom Moseley said Hull and Temple Streets still have drivers speeding. He requested a meeting with Councilman Williams, Chief Bailey of BPD, and City Manager Jarrell. There were no online speakers.

BRIEF COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THE CITY MANAGER.

Councilwoman Bullock and the other Council Members thanked the Department Heads and said Trish Morgan, Beckley Events Director, did a great job on her first Chili Night which was last Saturday. Councilwoman Bullock and Councilwoman Coots said they attended a recent workshop where Josie Moore spoke about land use. They said it was very helpful. Councilwoman Bullock asked Mr. Jarrell if he had an update on MacArthur Street. He said no. Councilman Williams thanked the Board of Public Works (BPW) for the paving work that they have been working on.

He said that he is open to meeting with Mr. Moseley or anyone else from Ward III. Councilman Williams said that someone representing the BSB needs to attend the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. Councilwoman Shoemaker-Dingess encouraged everyone to check the streetlights in their neighborhood and if they aren't working to get the pole number along with the address and call Appalachian Power with the information to get a new bulb installed. Councilwoman Coots said that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encouraged females to get mammograms annually. The Mayor thanked Donna Kincaid and Jeremiah Johnson from Black Knight for the fall decorations on the lawn of his office. He thanked the WV State Treasurer and WV State Assistant Treasurer for visiting this week and for presenting the City with a check from its Unclaimed Property Division. The Mayor reminded everyone that the Workshop for Council is at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th.

Councilwoman Hunter said that she will not be at the Workshop because she will be in Morgantown taking radiation and chemotherapy to fight breast cancer. She said that she covets everyone's prayers. Councilman Reedy did not have any comments. City Manager Jarrell thanked his staff and the public for attending, and informed Council that he posted a public decorum list on the door to Council Chambers. He asked them to review it. He recently met with Roxanne Roles from the Market Uptown and said that she and Trish will be working together on a Harvest and Music Festival which will be on October 17th from 12 – 7 p.m. He said he tasted a lot of chili on Chili Night and told Trish that she did a good job. He said he received a phone call late Saturday afternoon asking if Black Knight could be unlocked so Woodrow Wilson High School students could have their pictures taken before their Homecoming Dance. He went to Black Knight and let them in for their pictures. Tink Brown, employee of Black Knight. was already there, and he helped him.

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES:

Mr. File said tonight is the second reading and public hearing of the ordinance authorizing the City to purchase 105 Hartley Avenue.

He said that this ordinance was requested through a resolution adopted by the Beckley Sanitary Board (BSB) on September 9, 2026. He said Larry and Patricia Hylton agreed to sell this property to the BSB for $15,000. Mr. File read the ordinance by title,

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY OF BECKLEY TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 105 HARTLEY AVENUE, BECKLEY, RALEIGH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. Mr. File opened the public hearing. There were no comments/questions. Mr. File closed the public hearing. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Councilwoman Coots and unanimously passed. The ordinance is hereby incorporated into these minutes.

Next, Mr. File said tonight is the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City to purchase 2 tracts of real estate on Neville Stret from Asta Rentals for the consideration of $85,000. If passed tonight the second reading and public hearing will be during the October 20, 2026, Council Meeting. Mr. File read the ordinance by title, **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY OF BECKLEY TO PURCHASE TWO TRACTS OF REAL ESTATE ON NEVILLE STREET LOCATED BETWEEN WOODLAWN AVENUE AND HEBER STREET IN BECKLEY, RALEIGH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.** Councilman Reedy made the motion to approve the ordinance as presented which was seconded by Councilman Williams. Councilman Williams asked if this is the parking area across from Jack's Café. Mr. Jarrell said yes. With there being no other questions/comments, Council unanimously approved the ordinance, which is hereby incorporated into these minutes, as is the Contract To Purchase Real Estate and the Addendum to said contract.

Next was the Addendum and Contract For 322-324 Neville Street Parking Lots. The Mayor asked Mr. Jarrell if he had any comments regarding this. He said no, Council just passed the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

There were no resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS: There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Next was the **EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC (BPW).** City Manager Jarrell said that the City needs to purchase a new truck that can perform snow removal and ice control. The City is requesting the emergency purchase because procuring and outfitting a replacement truck for Snow Removal & Ice Control (SRIC) use is expected to take up to ninety days – a timeline that would extend past the start of SRIC season. One of the trucks used to plow snow was involved in an accident and is out of service, pending settlement of an insurance claim. Mr. Jarrell expressed the need for the City to purchase a Dump Bed and Snow Package for SRIC. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the emergency purchase of a 2026 Ford F550 (SRIC), a stainless-steel dump bed, salt spreader, and snowplow for a total of $115,792.00. Mr. Jarrell said the Ford550 is from Mid-State Ford and our price is $68,292. However, the MSRP was $77,785.

He said the equipment for the snow package is from Baker Truck which includes $27,340 for the stainless-steel dump bed, $8,680 for the snowplow package, and $11,480 for the salt spreader. Councilwoman Coots made a motion to approve the emergency purchases totaling $115,792 (as described) which was seconded by Councilman Reedy. The Mayor asked if there were any questions/comments. Councilwoman Coots asked if the City's insurance will help. Mr. Jarrell said the City is expecting $60-$70K from the insurance company and hopes to purchase another truck in March. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The two notices of the need for these emergency purchases are hereby incorporated into these minutes.

Next was the appointment of Jeff Whittaker to the Beautification Commission (3-year term). Councilwoman Coots made the motion to approve the appointment of Jeff Whittaiker to the Beautification Commission which was seconded by Councilman Buchanan. The Mayor asked if there were any questions/comments. There being none, Council unanimously approved of the appointment of Jeff Whittaker to the Beckley Beautification Commission.

For Council's edification, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal Chris Graham shared that One Stop Deli Corp. filed for Notice of Application of intent to operate a Class B licensed establishment. A copy of the application is hereby incorporated into these minutes.

Code Officer/Fire Marshal Graham shared a second Notice of Application of intent to operate a Class B-2 licensed establishment by Texas Longhorn. This was also for Council's edification. A copy of the application is hereby incorporated into these minutes.

Next, Mr. Jarrell said the City is requesting Council to approve the "Police and Peers Peer Recovery Support Services Agreement between the City of Beckley and Morgantown Sober Living, Incorporated, DBA WVSL Solutions (Provider)" in which the Provider will assign one full-time peer recovery support specialist to work with the Beckley Police Department. The total amount the City shall pay for the services of this peer recovery support specialist for a period of 12 months shall not exceed $77,092.70, and the Provider shall invoice the City at the end of each month's service the sum of $6,424.40. The Provider is an Independent Contractor and the peer recovery support specialist assigned to the City is not an employee of the City. Either party may cancel this Agreement with 60 days notice to the other party. Councilman Buchanan made the motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Councilwoman Coots. Councilman Williams asked if this position should have been posted for others to express interest. Mr. Jarrell said no, this position is not an employee of the City. The City will pay this contract out of opioid funds.

Chief Bailey of the BPD said that the current support specialist (Heather Williams) cares a lot about her work and is good at it. Councilwoman Bullock asked if she helps the City with the problem of vagrants in the City. He said yes, very much. With there being no other questions/comments, Council unanimously approved the Agreement with Morgantown Sober Living, Inc. The Agreement is hereby incorporated into these minutes.

POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There was no executive session.

With there being no further business to discuss, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Hunter seconded by Councilman Reedy.

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City Manager