

City Manager's Report
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Manager's Office

1. Mr. Whitmore met with Matt Borrer from the WV Development Office to discuss programs and methodologies for increasing business development opportunities in the downtown area, along with performing a data analysis from WV Housing Development Fund to target residential developers that have had successful high-density projects completed in West Virginia.
2. The Sanitary and Parking Authority Budgets have been completed and will be presented to those boards for consideration.
3. Since July 1st of last year, 60 structures have been demolished to date.

Police Department

1. The applicant background investigations are 90% complete. Polygraphs will be scheduled in the coming weeks.
2. The Mobile Command Unit is being outfitted with equipment for drone operations and the Drone pilots are currently obtaining their FAA Certification.

Fire Department

1. The Department participated in the annual MRI Safety Training conducted by the VA Medical Center along with assisting the Cub Scouts during their Scout Camp Day at the VA Park by filling their Dunk Tank with water and utilizing the ladder truck for their Egg Drop Competition.

Finance Department

1. Eight hundred and seventy-one business licenses have been renewed and 122 are not in compliance with the City.
2. A grant has been submitted to pay for 75% or \$316,683 of the salaries for the new 7 police officers for the three years.

City Parks

1. Splash Zone has been doing well since reopening. There have not been any issues with any of the restrictions in place.
2. The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Amp on July 2nd with a fireworks show.
3. Alexis Cross has been hired as the Office Assistant. Welcome to the team.

Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

1. The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County and The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Centers are proud to present STOMP, the international percussion sensation. Tickets will go on sale beginning tomorrow at 10:00am for the November 13th performance.
2. Applications are being accepted for the position of Operations Manager, Technical Director, and Theater Attendants. Applications can be found on our website.

Code Enforcement

1. The Department issued 45 Building Permits for a total project cost of \$285,741. Thirty-seven Notice of Violations were issued. Four structures were placed on the Condemnation list. Fifteen residential and 9 commercial structures were inspected. Seven vehicles were tagged for towing and three signs were removed.
2. There was a preconstruction meeting held with the paving company and paving will commence shortly.
3. Animal Control responded to 36 calls for service and four traps were set.

Public Works

1. The Sewer Department installed 275 feet of new sanitary and storm water pipe, along with two new catch basins and responded to 23 sewer complaints.
2. Thirty-five tons of yard waste was collected, and 28 tons of compost were screened and sold.
3. Structures at 236 Linden Ave, and 539 South 3rd Street were demolished.
4. The Traffic Department assisted the County with the LPR Camera located at the Route 50/I-79 Interchanged.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

1. Applications are being accepted for an Operator. The deadline to apply is tomorrow at 3:00p.m.
2. Congratulations to Ralph Prince and John Strong on their promotions. Ralph will be promoted to Pretreatment/Safety Director and John Strong will be promoted to Shift Operator beginning July 1st.
3. Huber Technology, Breckenridge, and operators began work on Barscreen #2 rebuild. Barscreen #2 was rebuilt in 2 days and is back in service. Thank you to Huber and Breckenridge for a job well done on the Barscreen.

Upcoming Events:

- June 18th – City Hall Closed
- June 21st – City Hall Closed
- June 22nd @ 3:30p.m. – Sanitary Board Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
- June 25th @ 8:30a.m. – Parking Authority Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers

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