

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF BANCROFT
DECEMBER 15, 2022**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Present: Wally Harper, Thomas Frame, Bethany Adkins, Jamie Hayes, Dave McClung and Marie Dailey. Guest George Woodrum. Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Adkins led the WV State Pledge.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to approve the minutes; Councilman Harper moved to approve the financial statement and Councilman McClung moved to pay the invoices – all motions passed.

Council discussed the success of Santa in the Park. Mayor McKneely booked "Santa" for 12/8/2023 if the new council is interested in keeping the tradition (this Santa books up fast!).

Councilwoman Adkins then brought up the Holiday Decorations in town and asked the council if they've looked around and to vote on 1st place and 2nd place. After much discussion about the lights within the town limits, it was decided the Jack & Shirley Dailey (1st place) and Justin & Jennifer Asbury (2nd place) were the favorites. Councilwoman Adkins will post on FaceBook.

Mayor McKneely noted that this will be the last meeting with the current council. She thanked the outgoing members for their service. New council members must complete the process with the County Clerk's office to be sworn in, and their terms will commence January 1, 2023. She reminded the three council members present, who have been elected to continue their term, that a Mayor will need to be put forward and voted on by the new council, as well as a Recorder.

Mayor McKneely presented bids for the storm sewer repair at the park. Bids are all over the place, and some don't include the full scope of work – just quoted a price. Council discussed extending the work at the park (to include more drainage and not just fix the "sinkhole" area) and they discussed awarding a contract and doing a change order. They feel we should do as much as possible to put the ARPA money to work for problem storm sewers in the town. After much discussion, council decided to rebid the work to include more storm sewer work at the town park. Councilman Harper also moved to table to next month, under the new council. Bids will be retained for them to decide on. Councilwoman Adkins will place a notice on FaceBook.

George Woodrum was then recognized. He spoke about the Putnam County Development Authority, whose main objective is to bring new business to Putnam County. He spoke about the industrial parks and that Eleanor may be purchasing additional property that will border the Eleanor Industrial Park.

Committee Reports: Councilwoman Hayes reminded all that the park grant application date is set for January 13 before the Putnam County Commission, and that a council member must be present when submitting the grant paperwork, which she has completed. Councilwoman Adkins will be hosting a "Past, Present Bancroft" at the town hall on 12/31 from 10a-1p. She will have a display of photos, documents, and history on the town to commemorate 70 years. Mayor McKneely stated no properties in town are "in process" under Dilapidated Building Ordinance.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

JAMI HAYES, Mayor