

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
JUNE 17, 2021**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm by opening calling roll. Council members present: Bethany Adkins, Thomas Frame, Jami Hayes, Wally Harper (Zoom), and Donna McKneely. Council then cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the WV State Pledge.

While council read over minutes from May meeting, Mayor McKneely updated council on Recorders notes: ARPA bank account opened at City National Bank (no monies yet); \$10,000 drawdown from RBC Investments to pay for park paving (which will be reimbursed 80% once we complete grant spending and file paperwork with county); flags and poles have been purchased (already installed). Councilman Frame moved to accept the minutes as presented (motion passed). Councilman Frame then moved to approve the financial statement and Councilwoman Adkins moved to pay the invoices (both motions passed).

Council discussed the paving of courts has started and should be complete this week. The speedbumps on the main drag to be removed, and the regrind will be repurposed for filler on the side.

Council discussed signs that need ordered: "Slow, Children Playing", "No Dumping", several STOP signs that need replaced, "Rio Vista Lane" that needs installed. Councilman Frame moved for the Mayor to purchase signs for the town, motion passed.

Council then discussed the American Rescue Plan Act and Mayor stated that it could only be spent on three things: Storm Sewer, Broadband, water projects. Council discussed the storm drains and broadband, but that mainly pertains to more rural areas that have no internet connection.

Council then discussed the parks grant again. Waiting on estimate for concrete pads, and we need to order 2 grills. Talked about moving benches on the outside of the grill to a shady area; installing a storm drain in the park to reduce standing water. Mayor talked about contacting the company that performed the previous storm sewer work to see if they can come look at it. Also discussed a backflow preventer. Councilman Frame still waiting for Brian Sigman to call back to see if he would give an estimate for sealing the courts and Mayor McKneely to contact Glen Jeffries, who offered to stripe the courts for free. Talked about the basketball poles, and Councilwoman Hayes will continue checking. Council next moved on to the flagpoles that we were going to install – she visited Jim Cochran, who provided excellent background. The American flag must be taller than the other two and the lanyards must be internal. Also discussed when flags must be flown half staff – Mayor McKneely asked Councilman Harper if he would take care of the park flags (when to lower), since he was in the military, and he said that he would.

James Pickron did not appear, but he is interested in bringing in 2 new trailers.

United States Post Office wants to extend the current contract (expire 2023) another five years. After some discussion, council decided to send a letter NOT to extend the lease until 2028, but will ask to review it closer to the 2023 expiration. Mayor asked the Recorder to send a letter.

Mayor McKneely then noted that we received our recorded copy of the Abandoned and Dilapidated Building Ordinance back from the County Clerk's office and each council member has a copy for their ordinance book. She also updated council on action taken on homes inside town. Douglas residence is truly abandoned and unlivable and all notice has been given. It is in the county's hands now. Two other homes have been served.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor