

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF BANCROFT
FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and WV State Pledge. Roll call found all members present.

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

Rich Frommeyer from American Legal Publishing appeared before the council to explain the ordinance updates needed for the town. They will look at our ordinances and codify them correctly to state code. The codification cleans everything up and there is room for addendums. We would need to repeal and replace the entire outdated ordinance book. There is several fee structures (base cost, yearly cost to keep on-line, PDF and print copies, etc) and the council will decide which is best. Base cost is \$12,000 and it would take 3-7 months to provide a draft. Costs can be spread over two fiscal years for budgeting purposes. They anticipate 450 finished pages, and cost can be less with less pages. Council asked many questions including several county ordinances council adopted for the town since we are a small town without the manpower to enforce them. After much discussion, council provided several copies of the town ordinance book and the Mayor signed a contract to begin the process.

Todd Dillon, Republican running for County Commission introduced himself to the council. He lives in Teays Valley and has 3 children, which is the reason he is running. He doesn't like the distinction of "North and South" side of the river and would like to focus growth on the riverfront, develop infrastructure and internet on Route 35 and pull in people leaving the state. He has a good relationship with Putnam Sheriff's Dept and doesn't feel the park grant is large enough (would like to see \$100,000 instead of \$60,000). Council thanked him for his time.

Council discussed the need for a town worker and whether it would be better to also roll grass cutting into that position or continue the contract with Superior Lawn Services. Recorder will place ad for part time employee and council will decide depending on interest.

Council discussed estimate for engineering study to upgrade the storm sewer system and whether it should be table since we received one of two estimates by the deadline. Councilman Harper moved to go forward with Thrasher since we didn't hear back from S&S Engineering; Councilman McClung and Councilman Frame voted yay and Councilwoman Adkins and Councilwoman Hayes abstained, (preferred reaching out to S&S and extend date).

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor