

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**March 06, 2023 Meeting**

Jim Velas, Council President  
Don Vincenzo, Council, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
Kristi Lipscomb, Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Terra Butler, Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Linda Jordan, Council-At-Large  
Beth Oprisch, Council-At-Large  
JC Thrash, Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
Mike Smith, Council-At-Large

Kathryn Thalman, Mayor  
Jeremy Greenwood, Public Service/Safety Director  
Don Smithberger, Super. of General Services  
Annette Whealdon, Finance Director  
Matthew Arbenz, Chief of Police  
Tom Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator  
Elizabeth Glick, Law Director

The meeting was called to order by Council President Jim Velas at 7:00 pm. President Velas led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the public were thanked for their attendance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Butler	HERE	Smith	HERE
Jordan	HERE	Thrash	HERE
Lipscomb	HERE	Vincenzo	HERE
Oprisch	HERE		
	Seven (7) Present		Zero (0) Absent

**MINUTES:** President Jim Velas confirmed all Councilmembers received the minutes from the February 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting. Councilman Thrash made a motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2023, Council Meeting; motion seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

**ROLL CALL:**

Butler	YES	Smith	YES
Jordan	YES	Thrash	YES
Lipscomb	YES	Vincenzo	YES
Oprisch	YES		

Roll Call Vote: Seven (7) YES Zero (0) NO Zero (0) ABSTAIN Zero (0) ABSENT

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CITIZEN HEARING:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Kathryn Thalman** reported that two separate projects are being completed on Reservoir Road. The first project is AEP installing steel electric poles for high-tension electrical lines. The Mayor noted that certain citizens expressed concern about the sight of the poles, but the Mayor stated that the City had no hand in the project. Furthermore, the second project on Reservoir Road is the I-70 Waterline Project. Lastly, the Mayor announced that the Easter Bunny would be in the City on April 4th.

**Service/Safety Director Jeremy Greenwood** reported that the City would be receiving its 24th Tree City USA Award. The City will be hosting an Arbor Day celebration tentatively on May 19th. Mr. Greenwood introduced the new Assistant Electric Department Superintendent to Council during the meeting. Furthermore, Mr. Greenwood announced that the Water Department

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and the Street Department purchased new trucks. More in-depth testing was done during the routine water testing due to the recent East Palestine disaster; all tests showed no Volatile Organic Compounds in the City's water. The I-70 Waterline Project is continuing, with both sides extended; the work is now focused on the culvert underneath the interstate. On March 17th, the 1929 Water tank is scheduled to be inspected. Moreover, Mr. Greenwood noted that contract negotiations would be starting. Lastly, Mr. Greenwood indicated that the flooring in the front of the Rec Center had been completed.

**Police Chief Matt Arbenz** reported the City's monthly policing report and indicated that overdoses and drug arrests are on the rise.

**Finance Director Annette Whealdon** No report.

**Planning & Zoning Administrator Tom Murphy** that after the Planning Commission holds its public hearing on the proposed rezoning on the City's west side, the Council will have to host a Public Hearing, which can be done during a regular Council Meeting. Lastly, Mr. Murphy noted that many calls are coming in for New Construction Permits; he would like to remind the residents to contact the City before building.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Chair Don Vincenzo** No report.

**Utilities Chair Terra Butler** reported that the Utility Committee met before the Council meeting, where they reviewed the monthly billing report. Furthermore, the committee discussed the opt out letter for the Gas Aggregation Program and the recent water study conducted in the City.

**Police Chair Mike Smith** reported that the Police committee met after the last Council Meeting, where they watched a video demonstrating the uses of the new Kinetic Breaching tool purchased by the Police Department and the School.

**Streets – North Side Chair Mike Smith** No report.

**Streets – South Side Chair JC Thrash** No report.

**Safety Chair JC Thrash** No report.

**Buildings and Grounds Chair Beth Oprisch** No report.

**Planning Commission Chair Kristi Lipscomb** reported that she met with Mr. Murphy to discuss the conceptual business plan for the proposed rezoning of the 17 acres on the City's west side. Councilwoman Lipscomb indicated that not only does the owner have plans for the Honda Direct Line Dealership, but he also has plans to allow other businesses to use the new area.

**Fire Chair Linda Jordan** No report.

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**Recreation Chair Kristi Lipscomb** reported that ODNR would release 700 Rainbow Trout in the Reservoir on March 6th between 8 am and 5 pm. Moreover, Councilwoman Lipscomb announced that Gulfport Energy would purchase stage lights for the Amphitheater at \$7,500. Lastly, Councilwoman Lipscomb indicated that the Summer Concert Series list is complete and will be announced shortly.

**Park District Chair Linda Jordan** No report.

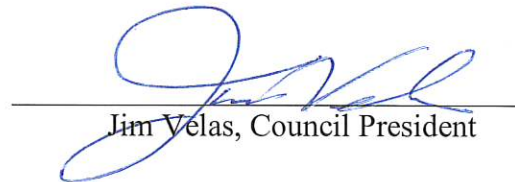
**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Law Director Elizabeth Glick**

**No Ordinances or Resolutions**

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Thrash made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Butler. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. All Councilmembers will be present at the City Building for the next meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting in the Council Chambers.

  
Jacob DeBertrand, Council Clerk

  
Jim Velas, Council President