

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

July 6, 2020  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups
	Brian Ellis
	Marshall Ginn
	Steve Goff
	Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the agenda of the July 6, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2020 special session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the General Fund – Fund Balance budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the Coal Severance – Fund Balance budget revision. **Motion** carried.

The **Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported there were 126 calls in the month of June and approximately 50% of those were EMS-related. He reported that over 120-man hours were spent on July 4<sup>th</sup> alone in preparation for the fireworks and many more hours went into it in the two weeks leading up to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Wilkes also reported that he is working to improve the relationship between our fire department and the Teays Valley Fire Department.

The **Hurricane Police Department Report** was given by Sergeant Eggleton. See attached.

The **City Manager's Report** was given by Mayor Edwards and Amanda Ramey because Andy Skidmore was unable to attend. Report included that the transition of insurance was going well and the plans for Bridge Park are moving along. At Bridge Park, the field and facilities are ready for the Hurricane Youth Football League to begin their season when they're ready and other park projects will begin to move along as time and money allow.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported that Food Truck Friday is off to a great start. People have been very excited that it is happening and have come out in large numbers each week. She reported that both Belknap Dough Company and Peyton & Peppy Boutique are looking forward to August openings on Main Street Pita Pit on Davis Court will host a grand opening event on July 27. She noted that she will send details again on this to Council members as the date approaches. Finally, she reported that, overall, it was a great Independence Day parade.

#### **Persons from sign in sheet**

Bill Bartley spoke to Council about a recent break-in at the caboose at City Park and that a police report was filed. He emphasized the need for cameras at the park. Mayor Edwards assured him a new camera installation project was happening at City Park so that should not be an issue in the future. Additionally, Mr. Bartley requested a removable bar be installed on the inside of the door that is closest to the road. Amanda Ramey made note to speak with Street Department Manager Lee Campbell about it. Additionally, Mayor Edwards told Mr. Bartley that the City could do another call for volunteers on Facebook to see if anyone would be interested in helping with the caboose in the future.

#### **New Business**

None

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Marshall Ginn to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
Submitted

  
Date

8/3/2020

  
Approved

  
Date

8/3/2020

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

August 3, 2020  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups Brian Ellis Marshall Ginn Steve Goff - Absent Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

Philip Hatfield presented Mayor Edwards with a check for 20% of the proceeds of his book, "Battle of Hurricane Bridge". Hatfield also gave a short preview of his newly released book, "Sacrifice All for the Union".

Mayor Edwards announced that longtime Hurricane resident Thelma Carter donated a clock that used to hang in an old Hurricane school that burned decades ago. The clock was given to Mrs. Carter's late husband Everett Carter by Eldridge Brewster. It will be hung in City Hall.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the agenda of the August 3, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund.

The **Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported the department had found a new ladder truck which will be on the road by the end of the week. The old ladder truck will be sold at auction. In regard to membership, he reported three or four new members over the last month.

The **Hurricane Police Department Report** was given by Chief Mullins. See attached.

The **City Manager's Report** was given by Andy Skidmore. He reported that the Hurricane Youth Football League season has been postponed until March. In addition, he said construction of the pickleball courts at Bridge Park are underway thanks to a recent grant from the Land & Water Conservation Fund. He also reported that there are new grant opportunities on the horizon - including possible funding from the WV DOT for the Meeks Mountain Trails. He noted that a long-term lease between the City and the Meeks family is currently being developed for the trail.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported that, due to recent guidance from the Governor closing all fairs and festivals in the state due to COVID-19, the Hurricane Harvest Festival will be canceled for this year. She reported that the Citywide Yard Sale will happen this Saturday, though. In addition, there will be a City of Hurricane work day at the Meeks Mountain Trails in mid-October where many members of the City staff will go and help build trails. In addition, she said there are tentative plans to host a "Customer Appreciation Day" at City Hall on October 1<sup>st</sup> (which will be dubbed City of Hurricane Day). Additionally, she noted that Lee Campbell has ordered the railing for Main Street sidewalk just beyond the Henderson building. Marshall Ginn asked her to talk to Lee about also straightening up the sidewalk in that area before installing the rail.

#### **Persons from sign in sheet**

None

#### **New Business**

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the first reading of the adoption of the National Electrical Code 2017 Edition. **Motion** carried.

Resolution for Street Department Vehicle Loan tabled for future meeting.

Resolution for Fire Chief Vehicle Loan tabled for future meeting.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the resolution for Main Street Streetscape Project. **Motion** carried.

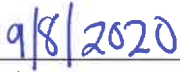
Chief Mike Mullins addressed the Council at Mayor Edwards' request to discuss recent issues with the City Park basketball courts. Issues include late evening fighting, intimidation, bullying between players and trash left at the courts each morning. Chief Mullins suggested that the courts be closed at night for a temporary period of time. Mayor Edwards and Council directed Chief Mullins and Andy Skidmore develop a plan.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the proclamation for U.S. Constitution and directed Mayor Edwards to sign the proclamation once dates were corrected on final version. **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards announced that, as stated previously, the Citywide Yard Sale will be on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. He noted that City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and the September Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Marshall Ginn to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
Submitted

  
Date

  
Approved

  
Date

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

September 8, 2020  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups Brian Ellis Marshall Ginn Steve Goff Gerry Spears - Absent
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - Absent

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the agenda of the September 8, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

The **Hurricane Police Department Report** was given by Chief Mike Mullins. See attached.

The **Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported there were 135 calls including 98 EMR calls which was the biggest number so far this year. He also reported that an ambulance is going to be officially donated by MVB Bank. Mayor Edwards donate that this is a tremendous donation by MVB Bank and Kevin from Kevin's Autobody worked on the very minor damage for the City free of charge.

The **City Manager's Report** was given by Andy Skidmore. He reported that the basketball courts at City Park are now staffed by an attendant each night from 7:30 pm until midnight with a \$5 charge for non-Putnam County residents. He said there have been no issues or complaints on this so far. He noted that the CARES Act money is still coming through – mostly for wages of our first responders, cameras and a keyless entry system. Additionally, he noted that a groundbreaking will happen soon on property by I-64. Details will come soon. He also reported that a City employee recently received a positive COVID-19 test result.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported that the ambulance donation media event will take place tomorrow at 1pm and encouraged members of Council to attend if possible. Additionally, she noted that there has been a great response to the new boutique on Main Street and that the Food Truck Friday Evening Edition in August was very successful and another one will be on September 25<sup>th</sup>. She reported on some electrical upgrades that are in the works for Main Street to better accommodate food trucks and other events in the future. She reported that the Meeks Mountain Trail Alliance, a 501c3 has been formed.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

None

**New Business**

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the second reading of the adoption of the National Electrical Code 2017 Edition. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend section 725.02 – License required; license tax levied. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
Submitted

  
Approved

10/5/2020  
Date

10/5/2020  
Date

**City Council Minutes – First Reading**

**MINUTES OF FIRST READING OF BOND ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION  
FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF HURRICANE DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT NO. 1 – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

I, Scott Edwards, MAYOR of the HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL, hereby certify that the following is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of a special meeting of the Hurricane City Council:

The members of the Hurricane City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice duly given, on September 21, 2020, in the Hurricane City Council Chambers, Hurricane City Hall, Hurricane, West Virginia, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Edwards  
Reggie Billups  
Brian Ellis  
Marshall Ginn  
Steve Goff  
Gerry Spears  
Andy Skidmore  
Rachel Gray  
John Stump

ABSENT: Linda Gibson

Scott Edwards, Mayor, presided.

Thereupon, the MAYOR presented a proposed Bond Ordinance in writing, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A MUNICIPAL PARK; THE LEASING OF THE PARK BY THE CITY OF HURRICANE (THE "CITY") FROM THE HURRICANE BUILDING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT; THE APPROVAL OF THE FORM OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT BY THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS REGARDING THE ISSUANCE BY THE HURRICANE BUILDING COMMISSION OF ITS

LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020 A (BANK  
QUALIFIED).

And caused the same to be read and there was discussion.

Thereupon, on motion of Marshall Ginn, seconded by Gerry Spears, it was unanimously ordered that the said Bond Ordinance be adopted on first reading.

Thereupon, the Mayor presented a proposed resolution scheduling the public hearing on the application for the creation of a tax increment development district to be designated as "The City of Hurricane Development District No. 1 – Public Works Projects" (the "TIF District") in the City, and the financing of certain projects described in a Project Plan for the TIF District to be designated as "Project Plan No. 1" (the "Project Plan").

Thereupon, on motion of Reggie Billups, seconded by Brian Ellis, it was unanimously ordered that the proposed resolution be adopted and the public hearing on the public hearing on the application for the creation of the TIF District in the City, and the proposed Project Plan for the TIF District on November 2, 2020.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears, it was unanimously ordered that the meeting adjourn.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly qualified and acting Recorder of the City of Hurricane, and that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete copy of an excerpt of the minutes of the special meeting of the Hurricane City Council held September 21, 2020.

Dated: 10/5, 2020.

*Linda L. Gibson*  
Secretary

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

October 5, 2020  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups Brian Ellis Marshall Ginn Steve Goff Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the agenda of the October 5, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 special session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

The **Hurricane Police Department Report** was given by Chief Mullins. See attached.

The **Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported there had been 103 responses last month – 58 of which were EMR and two car accidents with entrapment. He reported that the department is back to their regular Thursday evening meetings, that the department is now a licensed EMS agency and that the recently-donated ambulance is coming along.

The **City Manager's Report** was given by Andy Skidmore. He reported that the CARES Act funding will be coming in through the end of this year. He also reported that there will be a TIP Public meeting on November 9 at 7pm. He is working closely with the WV Development Office on this. He also noted that work has begun at the Martin's Peterbilt site since the groundbreaking on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported that the groundbreaking at the Martin's Peterbilt site was well-received by the media and that there was a ribbon cutting at the new craft store on Teays Valley Road near the old Rite Aid, called Blooming Crafts and Baskets and The Craft Shack (two businesses in one) the following day. She noted that Food Truck Friday season wrapped up with another successful Evening Edition and the Pumpkin Carving event will happen on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Mayor Edwards noted that the plan for judging pumpkins will be via photos so that a crowd doesn't gather at the end for judging.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

None

**New Business**

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the second reading and act upon a proposed Bond Ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A CITY PARK; THE LEASING OF THE PARK BY THE CITY OF HURRICANE (THE "CITY") FROM THE HURRICANE BUILDING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT; THE APPROVAL OF THE FORM OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT BY THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS REGARDING THE ISSUANCE BY THE HURRICANE BUILDING COMMISSION OF ITS LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020 A (BANK QUALIFIED). **Motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to adopt a Resolution regarding the setting of a public hearing date and time and approving the form of public hearing notice to be published in connection with the same, and at which hearing the City Council for the City of Hurricane will hear public comment regarding the creation the City of Hurricane Development District No. 1 – Tax Increment Financing District (the "TIF District") and the establishment of the boundaries for such TIF District; the undertaking of certain projects for such TIF District (the "Project Plan"); and the


financing of such Project Plan improvements pursuant to the issuance of tax increment revenue obligations pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 11B, of the West Virginia Code (the "TIF Act"). **Motion carried.**

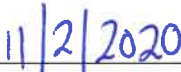

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the second reading of ordinance to amend section 725.02 – License required; license tax levied. **Motion carried.**

**Motion** made by Gerry Spear and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve supplemental Pay for Full Time Employees (\$500) and Part-Time Employees (\$250). **Motion carried.**

Mayor Edwards announced that Pumpkin Carving will be at City Park from 3-5 pm on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

  
Submitted  
  
Approved

  
Date  
  
Date

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

November 2, 2020  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups - Absent Brian Ellis Marshall Ginn - Absent Steve Goff Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - Absent

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the agenda of the November 2, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Hurricane Police Department Report** – No one present to report.

**City Manager's Report** – City Manager not present to report.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported that the Pumpkin Carving event was successful and extra pumpkins were donated to local preschools, a nursing home and the veteran's home in Barboursville. In addition, she reported that the Christmas Blessings program is up and running, and the City is offering an application open house next week due to the small number of applications that have come in so far. She said the City is partnering again with Putnam County Bank on a Veterans Appreciation Dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup>. She reported that there will be a ribbon cutting on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Cha Cha's Emporium – a new business on Main Street beside Blind Wizard in the old Hurricane Breeze office. Regarding Christmas, the annual Blenko ornaments will be in this week or next, the House Decorating Contest kicked off today, the Christmas Parade will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and the staff and Council Christmas luncheon will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that Mission Serve has reached out with an interest to schedule a work camp for next summer, so the City applied for the money from the WV Housing Development Fund to support it. Finally, she noted that the trees along Main Street are being cut back for better growth.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

None

**New Business**

**Motion** made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the first reading of Arrowhead annexation. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Steve Goff to authorize City Manager Andy Skidmore to purchase lights for youth football field through State Contract pricing and for him to sign loan documents through Putnam County Bank. **Motion** carried.

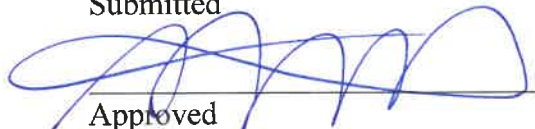
**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve a proclamation for Christian Heritage Week. **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards announced that there will be a public meeting and Special Council meeting on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, he announced that Christmas Blessings applications will be due by November 19<sup>th</sup> and that City Hall will be closed on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the General Election; on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day and on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
Submitted

12/7/2020  
Date

  
Approved

12/7/2020  
Date

# Hurricane City Council Special Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020  
7:00 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups - Absent Brian Ellis Marshall Ginn - Absent Steve Goff Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

## Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards

## New Business

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Gerry Spears to conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed creation of the City of Hurricane Development District No. 1 – Public Works Projects (the “TIF District”), the undertaking of certain projects for such TIF District (the “Project Plan”) and the financing of such Project Plan improvements pursuant to the issuance of tax increment revenue obligations pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 11B of the West Virginia Code (the “TIF Act”). **Motion** carried.

Given no members of the public were present, **motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Gerry Spears to close public hearing. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Brian Ellis to consider for adoption a Resolution of the City of Hurricane which approves (i) the Tax Increment Financing Application (the “TIF Application”) with respect to the creation of the TIF District and the approval of the Project Plan for the TIF District; (ii) the submission of the TIF Application to the West Virginia Development Office for consideration of approval; and (iii) approval of other items in connection therewith. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the second reading of Arrowhead annexation. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Brian Ellis to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
Submitted

  
Date

  
Approved

  
Date

12/7/2020

12/7/2020

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

December 7, 2020  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups
	Brian Ellis
	Marshall Ginn
	Steve Goff
	Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - Absent

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

Mayor Edwards read a letter from Brian Ellis wherein he resigned from Hurricane City Council and the City of Hurricane Water and Sewer Boards effective 11:59 pm on December 31, 2020.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the agenda of the December 7, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Hurricane Police Department Report** – Report given by Chief Mullins. See attached.

**Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He noted that the department was dispatched on 173 calls last month. He specifically noted four structure fires and one brush fire that resulted in a fatality. He reported that in the very near future he will be hiring two full time fire fighters which has been budgeted. Additionally, he is trying a program wherein volunteers who answer calls will be given a stipend. He hopes this will encourage more volunteers to participate in running calls. This was also in the budget for the year and may account to about \$30,000 per year. He also noted that Santa's magic sleigh will be riding through Hurricane neighborhoods the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**City Manager's Report** was given by City Manager Andy Skidmore. He reported that the CARES Act money is drying up, and he is doing all he can by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. He also reported that the city's new health insurance provider, Highmark, is waiving all premiums for the month of December which the city is passing along to employees. This will be a savings of about \$95,000 for the month of December - \$53,000 of which is reflected in the city's budget (the rest is from the utility side). The Mayor reported that he directed that this money be used to make some playground equipment upgrades at City Park. Skidmore reported that he and Amanda Ramey had met last week with a playground equipment sales representative about some ideas for this project.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. Prior to speaking, the Mayor noted the blue lights that are on the top of the City Municipal Building and praised the efforts of Todd Coyner and the Street Department for quickly getting those purchased and put up out of respect for fallen Charleston Police Department Officer Cassie Johnson. Additionally, he asked Deron Wilkes to tell Council about how Santa's sleigh came to be – which indicated the efforts of Arlen Wooten, a Street Department employee, to cut the sleigh shape out of wood and the members of the fire department who worked to ensure the sleigh looks great for the neighborhood tour as well as the Christmas Parade. Amanda reported that the Christmas Parade is still on for Saturday, December 12 at 4pm; that the Letters to Santa program is happening until Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and that the House Decorating Contest is open for entries through Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, she explained the inaugural Snowman Contest on Main Street and asked all Council members to go vote for their favorite snowman. In other Christmas news, she reported to Council that Christmas Blessings gift pick up is next week and that we have served approximately 375 children this year. Also she made everyone aware that our annual Blenko ornament is still available and sales have been slow this year – leading up to believe that people may not be as interested in them as they've been in the past. She noted that Small Business Saturday (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) was a huge success for our locally owned businesses.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

None

**New Business**

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Brian Ellis to conduct a public hearing

regarding a proposed Bond Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A MUNICIPAL PARK; THE LEASING OF THE PARK BY THE CITY OF HURRICANE (THE "CITY") FROM THE HURRICANE BUILDING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT; THE APPROVAL OF THE FORM OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT BY THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS REGARDING THE ISSUANCE BY THE HURRICANE BUILDING COMMISSION OF ITS LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020 A (BANK QUALIFIED).


**Motion** carried.

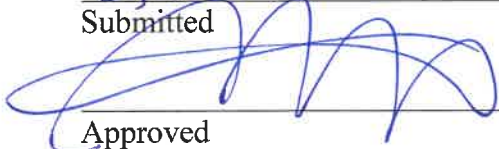
**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Steve Goff to consider on third reading and act upon a proposed Bond Ordinance. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to consider for adoption of first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Hurricane which would create a new tax increment financing district to be known as the City of Hurricane Development District No. 1 – Public Works Projects (the "TIF District"), approve a Project Plan for the TIF District, create and establish a Tax Increment Financing Fund for such TIF District, and related matters. **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards announced Christmas Blessings gift pick up dates as December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. He also announced a Special Council Meeting regarding the approval of Creation of TIF District and Project Plan which will be on December 21 at 6:00 pm. Additionally, he noted that the office will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup>, December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

**Motion** was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
Submitted

  
Approved

  
Date

  
Date

# Hurricane City Council Special Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2020  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups Brian Ellis Marshall Ginn Steve Goff Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - Absent

## Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards

## New Business

**Motion** made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Marshall Ginn to consider for enactment on second reading following a public hearing of an Ordinance of the City of Hurricane which would create a new tax increment financing district to be known as the City of Hurricane Development District No. 1 – Public Works Projects (the “TIF District”), approve a Project Plan for the TIF District, create and establish a Tax Increment Financing Fund for such TIF District, and related matters. **Motion** carried.

## Adjourn

**Motion** made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Reggie Billups to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

January 4, 2021  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups
	Marshall Ginn
	Steve Goff
	Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - Absent

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the agenda of the January 4, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 special session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

Motion was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Hurricane Police Department Report** – Report given by Chief Mullins. See attached.

**Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported that the hiring of two firefighters is complete. The first is Joe DeBord who is transferring from the Utility Department and will be starting EMT classes soon. The second is Ryan Hale who is a paramedic and has most recently been working for Roane County. He will be starting on Saturday. He also reported that the new ambulance will be inspected and is expected to be legal next week. In December, 180 calls came in and the department answered 85% of them. He pointed out that unanswered calls do not mean that no one responded; it just means that, in many cases, there was not a need for HVFD to get to the call. For example, it could be because a Putnam County ambulance arrived first and the need was already taken care of. Wilkes also reported that there were 1,580 calls in 2020 and the percentage of calls answered for the year was 81%. As a follow up to last meeting, he reported that the volunteer stipend program started on January 1<sup>st</sup> and the first shift is on duty tonight (8pm – 6am). He hopes this will increase the department's answered call percentage for the coming year by ensuring volunteers are already at the station when calls come in. Councilman Ginn asked about signage on doors so that visitors know which side of the fire station to go to when trying to enter the building. Wilkes reported that all visitors should go to the underpass side where there is a door bell that alerts four different people and said he would get signage placed.

**City Manager's Report** was given by City Manager Andy Skidmore. He reported that he is still pursuing getting the ambulance apparatus approved from FEMA. He also reported that the Arrowhead annexation is now complete and a letter to residents will go out this week. He also reported he will be meeting with staff in the coming weeks for a new yearly evaluation process. He reported that he met with a stakeholder group of Raymond Peak Way and informed Council that the road will be extended. If it is built according to the same standards that the current road was constructed, then he recommends that the City take ownership of it at that time. He noted that progress on AEP and Martin's Peterbilt is moving along and that AEP has a target completion date of October while Martin's Peterbilt intends to be complete by June.

Regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, Skidmore reported that our first responders who have chosen to get the shot will receive it this Wednesday. The process will then move to City employees who are over 50 years old. Additionally, he informed Council that the Division of Transportation said today that a 20% match will now be required on our Walmart sidewalk project along with other similar projects around the state. There is time to decide whether the City should still pursue the project or not. Councilman Ginn asked about paying off a Main Street building in order to reduce the City's number of debts. Discussion ensued and Skidmore reported that the loans of the City-owned Main Street buildings were recently consolidated into one loan. Councilman Ginn also asked for an update on his proposed digital sign in front of the City Municipal Building. Skidmore responded that he has spoken with a couple different sign companies and will have quotes soon.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported that most of what has happened since the last Council meeting has revolved around Christmas. She reported that nearly 400 children received Christmas gifts, food boxes and

gift cards this year through the City's Christmas Blessings program. She said that it seems the new Main Street snowman contest and gift basket giveaway were successful in getting people to Main Street this season because good feedback was received about both. Additionally, the annual Decorating Contest and Christmas Parade were both positive and that thousands of letters were written to children this year on behalf of Santa via the City's Letters for Santa mailbox on Main Street. She reported that the tax prep assistance will be happening again this year at City Hall. A schedule is in the works, but those interested will be instructed to call Christine Spaulding directly to schedule an appointment as in years' past. Additionally, she noted that the Special Olympics Polar Plunge is set for February 6, 2021 and that the Meeks Mountain Trail Alliance is planning a Crush Run half marathon, 5K and kids' run on February 13 at Meeks Mountain Trails.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

None

**New Business**

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to accept Mayor Edwards' appointment of Al Howard to City Council to replace Brian Ellis who was elected to the Putnam County Commission. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to accept Mayor Edwards' appointment of C.D. Caldwell to the Hurricane Water Board. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to accept Mayor Edwards' appointment of Joanna Stover to the Hurricane Wastewater Board. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Steve Goff and seconded by Marshall Ginn to accept Mayor Edwards' appointment of Gerry Spears to the Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to accept the first reading of Hurricane Police Department – New Ordinance 133.08. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to accept the first reading of Hurricane Police Department – Change to Ordinance 103.03. **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards announced that the office will be closed on January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Mayor Edwards also announced that Trick or Treat in Hurricane is now set for Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in Hurricane.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

Spills & Emissions  
Submitted

2/1/2021  
Date

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Approved

2/1/21  
Date

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

February 1, 2021  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson - Absent
Council:	Reggie Billups Marshall Ginn Steve Goff Al Howard Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the agenda of the February 1, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Al Howard to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Hurricane Police Department Report** – Report given by Chief Mullins.

**Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported that the department responded to 171 separate incidents throughout our fire district and our neighboring mutual aid districts - an average of more than 5.5 per day. The calls included

six – fires, 127 rescue and EMS calls, two hazardous condition calls, nine service calls, 14 good intent calls, 12 false alarms/false calls and one special incident call. He reported that the stipend program is working well so far and that 101 12-hour shifts were covered last month. He noted that the new ambulance is now 100% legal and ready. He is developing the plan for best use. Additionally, he reiterated from last month that the new fire department hires are working out well and have been a great fit. Joe DeBord is currently in EMT classes and Ryan Hale has his paramedic card.

Mayor Edwards announced the sale of the building formerly occupied by George's Cleaners to Allen's Funeral Home and Morris Hauldren.

**City Manager's Report** was given by City Manager Andy Skidmore. He reported that the Hurricane Development Authority will close on the Hidden Creek building tomorrow and that the fire department property was officially purchased last week. He presented a preliminary sign proposal for a new electronic sign to be placed in front of the City Municipal Building. Members of Council generally liked the concept. More details will come at a future date.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported rental of City Park shelters and the Sprayground will be available online this year. She noted that Food Truck Friday planning is underway and applications are coming in. Additionally, she noted that the Special Olympics Polar Plunge is happening this Saturday at City Park. She reminded Council that tax preparation assistance begins this month at the City Municipal Building. Additionally, she reported that the City received very positive news coverage on the purchase of the new fire department property.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

None

**New Business**

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to accept the second reading of Hurricane Police Department – New Ordinance 133.08. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Steve Goff and seconded by Reggie Billups to accept the second reading of Hurricane Police Department – Change to Ordinance 103.03. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Steve Goff and seconded by Marshall Ginn to accept the recommendation from the Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission to allow 2550 Conner Avenue to be rezoned from R-1 to R-2 so that townhouses may be built on the property by owner Teays Construction. Due to a vested interest in the project, Mayor Edwards recused himself by leaving the Council Chambers during discussion and vote. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Al Howard to accept Mayor Edwards' re-appointment of Roger Hughes, Dave Kelly, Mike Johnson and Dan Lauffer to the Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Steve Goff and seconded by Reggie Billups to allow City Manager Andy Skidmore to move forward with the low-bid proposal of \$125,000 from Musco Lighting for lights for the football field at Hurricane Bridge Park as long as the geotechnical report comes back as acceptable. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Al Howard to accept the first reading of annexation of the new fire department property into the City. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to consider on first reading and act upon a proposed Bond Ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING SEWER REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 A OF THE CITY OF HURRICANE THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF HURRICANE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,750,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEWER REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 A; PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE HOLDER OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO. **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards announced that there will be a Special Council meeting on Monday, February 8 at 5:30 pm. He also announced that the office will be closed on Monday, February 15 for President's Day.

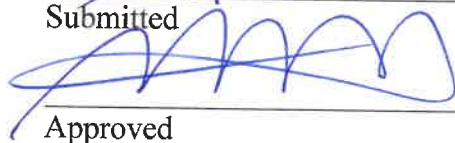
**Motion** made by Al Howard and seconded by Gerry Spears to enter Executive Session for a contract negotiation discussion. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Al Howard to return to Regular Session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Steve Goff to adjourn. **Motion** carried.



Submitted



Approved

3/1/2021

Date

3/1/21

Date

# Hurricane City Council Special Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021  
5:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Reggie Billups - Absent Marshall Ginn Steve Goff Al Howard
Treasurer:	Gerry Spears - Absent Dennis Carte, CPA - Absent

## Call to Order

Mayor Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Al Howard to consider on second reading and act upon a proposed Bond Ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING SEWER REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 A OF THE CITY OF HURRICANE THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF HURRICANE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,750,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEWER REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 A; PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE HOLDER OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Steve Goff and seconded by Marshall Ginn to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

Submitted

Approved

Date

Date

# Hurricane City Council Minutes

March 1, 2021  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Reggie Billups
	Marshall Ginn
	Steve Goff
	Al Howard
	Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Troop 360 Scouts who are based at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mayor Edwards read a card from Linda Gibson thanking Council and staff for the flowers delivered to the funeral home in the death of her husband Jack Gibson. Mayor Edwards elaborated on what a wonderful contribution Jack had on the City of Hurricane for over seventy years.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Al Howard to approve the agenda of the March 1, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Al Howard and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 special session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Al Howard to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Al Howard to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Hurricane Police Department Report** – Chief Mullins was not present. Mayor Edwards reported on some employees going the extra mile during recent bad weather. He said Hurricane Police Department Officer Rakes slept in the mat room during the ice storm so that he wouldn't miss his shift. In addition, Willie McCallister rode a mini bike from Cow Creek all the way to the street department shop because he couldn't get through all the down trees in his vehicle.

**Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported that during the month of February 2021, the men and women of the department responded to 226 separate incidents throughout the fire district and neighboring mutual aid districts - an average of more than 8 per day and 404 calls for the year. This month's calls included: 5 fires, 141 rescue and EMS, 14 hazardous conditions calls, 11 service calls, 20 good intent calls, 13 false alarms/false calls, 20 severe weather & natural disaster and 2 special incident type calls.

**City Manager's Report** was given by City Manager Andy Skidmore. He reported that he received fifteen responses to the Request for Qualifications for the new fire department.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported that the Copper Room is available now for rentals and the first event under our auspices took place last Saturday. She said we are moving forward on event planning for 2021. The Spring event, called Spring on Main Street, will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will have a superhero theme – which will include highlighting policemen and firefighters as superheroes. She noted that Food Truck Fridays will continue this year and the last Friday of each month will include an Evening Edition which is very popular among those residents who cannot make it to Main Street during lunch hours.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

Bill Bartley reported to Council that a railroad switch had been donated for the Caboose project at City Park and presented an updated to-do list for the Caboose.

Colleen Sargent, who is the leader of the Scout Troop who led the Pledge of Allegiance in this meeting, thanked Council for all their help and support through the years.

Tara Hudnall asked Council for a list of approved companies who can do home inspections. Mayor Edwards asked her to follow up directly with City Manager Andy Skidmore.

**New Business**

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to conduct a public hearing regarding a proposed Bond Ordinance. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Steve Goff and seconded by Reggie Billups to consider on third reading and act upon a proposed Bond Ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING SEWER REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 A OF THE CITY OF HURRICANE THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF HURRICANE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,750,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEWER REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 A; PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE HOLDER OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the recommendation from Municipal Planning Commission to allow a property variance on Morris and Nancy Smith's Virginia Avenue property. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Al Howard to approve the recommendation from Municipal Planning Commission to allow zoning change from R-1 to R-2 at 2607 Main Street so that TRB Construction may build a residential two-unit townhouse on the property. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Al Howard to approve the second reading of annexation for the new fire department property. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to appoint Andy Skidmore, Danny Brickles, Deron Wilkes and Steve Goff as the review committee for fire department architect selection. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the first reading of Change to Ordinance Section 361.03 – Prohibited stopping, standing or parking places with the following modification to the language: "...unless otherwise designated or approved by Mayor or City Manager." **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards announced that there is a tentative Special Council meeting and Public Hearing regarding the levy estimate on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Al Howard to enter Executive Session for a contract negotiation discussion. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Marshall Ginn to return to Regular Session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Al Howard to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

Linda L. Gibson  
Submitted

4/5/2021  
Date

[Signature]  
Approved

4/5/21  
Date

# Hurricane City Council Special Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Members:	Reggie Billups Marshall Ginn Steve Goff Gerry Spears Al Howard
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte - absent

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards.

Mayor Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Edwards opened the floor for comments for the Public Hearing regarding Notice of Proposed Tax Increase. No members of the public were present.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Al Howard to approve the Proposed Tax Increase. **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards opened the floor for comments for the Public Hearing regarding the FY2022 Levy Estimate for the General Fund and Coal Severance Fund. No members of the public were present.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the 2021-2022 Coal Severance Fund Budget. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Marshall Ginn to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

Finis L. Gerson  
Submitted

4/5/2021  
Date

[Signature]  
Approved

4/5/21  
Date

# **Hurricane City Council Minutes**

April 5, 2021  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Reggie Billups - Absent
	Marshall Ginn
	Steve Goff
	Al Howard
	Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA

## **Call to Order**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack #236 from Forrest Burdette.

Mayor Edwards recognized National Merit Finalists from Hurricane High School, Aiden Bernard and Isaiah Huffman and explained what the honor means. Hurricane High School Principal P.E. McClanahan said a few words about the students and expressed his appreciation for the City's continued support of the school. Mayor Edwards asked Aiden and Isaiah to each tell Council about their future plans.

While Wayne Hudnall was unable to attend the meeting due to a work travel obligation, Mayor Edwards explained to Council that he is being recognized for all his years of service to the Hurricane Little League – 21 years as a coach and ten years as League President. Mayor Edwards will attend an upcoming Little League event to present the City's certificate to Mr. Hudnall since he could do be at the Council meeting.

Shante Ellis, the cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack #236 presented a Governor's Certificate of Recognition to Hurricane Fire Department Chief Deron Wilkes and Lieutenant Burgeson for opening up the fire station so that the pack could have its annual pinewood derby race when COVID restrictions in other locations had threatened to thwart the event for the year.

Mayor Edwards presented a plaque to Bill Bartley that will be placed near the Caboose at the Hurricane City Park in recognition of all his time and financial contribution to making the Caboose a wonderful addition to the park.

## **General Business**

**Motion** was made by Al Howard and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the agenda of the April 5, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021 special session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Al Howard to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Hurricane Police Department Report** – Chief Mullins reported that the department now has a new K9 Dutch Shepherd dog in training. It will be focused on drug eradication, not general patrol. Chief Mullins also reported that the department had eight state arrests and 14 city arrests in March.

**Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported that during the month of March 2021, the department responded to 192 incidents throughout the area - an average of more than 6 per day which brings the total dispatched for the year to 605. This month's calls included 11 fires, 144 rescue and EMS, four hazardous conditions, six service calls, 16 good intent calls and 11 false alarms/false calls.

**City Manager Andy Skidmore was not present.**

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reminded Council that the Spring on Main event will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> which is before the next Council meeting. She reported that the impromptu Pop-up Concert at the Gazebo in March was well-received, and others are planned for April and May. She reported that the Mayor officially announced today that our Independence Day Celebration will be on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> with the parade beginning at 2:00 pm instead of the traditional 4:00 pm. She reported that there will be a ribbon cutting at the new CAMC facility across the road from the City Municipal Building on Wednesday of this week at 2:00 pm and encouraged Council members to attend. She noted that Mission Serve group may not be in town this summer to do housing rehabilitation after all. The group told the City they are having issues getting enough volunteers to attend the camps but expect and plan to be back next summer because they enjoyed their time in Hurricane in 2019. Ramey reported

that a race called Twisted Twigs took place last Saturday on Meeks Mountain Trails and was very successful for the Hurricane Trail Racing organization. Finally, the CARES Trail Race and Family Fun Day fundraising event will take place at City Park on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Persons from sign in sheet**

Rob Vanater, owner of Drip's Café on Main, approached Council first with thanks for the rent assistance last April. However, he said he had been asking and repeatedly told for the last few months that no additional assistance would be made available by the City for his business. He asked Council if this was true and, if so, he would like to know why and what the federal COVID relief dollars allocated to the City had been spent on. Mayor Edwards addressed Mr. Vanater and explained that the City has been very lenient about accepting late rent payments from him over the course of the last year – with understanding about the pandemic. He also explained that the federal government gives cities specific instruction on what to spend the COVID relief dollars on. For example, the city's understanding is that the new bill will specifically require the city to use the funds on infrastructure. Mayor Edwards listed to Mr. Vanater a plethora of ways the city has supported his business over the last year, including allowing for a road cone to be placed in the street so that he could have an easy curbside pick up option, allowing him to attach a bar to the outside of the city's building for outdoor seating, etc.

#### **New Business**

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Marshall Ginn to approve the second reading of Change to Ordinance Section 361.03 – Prohibited stopping, standing or parking places. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Al Howard to increase the City's HRA to \$2,000 per employee across the board. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Steve Goff and seconded by Gerry Spears to consider and act upon a proposed Supplemental Parameters Resolution entitled:

SUPPLEMENTAL PARAMETERS RESOLUTION PROVIDING PARAMETERS AS TO THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, DATE, MATURITY DATE, INTEREST RATE, INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYMENT DATES AND OTHER TERMS OF THE SEWER REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 A, OF THE CITY OF HURRICANE; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATIONS; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS AS TO THE BONDS.


**Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Al Howard and seconded by Steve Goff to consider a Sweep Resolution pertaining to the automatic payment of the Bonds to the Municipal Bond Commission. **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards reported that the EMS Retirement agenda item has been tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Edwards announced that there will be a Special Council "Laying of the Levy" meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm. He reminded Council that the Spring on Main Street event will be on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 pm and that the Independence Day Celebration Parade will be at 2:00 pm on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with celebration at City Park following from 3:00 -8:00 pm and fireworks at 10:00 pm from Water Tank Hill.

**Motion** made by Steve Goff and seconded by Marshall Ginn to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
Submitted

  
Approved

5/3/2021  
Date

5/3/21  
Date

# Hurricane City Council Special Meeting Minutes Laying of the Levy

April 20, 2021  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Reggie Billups Marshall Ginn Steve Goff Gerry Spears Al Howard
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - absent

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Edwards.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

## General Business

Mayor Edwards opened the floor for comments for the Public Hearing regarding Laying of the Levy for the 2021-2022 General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets. No members of the public were present.

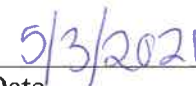
**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to Lay the Levy for the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Al Howard to Lay the Levy for the 2021-2022 Coal Severance Budget. **Motion** carried.

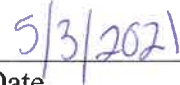
**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Marshall Ginn to authorize establishing an account under the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 according to Auditor's Guidelines. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
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# Hurricane City Council Minutes

May 3, 2021  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Reggie Billups
	Marshall Ginn
	Steve Goff
	Al Howard
	Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - Absent

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

Mayor Edwards recognized the Hurricane High School Show Choirs – Red Hot and Heat Wave for their stellar performance at the May 1<sup>st</sup> WV State Show Choir Competition. Members of both groups were present for the meeting. He reported to Council that the Red Hot group won Grand Champion among other awards and the Heat Wave (all girls group) came away as the State Champion. Mayor Edwards presented the group with certificates of recognition from the City.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the agenda of the May 3, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Al Howard and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Laying of the Levy session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Al Howard to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Hurricane Police Department Report** was given by Chief Mullins. See attached.

**Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported that during the month of April 2021 that staff responded to 193 incidents throughout our district and our mutual aid districts - averaging more than 6 per day. The total number of calls dispatched for the year is 816. This month's calls included twelve fires, 141 rescue and EMS, three hazardous conditions, six service calls, 14 intent calls, 14 false alarms/false calls and three in the "other" category. During Chief Wilkes' report, he and Mayor Edwards also reported to the Council that during the last Putnam County Commission meeting, it was voted for Hurricane and Teays Valley to have their own ambulance service in order to establish better local care for people in Hurricane and Teays Valley. This will begin August 1, 2021.

**City Manager Andy Skidmore** reported that the Hurricane Development Authority Board met and approved to buy a house on Second Street to provide additional Main Street parking. The house will be torn down by our staff and the lot will be graveled for immediate use as parking. He noted that next year we can look into costs of paving and striping it.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She thanked Chief Mullins and Chief Wilkes for allowing their vehicles and staff to be on display for the Spring on Main event this past Saturday given that the theme was superheroes. She reported that there will be another Pop-Up Concert this Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo on Main Street with Jack Dunlap and the \$2 Short Band. Additionally, she invited Council to a ribbon cutting at Zone Out on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Zone Out is the new gymnasium that was built on Morris Court by Morris Hauldren and is being run by Adam Zimmerman. Additionally, she noted that there will be a Marine Corps League trail run on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> on Meeks Mountain Trails. She also reported that the ribbon cutting and subsequent use of the new Hurricane Bridge Park playground had been very positive and that the new playground equipment at Hurricane City Park is still roped off due to recent rain making the area very messy. Additionally, she noted that three more pieces of additional equipment will be coming for that set in the next few weeks so a ribbon cutting/event to celebrate that playground would not take place right away.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

None

## New Business

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Reggie Billups to move forward with the EMS Retirement plan resolution as presented by City Manager Andy Skidmore. **Motion** carried.


**Motion** made by Al Howard and seconded by Steve Goff to approve a letter of support from Mayor Edwards to Jimmy Wriston, State Highway Engineer, regarding the City Council's support of a project to widen Sleepy Hollow Road due to residents who live in the Wedgewood Glen subdivision regularly using that road. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to authorize City Manager Andy Skidmore to move forward with signing the fire department architect contract with Williamson Shriver Architects. **Motion** carried.

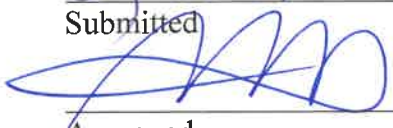
**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Al Howard to accept into our records the letter from Williamson Shriver regarding the gas line running through the new Fire Department property. **Motion** carried.

Mayor Edwards announced that the office will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 for Memorial Day and that Food Truck Fridays begin on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. He also noted to Council that there will be a Food Truck Friday Evening Edition on the last Friday of each month – June through September.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Steve Goff to adjourn. **Motion** carried.

  
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# Hurricane City Council Minutes

June 7, 2021  
6:30 PM

3255 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mayor:	Scott Edwards
Recorder:	Linda Gibson
Council:	Reggie Billups Marshall Ginn Steve Goff Al Howard Gerry Spears
Treasurer:	Dennis Carte, CPA - Absent

## Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Edwards.

Mayor Edwards recognized Wesley Allen and Riley Hendricks from the Hurricane High School Fishing Team. They won the West Virginia 2021 TBF (The Bass Federation) High School State Championship on May 29, 2021 at Sutton Lake.

Mayor Edwards recognized the Hurricane Middle School Softball Team for an undefeated season. Coach Cooley spoke to Council about the team.

## General Business

**Motion** was made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the agenda of the June 7, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Al Howard and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 regular session. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the bills to be paid from the General Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Al Howard and seconded by Gerry Spears to approve the bills to be paid from the Coal Severance Fund. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Goff and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the General Fund budget revision. **Motion** carried.

**Hurricane Police Department Report** was given by Chief Mullins. See attached.

**Hurricane Fire Department Report** was given by Chief Deron Wilkes. He reported that the ambulance service is set to begin on August 1, 2021. Employees have been selected and will begin on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, he reported that during the month of May, the staff of Hurricane Fire & Rescue were dispatched to 168 incidents throughout our district and our mutual aid districts. The total number of calls dispatched for the year is 997. This month's calls included: nine fires, 123 - rescue and EMS, 11 service calls, 20 good intent calls, four false alarms/false calls and one other.

**City Manager Andy Skidmore** reported that the Hurricane Development Authority closed on the Second Street house previously reported. It will be demolition and the lot graveled for additional Main Street parking. He reported that the City has been awarded generators from a grant application that was submitted in 2017. Additionally, he reported the City has received a rendering of the new fire department from the architect and is looking at an August or September construction bid date. He is also expecting a \$20,000 FEMA reimbursement.

The **Marketing & Development Report** was given by Amanda Ramey. She reported that the first Food Truck Friday was great and the Evening Edition for this month will be on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It will include live music. She reminded Council that the Independence Day Celebration will take place on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The parade will start at 2:00 pm with City Park activities happening from 3:00 – 8:00 pm. Fireworks will be set off from Water Tank Hill at 10:00 pm. She told Council that, while the Sprayground got off to a rocky start with a cool and rainy Memorial Day weekend, this past weekend made up for it with over \$1,500 in concession sales from Friday to Sunday. She reported that a lease has been signed on the Hidden Creek Building with Conley's Irish Pub – a new restaurant that plans to open around Labor Day weekend. She also noted that the City has applied for another DOH Recreational Trail Grant for the development of the "bowl" area of Meeks Mountain Trails. It will be a few weeks before we hear if it was accepted.

**Persons from sign in sheet**

None

**New Business**

**Motion** made by Marshall Ginn and seconded by Reggie Billups to award a sprinkler contract to Nitro Construction for the Hidden Creek Building. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Al Howard to appoint of Reggie Billups to the Water Board for a 3-year term – July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024. **Motion** carried.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Al Howard to appoint Steve Goff to the Water Board for a 3-year term – July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024. **Motion carried.**

**Motion** made by Al Howard and seconded by Reggie Billups to appoint Steve Goff to the Sanitary/Water Pollution Control Board for a 3-year term – July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024. **Motion carried.**

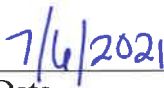
**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Steve Goff to approve the appointment of Brian Linville, PJ Donovan, Samuel Crowder, Jill Adams and Linda Gibson to a City Tree Commission Board. WVU Graduate intern Nick Reeder explained the background of the Tree Commission and why it is needed to be in place in order to qualify the City has a Tree City USA. Andy Sheetz from the West Virginia Division of Forestry also spoke to Council about the benefits of becoming a Tree City USA which include grant opportunities for tree removal/planting and tree planting or pruning workshops for City staff and residents. **Motion carried.**

**Motion** made by Gerry Spears and seconded by Reggie Billups to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as read by Mayor Edwards. **Motion carried.**

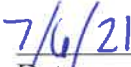
Mayor Edwards announced that the June Food Truck Friday Evening Edition will be Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Independence Day Celebration will be on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and that the office will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Independence Day holiday. He also reported that the July Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> given the observed holiday on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion** made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Gerry Spears to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

  
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