

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT

The Belmont City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Those present for the meeting were Mayor Tim Barnes Councilmembers: Ancil Drane, Wayne Birkhimer, Betty Smith, Will Carouthers and City Recorder Connie Binegar. John Carpenter was absent for this meeting.

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order with a silent roll call.

Wayne Birkhimer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ancil Drane made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2023 meeting. Wayne Birkhimer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We had several special guests for this meeting. Zoey Ham from Catholic Charites West Virginia, John Beck, John Armstrong representing the Oracle, Senator Donna Boley.

Senator Boley was here to congratulate Mayor Barnes for being awarded the Local Economic Development Assistance Grant by the West Virginia Senate to be used to build a community and Emergency Shelter. Senator Boley presented Mayor Barnes with a check for \$25,000.00

Zoey Ham came to the meeting to see if Council would be interested in starting a food pantry. After Council had the details, they decided we would try the First Thursday in July from 9 -1. They will meet once a month here at the city building until our new Community building is built. Ancil Drane made the motion to approve Catholic Charities to use our building for once a month. Betty Smith seconded the motion. I think this will be a very good positive activate for Belmont.

Mayor Barnes wanted to update Council on Monday hopefully they will put the fire hydrant in. Still waiting on water valves, they estimate two more weeks. Isaac Fadiga from Thrasher Engineer is working on the sewer project.

Betty Smith brought up cars are parking up on Triplett while they are waiting on their children from school. This is making it very difficult to see on coming cars. Mayor Barnes said we would paint the Curb's yellow once school was out. Hopefully that will help.

Wayne Birkhimer made the motion to approve two building permits.

501 Triplett	roof
203 Cressup	storage shed

Betty Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried

WV River & Rails Festival & West Virginia Bass Festival was asking for support. Wayne Birkhimer made the motion to

approve being a bronze sponsor of \$100.00. Betty Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Will Carouthers made a motion to pay the bills. Ancil Drane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ancil Drane made a motion to adjourn. Wayne Birkhimer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned!!!

Steve Bann
Mayor

Connie Bonyea
Recorder