Town of Davis
Council Meeting Minutes
June 11th, 2025

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting
Date: June 11th, 2025
Place: Davis Town Hall

Mayor Tomson called meeting to order @6:30 p.m.

Roll Call by ***Acting Recorder Jennie Helmick***

Attending: Mayor Al Tomson, Council Members Carrie Hawkins, Jennie Helmick, Doug Martin, Jess Tucker and John Callaway.

Absent: Recorder Robert North (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Lydia Crawley (Parsons Advocate), Lori Quattro, Jeannette Ware, Lisa Karickhoff and Dan Parks (Country Roads).

Guest Jeannette Ware commented voter turnout was small for town's election on June 11th, 2025.

***Motion to approve the minutes of Regular Council Meeting May 28th, 2025 made by *Councilman Tucker*, second by *Councilman Martin*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

***Motion to approve minutes of Special Zoom Meeting of May 31st, 2025 made by *Councilman Tucker*, second by *Councilwoman Hawkins*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

***Motion to dispense with regular order of business to hear from guests made by *Councilman Callaway*, second by *Councilman Martin*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

***Motion to return to regular order of business made by *Councilman Martin*, second by *Councilwoman Hawkins*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:
Mayor Tomson presented accounts payable.
***Motion to approve the payment of bills made by *Councilman Martin*, second by *Councilman Tucker*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

SEWER COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

*Update from Ashley ~~Tomson~~, Thrasher Engineering - IJDC Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, expecting approval of the binding commitment. They are preparing to request authorization to bid immediately following receipt of the binding commitment letter. The GPR investigation work has been scheduled for June 25th - 27th. A preliminary site visit will be held on Wednesday the 25th, and the GPR work will be conducted on Thursday the 26th and Friday the 27th, weather permitting.

~~*Invoice of $ 5,504.59 to Region VII for Wastewater Plant, Invoice of $ 5,000 to R K&K for D/M contract and lawyer~~
Total invoice of $ 457,334.10 for sewer project.
*Motion made to pay invoices made by Councilman Tucker, second by Councilwoman Helmick, all in favor. Motion carried. (This was addressed at end of meeting).

*Budget Revisions for General and Coal Severance 2024-2025 budgets.
*** Motion to approve the revisions presented made by *Mayor Tomson*, second by *Councilwoman Helmick*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

STREETS, ALLEYS & WATERWORKS: Jobs performed by shop employees placed in Council member's folders. Report from Chief Water Operator Frank Sharp placed in Council folders.

ORDINANCES/ RESOLUTIONS: None.

CEMETERY:
*Jeannette Ware, Cemetery Committee, asked if the town would be able to get the drainage done on the New Cemetery this year. Asked if one or two were going to be done. Mayor Tomson stated we should be able to do it this year. Councilman Martin said only one drainage ditch would be done. Jeannette also asked if town employees could pick up garbage at Cemetery on Monday's and Friday's, due to overflow after Memorial Day weekend. Mayor Tomson stated we

would add the Cemetery to same schedule as Community Building and Riverfront Park on those days. Also wanted to know if Town could move old replaced/repaired foundations elsewhere. Mayor Tomson said he would have town employees check it out.

PARKS & RECREATION:
*Town Clerk/City Manager stated that the TC Commission approached the town about putting fish in pond at the Riverfront Park to make it a fishable pond, would have to be catch and release. Wants the town to share cost, quoted $ 1,500. Mayor stated pond water would first need to be tested to see if it is suitable for fish to survive. Councilwoman Helmick she was approached about the town considering using the pond as an ice-skating rink in the winter. Was used as such in the past. Will check with town attorney about liability.
*Chamber of Commerce and Alpine Festival have moved almost everything to the Riverfront Park for Leaf Peepers Festival due to gas/sewer projects and road work on William Avenue. Would like to have permanent electric service installed at Riverfront Park as more foreseeable events will be done there. Also, Steve White, owner of Highlander property, is talking about installing electric service on his property as well. Total price quoted is $ 5.000, with other parties contributing towards the cost. Mayor Tomson said town is tentatively interested, don't know about cost yet but supportive as a town.

BUILDING COMMISSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: *Mayor Updates
*Election results in but not final until canvassed and certified by Mayor and Council. Dates and times; Monday, June 16th at 1 p.m. for canvassing and Wednesday, June 18th at 1 p.m. for certification.
*Town Hall Renovations: Inspection of Town Hall Building by ~~Trasher~~ Engineering, who will provide a formal report on issues and structural viability. To be addressed at next meeting. RKEK

NEW BUSINESS:
*Rubenstein Liaison; presented by Councilwoman Hawkins. Discussion was held regarding cooperation between the Rubenstein Center and the Town of Davis/ representative to coordinate efforts in notifying the public when one of their subject's escapes, not only to alert but to aid in helping them locate them. Mayor Tomson said he would meet with Keith McDaniel from the Rubenstein Center about working together in this regard.

*Recorder Robert North Resignation: Due to moving to Elkins, he will no longer be able to serve as Recorder.
***Motion to accept his resignation made by *Councilman Martin*, second by *Councilwoman Hawkins*, all in favor. Motion carried.**

BUILDING PERMITS: Hal Perez, Lot 15 Riverwalk, New Construction. Tabled due to insufficient document i.e. survey, drawings.

BUSINESS LICENSES: None.
CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PROPERTY:
*Monongahela Power is undergoing reorganization, doing assessment of electric, not selling any land at this time. However, they won't demolish the DEP building. Money situation unknown at this time. The town will approach them again at a later time.

PERSONNEL: None.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:
***Motion to adjourn made by *Councilman Tucker*, second by *Councilwoman Helmick*, all in favor. Motion carried. Time of adjournment was 7:15 p.m.**

DATE OF APPROVAL: 7/9/2025
As read:
As corrected: ✓

Alan Tomson, Mayor

Jess Tucker
~~Jennie Helmick~~, Acting Recorder