TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Marmet, West Virginia
Tuesday February 17, 2026, at 7:30 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER – All Present**
- **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL of MEMBERS**
- **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
  - **January 20, 2026, Regular Monthly Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes made by Councilperson Barley. Second made by Councilperson Stone. All voted yes. Motion passed.
  - **February 2, 2026, Special Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes made by Councilperson Barley. Second made by Councilperson Stone. All voted yes. Motion passed.
- **COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - **FINANCE – Councilperson Matt Morgan, Chair**
    - **Financial Reports Update - Roger Townsend Accountant** – Main Checking Account $137,837.00, Revenues $304,550.00, and Expenditures $176,877.00. Accountant stated he is working on the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget for tomorrow's Finance Committee Meeting. Need to approve next year's budget in March.
    - **Compensation for Town Accountant regarding Budget not currently in contract – Mayor Armentrout** – The Town Accountant did not have into his contract for completing or compensation for yearly budget due to David Fontalbert always doing the yearly budget. Town Accountant asked for a one-time fee of $1000.00 for completing the yearly budget for the for WV State Auditor's Office. Councilperson Barley made a motion to approve. Councilperson Morgan made a second. All voted yes. Motion passed.
    - **Approval and Resolution for Budget Revision – Roger Townsend Accountant.** Accountant prepared budget revision for the WV State Auditor's Office reflecting the renovations for the Annex Building, Special Projects, and the for the purchase of a police vehicle. Recorder Long read the Resolution. Councilperson Barley made a motion to approve. Councilperson Morgan made a second. All voted yes. Motion passed.
  - **PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilperson Terry Barley, Chair**
    - **Police Department Update – Chief Larry Angell** - Discussed the new recently hired police officer. He is presently completing his in-field training with Officer Plear. Will be working on his own once training is completed. Police Department has a new entrance that should be completed by March. The Temp hired for the Police Department Manager is working out well. Has been working for two weeks now. She has taken some of the tasks off of the Office Manager at City Hall. Newly hired Municipal Judge just worked her first court. Court was very efficient and was completed quickly.
    - **Code Enforcement Update – Chief Larry Angell** – Police Chief stated he has been handling the complaints from the burnt house behind Wendy's Restaurant. He stated he has spoken the Fire Department Chief. Delay on demolition has been due to insurance but after confirming with the home owner a demolition company now has been hired.
  - **INFRASTRUCTURE – Councilperson Chance Walker, Chair**
    - **Street Department Update – Brian Higginbotham Street Department Director** – No new updates on the projects at 95th and 98th Street. Working with Engineering on 98th Street and waiting for Inlets on 95th Street to start project. Will install new exhaust at the

kitchen in the Rec Center. Otherwise, kitchen is finished. Cameras at Rush Creek are running. High Pressure Fuel Pump went out on Boom Truck and working on quotes. Can't hang new banners until truck is repaired. Patch is not currently available but will be going up in price. Town has a salt shortage. Started with 30 Ton as what the state allows. Had 2 tons left and started mixing with sand. Just bought 4 pallets which will not be enough if another storm comes. All the mini splits for the downstairs has been installed at the Annex Building. One still needs installed with the Boom Truck when it is operational. Councilperson Barley asked about treating sidewalks. May look at something to do them in the future. There was too much ice for current equipment/processes.

- **PARKS AND RECREATION – Councilperson Michelle Lyttle, Chair**
  - **Parks and Recreation Update – Councilperson Michelle Lyttle** – Kim Wiley Recreation Director stated the lights are down at the ballfield. Apologized for the delay due to weather. Great Valentine's Day Dance and Dinner. We are now listed with Fairs and Festivals. Working on Easter on March 27, Labor Day, and the upcoming Car Show on June 27th. There is a dance this Saturday. Working on a dinner and dance for Saint Patrick's Day. Exile will be performing.
  - **Turning Labor Day Festival over to a non-profit status – Councilperson Barley** – She discussed about council turning Labor Day and other town events under a non-profit so we can get sponsors and apply for any available grants. Currently budget for Labor Day is $25,000.00. Currently the Fire Department donates $5000.00 toward fireworks. We receive $3,700.00 from the state. Planning on bringing back next month with a resolution and for a vote.
- **PERSONNEL – Councilperson Becky Stone, Chair**
  - **Hiring of a prosecuting attorney – Mayor Armentrout** – Mayor requested to post pone it. There were questions regarding the traveling fee of current prosecuting attorney.
- **NEW BUSINESS**:
  - **Approval of Thrift Store at Annex Center – Mayor Armentrout** – Mayor stated request to post pone.
  - **Approval to obtain sealed bid for bathroom renovations at Annex Center – Councilperson Barley** – Mayor requested to post pone.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - **Update on the Sidewalk Project – Mayor Armentrout** – Contract signed and approved. Waiting on the state. Bid process is next. The sidewalk will go from Go-Mart to Kroger.
  - **Update on the leasing of ballfield – Mayor Armentrout** – Half of the Ballfield has been leased for 10 to 12 months. Half of the walking tract is still available to use. Town is earning rent, and B&O taxes along with work crew utilizing local rent and patronizing area businesses. Company will make repairs to walking tract and will level off ballfield when they leave. Citizens can contact mayor with any questions or concerns.
- **GOOD AND WELFARE**
  - **Council** – Mayor stated Long John Silver will be opening temporarily till summer then will close again for renovations. Digital signs are flashing due to being off line. IT guy is working on it.
  - **Public** – Citizen asked Recorder Long the status on the codified ordinances. Recorder Long verified the information has been emailed in. They will be posted to web site as soon as possible. Citizen questioned if there were any disclaimers regarding ordinances not posted on line. Councilperson person suggested checking into it. Recorder stated she can contact Web Master.

- **ADJOURNMENT** – Councilperson Walker made a motion to adjourn meeting. Councilperson Barley made a second. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor: Frances Ruttle

Recorder: Teresa Long

Marmet Town Council Voting Record

Date: 2/17/26

Item: January 20, 2026 Minutes

Motion: Councilperson Barley

Second: Councilperson Stone

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason For Abstention
Councilperson Barley	✓			
Councilperson Lyttle	✓			
Councilperson Morgan	✓			
Councilperson Stone	✓			
Councilperson Walker	✓			
Recorder Teresa Long	✓			
Mayor Frances Armentrout	✓			