TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Marmet, West Virginia
Monday March 16, 2026, at 7:30 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL of MEMBERS – All Present**
- **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
  - **February 17, 2026, Regular Monthly Meeting** -Motion to approve made by Councilperson Morgan. Second made by Councilperson Stone. All voted yes. Minutes approved.
  - **March 5, 2026, Special Meeting** – Motion to approve made by Councilperson Morgan. Second made by Councilperson Stone. All voted yes. Minutes approved.

Before the Report section of the meeting, the mayor permitted candidate Kim Williams for Kanawha Board of Education to speak. Ms. Williams stated she was running for one of the three vacant seats. Candidate stated she stands for academic excellence, transparency and accountability, along with supporting professional and support staff. Stated she believes in listening, learning and leading. Wants t ensure each student has equal opportunities. Wants to expand vocational education, safety, and mental health support. Candidate was asked if she was against charter schools. She stated no.

- **COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - **FINANCE – Councilperson Matt Morgan, Chair**
    - Financial Reports Update - Roger Townsend Accountant – Checking Account $88,399.00, Expenditures – $153,491.00, and Revenues – $88,456.00
    - Discussion and Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 City Budget – Postponed to Monday 3/23/26 Meeting.
  - **PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilperson Terry Barley, Chair**
    - Police Department Update – Chief Larry Angell – Stated newly hired officer is working his own schedule but still in training and being monitored. With warmer weather department is starting to run back-to-back calls. Department is writing tickets for illegal cars. Still looking for a candidate for judge.
    - Code Enforcement Update – Chief Larry Angell – Stated he has addressing complaints.
  - **INFRASTRUCTURE – Councilperson Chance Walker, Chair**
    - **Street Department Update** – Brian Higginbotham Street Department Director - Stated there is a problem of excessive trash bags. It is same people consistently violating the six-bag limit. For 98th Street project, engineering is still working on what path to take. For 95th Street the inlets are ordered. Apparently three of them are in Nitro and one is in Sissonville. Should be arriving anytime. Crew has been working on Bill Wells Park and should be completed next week. At Rush Creek the cameras are up and running. There are also two pads for patch. Still there is a need for a security system and the fence to be upgraded. Bucket Truck still needs repaired.
    - **Discussion and Approval to purchase building for Street Department** – Mayor Armentrout – Street Department Director stated the lowest bid is for a 10x24 prefab utility building with air vent window on the top for $6,800.00. Motion made by

Councilperson Walker for purchase. Second made by Councilperson Morgan. All voted yes. Motion passed.

- **PARKS AND RECREATION – Councilperson Michelle Lyttle, Chair**
  - **Parks and Recreation Update** – Councilperson Michelle Lyttle – Working on plans for Rib Fest and the Carnival in May along with Labor Day.
  - **Discussion and approval of turning Labor Day Festival over to a non-profit status** – Councilperson Barley – Postpone till a non-profit is formed to do a resolution.
  - **Approval for the 1st half of payment for Labor Day Fireworks** – Councilperson Morgan – The grand total for the September 7th fireworks for Labor Day is 16,537.50 including surcharge is $16,537.50. Motion made by Councilperson Lyttle to pay the 1st half of the fireworks totaling $8,268.75. Second made by Councilperson Barley. All voted yes.
- **PERSONNEL – Councilperson Becky Stone, Chair**
  - **Approval for Hiring Municipal Judge** – Mayor Armentrout – postponed till candidate is selected.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **Approval to lease Annex building to Phalen Learning Academy** – Mayor Armentrout – Postpone to a future meeting.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **GOOD AND WELFARE**
  - Council - None
  - Public _ None
- **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Morgan. Second made by Councilperson Lyttle. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor: _____

Recorder: _____

Marmet Town Council Voting Record

Date: 3/16/20

Item: Minutes 2/17/20 Meeting

Motion: Morgan

Second: Stone

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

Marmet Town Council Voting Record

Date: 3/16/26

Item: Minutes - Special Meeting 3/5/26

Motion: Morgan

Second: Stone

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

Marmet Town Council Voting Record

Date: 3/16/24

Item: Approval for Building for Street Dept

Motion: Walker

Second: Morgan

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

Marmet Town Council Voting Record

Date: 3/16/26

Item: Approved for 1st half of fireworks

Motion: Lyttle

Second: Barley

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