

Ravenswood City Council Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2025

Ravenswood Municipal Complex – 1 Wall St. Ravenswood, WV 26164

7:00pm

Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Miller led Welcome and Recorder Bloxton led the roll call. Present:

Councilwoman Amanda Slaven, Mayor Josh Miller, Councilman Todd Ritchie, Recorder Jared Bloxton, Councilwoman Dee Scritchfield, Councilman Jeff Koon, Councilman Eric Cullen

Mayor Miller declared a quorum at meeting started around 7:00pm.

Councilman Todd Ritchie motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes from 7/15/25(regular meeting), 7/17/25(special meeting), and the 7/29/25(special meeting). 2nd by City Recorder/Deputy Mayor Jared Bloxton. All approved. None against. Motion approved.

Public Forum:

Former City Councilman Steve Tucker read a prepared statement regarding the PEIA investigation, mentioned Mayor Josh Miller, City Recorder/Deputy Mayor Jared Bloxton, and City Clerk Kimberly Benson in regards to the investigation. He said he spoke to the investigator and did his own research. Mr. Tucker also questioned why Mayor Miller and Recorder Bloxton have been involved in meetings and day-to-day business and questions city council about doing the right thing. He suggested members of council step down if they don't do something. He also questioned why we no longer have live streamed meetings, he raised concerns about the RDA in the past and also the City Clerk

George "Buddy" Jones questioned about internal audit action plan, passed out debt analysis for the city and said he was also interviewed about the PEIA investigation and agrees with Steve Tucker.

Dana Skeens – asked city council if the restaurant of the proposed Welcome Center/Business Incubator turned in a business plan to city council and stated that with us having a lease with them we were “going into business” with them. He also asked if they would be selling alcohol and have poker machines and that we (the city and taxpayers) shouldn’t have any part in that. Mr. Skeens stated he didn’t want grant money or tax dollars going toward a business that sells alcohol.

Bob Staats – spoke about the old Hartley Oil River Lot from 2022 meeting and that we stated it would be used for “future economic development”, did council know about future development and a restaurant prior to that was a question Mr. Staats proposed to council.

Public Forum closed.

Proposed Ordinance – Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to acquire through eminent domain parcel of land near Hillcrest Dr. & Wedgewood Rd. (124 Utah Rd. Physical Address) Map 5 P/O Parcel 6 (Second Reading) – City Recorder/Deputy Mayor Jared Bloxton moved to approve the ordinance. 2nd by Councilman Jeff Koon. All approved. None against. Motion adopted. Ordinance passed.

Councilwoman Amanda Slaven moved to accept the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners resolution to city council regarding McIntosh Memorial Park insurance proceeds potential use at current site and other sites with the understand we’re accepting the recommendation/resolution as a potential option as city council will make the final determination on what happens to the proceeds. 2nd by Councilman Eric Cullen. All approved. None against. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Dee Scritchfield motioned to accept the opioid manufacturers national settlement w/Viatis, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Sun Pharma, Alvogen, and Zydus. 2nd by Councilwoman Amanda Slaven. All approved. None against. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Dee Scritchfield moved to authorize Marc J. Bern & Partners to vote on behalf of the city regarding opioid litigation with Perdue Pharma and to accept the plan. 2nd by Councilwoman Amanda Slaven. All approved. None against. Motion passed.

Councilman Eric Cullen motioned to table the Opioid Fund Expenditure for \$5,000.00 requested by Sleep in Heavenly Peace non-profit. 2nd by Councilwoman Amanda Slaven. Discussion was to check eligibility and recommend putting together an application similar to the City of Fairmont. All voting yes. None against. Motion tabled.

Councilwoman Dee Scritchfield motioned to table by-laws and resolution for Downtown Ravenswood Partners until they have their next meeting. 2nd by Councilman Jeff Koon. All voting yes. None against. Motion tabled.

Amended Ordinance – City Council Meeting Attendance (First Reading) – No action or changes. Amended ordinance considered read for the first time.

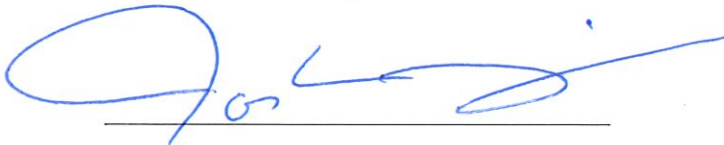
Next Proposed Meeting Dates:

Special Meeting for the McIntosh Building Tuesday, September 2nd at 5:30pm possibly at the Ravenswood High School Auditorium.

Work Session Wednesday, August 20th at 5:00pm regarding Information Tech, Council Roles and Responsibilities, and Ethics

Regular Meeting Date is Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00pm

City Recorder/Deputy Mayor Jared Bloxton motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Councilman Todd Ritchie. All voting yes. None against. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.



Josh Miller
Mayor, City of Ravenswood



Jared Bloxton
City Recorder/Deputy Mayor