

Ravenswood City Council Special Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2025

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

5:30pm

Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Miller led Welcome and Roll Call. Present: Councilwoman Amanda Slaven, Mayor Josh Miller, Councilman Todd Ritchie, Councilwoman Dee Scritchfield, Councilman Jeff Koon, Councilman Eric Cullen. Absent: City Recorder/Deputy Mayor, Jared Bloxton (excused)

Mayor Miller declared a quorum at meeting started around 5:30pm.

Public Comments/Submission:

Katrena Ramsey – Spoke about the recommendation/resolution approve by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and sent to city council. Stated that the mayor said they would repair and rebuild in the future. She stated it served as the community building for 89 years. Ms. Ramsey stated that we collected \$6,700,000 in insurance money and should have its own line item. BOPARC recommends demolition of all structures and construction of a new building to benefit the entire community.

Jennifer Casey – Cautions recreating historic fabric and stated it would be very costly and would be hard to recreate. Ms. Casey stated we should consider taking the NYA Hall down to the bare bones at the main level, remove the whole second floor and created additional rooms on the 1st floor. Suggested the demolition of the entire McIntosh building. Also mentioned using some of the proceeds to purchase property available downtown and help create additional economic vitality on our Main Street area working in unison with Downtown Ravenswood Partners.

Phillip Moulton – Suggested using proceeds for purchase of property downtown and creating a splashpad, BBQ pits, parking for downtown commercial customers and creating an area for farmer's market and community gatherings.

Sean Simon – Presented a similar proposal and pitched by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and submitted a design to city council to reflect that concept.

Connie Dunlap – suggested created a 2-story building with lots of rooms and also allowing for additional outside activities. Accessible to everyone.

Chase Jarrell – Stated the city and this council has always been so supportive of community projects and went on to discuss very fond memories and emotional ties to the buildings. Stated that we did need a community center or something of that nature for the entire community.

Bob Alderman – Stated city is doing a great job and stated these buildings were too expensive to restore. Stated he has witnessed numerous cities over the years try to rebuild buildings of this nature and wasted thousands of dollars and still didn't get what they wanted.

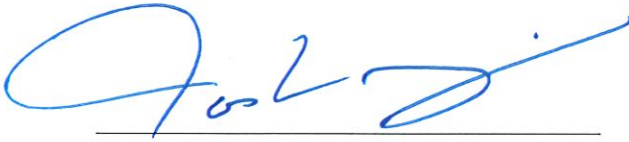
Ellen Varner – Suggested 2-story, less roof, Keep NYA Hall, make area around the pool a nice place.

Mayor Miller – Will present a plan to city council on Tuesday, October 7th on his concepts of what he would do with the proceeds after compiling all of the information for various groups and public forums. He stated how we proceed will be up to Ravenswood City Council per our city code of ordinances.

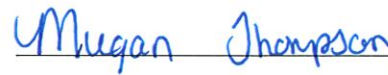
Dana Skeens – Asked if the \$4.1 millions would be there and asked the mayor if he would spend all of those monies on other obligations or projects.

Public Comment/Submission portion of the meeting closed.

Councilwoman Amanda Slaven moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm. Councilman Eric Cullen 2nd the motion. All voting yes. None against. Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.



Josh Miller
Mayor, City of Ravenswood



Jared Bloxton
City Recorder/Deputy Mayor

Megan Thompson