

Ravenswood City Council Minutes

January 20, 2026

Ravenswood City Hall

1 Wall St. Ravenswood, WV 26164

Pledge-Mayor Miller

Welcome/Rollcall- Mayor, Eric Cullen, Amanda Slaven, Jeff Koon, Jared Bloxton, Todd Ritchie, Dee Scritchfield-All Present

Approval of Prior Minutes- 1/06/2026

Todd Ritchie moved to approve prior minutes, second by Jeff Koon-All Approved

Special Presentation- John McGovern (WT Group) & Tatum Storey discusses ADA Compliance for Municipalities (with slide show)

Public Forum

- George Buddy Jones- questions about spending; handed out printout of financials; questioned spending on fairs and festivals
- Molly Washburn- provided updates on Downtown Ravenswood Partners projects, including the 8X8 tile mosaic project; SHPO guidelines and grants, community investment training
- Vicki Hudson- Objectives: Internal review of FY23 audit, process put in place; needs accurate data before providing council with financials; timely reporting of all filing deadlines

To consider and act upon any change order/contracts/contract amendments/invoices/purchases related to the Ravenswood Waterfront Economic Enhancement Grant Fund Projects – **TABLED** Dee Scritchfield motioned to table this item, second by Todd Ritchie – All Approved

To consider and act upon any change orders/contracts/contract amendments/invoices/purchases related to current Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects (if applicable) – MOVRC/The Thrasher Group – **TABLED** Dee Scritchfield motioned to table this item, second by Todd Ritchie – All Approved

Presentation for Sewer Rates & Wastewater System Upgrades

Public Hearing – Related to the Amended Ordinance Regarding the Increase in Sewer Rates (Public Q&A and Public Comments) **Opened Hearing at 7:57 pm**

- Todd Ritchie- Increase in tap fee; flat rate residential vs commercial; leak rate
- Amanda Morgan- concerned about the end game increase of \$40.00, will be very difficult for many people to afford; questions about industrial waste being put in the system- (Carley stated Timet is the only one and they pre- treat); any other funding source; asked about other areas potentially hooking on to the system; anticipated life span for the new plant (50+ years)
- Tom Lookabaugh- asked if we had been paying any fees or fines over the past 25 years; did estimate on his own bill; how many people will the city lose with the increase; will the current lagoon property be sold to pay off some of the debt
- Bob Staats- this is a second reading and does not have to be voted on tonight; rankings don't matter
- Max Ellis- has a Rule 42 been filed; if a protest was filed, a Rule 42 would possibly need to be filed
- Dee Scritchfield- is it feasible to provide a different rate for seniors (state program in place for senior discount) **Closed Hearing at 8:37pm**

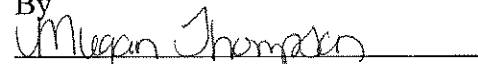
Amended Ordinance – Regarding increase in sewer rates (2nd Reading)
Jared Bloxton motion to approved, second Todd Ritchie- All Approved

Consider & act upon hiring of Autumn Robinson & Stephen Thompson as License & Billing Clerks- Amanda Slaven motioned to approve, second by Eric Cullen- All Approved

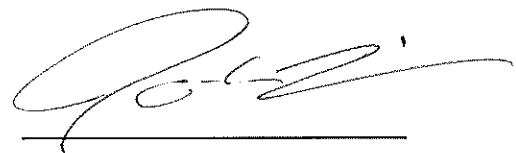
Next Meeting Tuesday, February 3,2026 at 7:00PM

Todd Ritchie made a motion to adjourn at 8:44pm, second by Jared Bloxton- All Approved

Submitted

By

Megan Thompson

Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Benson MMC



Mayor Josh Miller