

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 12, 2021

Pursuant to Section 1.2 of the Rules of Order and Procedure, adopted by the Council of the City of Fairmont on February 6, 1978, and amended at the regular meeting of Council held February 6, 1979, the Bi-Ennial Organizational Meeting of Council of the City of Fairmont was convened this 12th day of January, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Public Safety Building, 500 Quincy Street, Fairmont, West Virginia.

As per West Virginia Code §8-9-1 and Rule 2.2 of Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, City Clerk Janet Keller presided over the meeting for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the Councilmembers elected at the Municipal General Election held November 3, 2020 for the Second, Fourth, Sixth, and Seventh Districts and for the purpose of conducting the election of Mayor.

City Clerk Janet Keller called the meeting to order.

IN RE: OATH OF OFFICE - COUNCILMEMBERS BOLYARD, GARCIA, DEASY AND MONTGOMERY

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office of Councilmember to Anne E. Bolyard, Richard "Rick" Garcia, Gia Deasy and Blair Montgomery, the members elected to serve on Council for the City of Fairmont at the Municipal Non-Partisan General Election held November 3, 2020.

Anne E. Bolyard, a resident of 1701 Morgantown Avenue, representing the Second District, elected for a term of four years, commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Richard "Rick" Garcia, a resident of 219 Murray Avenue, representing the Fourth District, elected for a term of four years, commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Gia Deasy, a resident of 612 Walnut Avenue, representing the Sixth District, elected for a term of four years, commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Blair Montgomery, a resident of 8 Sunset Drive, representing the Seventh District, elected for a term of four years, commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2024.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office, to-wit: "Do you, and each of you, having been duly elected to serve as a Councilmember of the City of Fairmont, solemnly swear, that you will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, and the Charter of the City of Fairmont, and that you will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of a Councilmember of the City of Fairmont, so long as you shall continue therein, to the best of your skill and judgment, so help you God?"

Councilmember-Elect Bolyard, Garcia, Deasy, and Montgomery replied: "I will".

Thereupon, the City Clerk declared Anne E. Bolyard, Richard "Rick" Garcia, Gia Deasy and Blair Montgomery duly sworn in as members of the Council of the City of Fairmont and extended congratulations to them.

The City Clerk called the roll of Councilmembers present to determine the representation of the Council Districts:

First District	Joshua D. Rice	(by phone)
Second District	Anne E. Bolyard	
Third District	Karl David Kennedy	(by phone)
Fourth District	Richard "Rick" Garcia	
Fifth District	Barry H. Bledsoe	
Sixth District	Gia Deasy	
Seventh District	Blair Montgomery	
Eighth District	Thomas Mainella	
Ninth District	Donna M. Blood	

Also present were:

City Manager	Valerie A. Means
City Clerk	Janet L. Keller
City Attorney	Kevin V. Sansalone

IN RE: ELECTION OF MAYOR

The City Clerk called for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Councilmember Blood nominated Tom Mainella to serve as Mayor.

Motion:

Councilmember Rice moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bledsoe.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk to close the nominations and the following votes were recorded:

Councilmember Bolyard	Yes	Councilmember Montgomery	Yes
Councilmember Deasy	Yes	Councilmember Mainella	Yes
Councilmember Rice	Yes	Councilmember Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Blood	Yes	Councilmember Bledsoe	Yes
Councilmember Kennedy	No		

The Clerk declared the nominations closed by majority vote of Council.

Roll call was taken on the nomination of Tom Mainella as Mayor and the following votes were recorded:

Councilmember Blood	Yes	Councilmember Bledsoe	Yes
Councilmember Deasy	Yes	Councilmember Bolyard	Yes
Councilmember Rice	Yes	Councilmember Kennedy	No
Councilmember Garcia	Yes	Councilmember Montgomery	Yes
Councilmember Mainella	Yes		

Thereupon, the City Clerk declared Tom Mainella elected as Mayor by majority vote of Council.

IN RE: OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR MAINELLA

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office of Mayor, to-wit: “Do you, Tom Mainella, having been duly elected to serve as Mayor of the City of Fairmont, solemnly swear, that you will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, and the Charter of the City of Fairmont, and that you will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Mayor of the City of Fairmont, to the best of your skill and judgment, so help you God?”

Mayor Mainella replied “I will”.

Thereupon, Mayor Mainella officially took the presiding Chair.

IN RE: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Mainella entertained nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Councilmember Bledsoe nominated Donna Blood to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Motion:

Mayor Mainella moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bolyard.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk to close the nominations.

The Mayor declared the nominations closed by unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Mainella declared Donna Blood duly elected as Deputy Mayor by unanimous vote of Council. He then asked the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Blood.

IN RE: OATH OF OFFICE - DEPUTY MAYOR BLOOD

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office of Deputy Mayor, to-wit: “Do you, Donna Blood, having been duly elected to serve as Deputy Mayor of the City of Fairmont,

solemnly swear, that you will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, and the Charter of the City of Fairmont, and that you will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Deputy Mayor of the City of Fairmont, to the best of your skill and judgment, so help you God?"

Deputy Mayor Blood replied "I will".

IN RE: ADOPT COUNCIL 'S RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE

Mayor Mainella entertained a motion for the adoption of a resolution adopting Council's Rules of Order and Procedure as Revised.

Councilmember Bledsoe moved for the adoption of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Bolyard seconded the motion.

The Clerk read the proposed resolution by synopsis.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk.

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted by unanimous vote of Council and stated that the Council Rules are officially adopted.

IN RE: CITIZENS PETITIONS

The Mayor stated that he wanted to mention one more thing before adjourning this meeting. He explained that there is one part in Council's Rules of Order that he wants to re-emphasize, because some people have lost sight of this, and it is under the part about the public attending Council meetings. He stated that "any member of the public desiring to address the Council on matters of City business shall complete the petition provided by the City Clerk . . ." He emphasized matters of City business. He mention that the last couple of months we have become a forum for debating some religious concepts and feelings and thoughts and beliefs and he did not think this is the proper forum for doing that.

Councilmember Bledsoe stated that he agreed.

Mayor Mainella said that as long as he is the presiding officer, he will keep citizens petitions pertaining to City business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mainella entertained a motion for the adjournment of the Organizational Meeting.

Motion:

Councilmember Blood moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion.

Mayor Mainella declared the Organizational Meeting adjourned by voice vote of Council at 7:15 p.m.