

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

*Phil Gainer Community Center
142 Robert E. Lee Ave. Ext.
August 10, 2026
1:00 p.m.*

Present were members: R. Chenoweth (chair) & M. Hinchman.

Councilor C. Lowther was absent.

Also present were: Jerry Marco (mayor), Mike Kesecker (operations manager), Gerry Roberts (city attorney, via Teams), Tracy Judy (treasurer), Steve Himes (fire chief), Wes Lambert (chief water operator, via Teams), Sutton Stokes (city clerk), and Mikayla Goins (executive secretary).

MINUTES

Hinchman **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2026.** The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. GameChangers funding proposal

Marco provided a report on the GameChangers program and requested the committee approve funding from the Opioid settlement fund. Judy reported the fund has sufficient resources to support the program.

Chenoweth **MOVED TO RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND \$12,500 FROM FUND 26 (OPIOID SETTLEMENT) FOR A SECOND YEAR OF THE GAMECHANGER PROGRAM AT ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL.** The motion carried.

b. CVB Cooperative Advertising Proposal

Stokes presented a request from the Depot Welcome Center for a \$3,000 contribution toward its “Staycation” Cooperative Advertising proposal. The Committee requested the CVB attend the council meeting on August 13th to provide further information.

c. Joint Cooperative Advertising Program with Buckhannon – Phase Two

Marco provided a report on the Cooperative Advertising Program Phase Two. The Committee determined that a recommendation could not be made on this item until a decision was made on item b. The decision is forwarded on to council following a report from the CVB.

d. Sanitation rates

Judy and Kesecker provided a report on the Sanitation fund and advised that a change in rates will need to occur this fiscal year to maintain the service. Kesecker proposed a rate increase across the board to support higher operational costs. Marco requested a report on fuel costs over time and other operational costs over time.

e. Close Water Depreciation Account at Davis Trust Company/ f. Open Water Depreciation Account at Mountain Valley Bank

Judy provided a report on the difference in API between Davis Trust Company and Mountain Valley Bank. Marco raised the question of whether this item should be presented to the Water Board rather than the Finance Committee. Roberts explained that Council would need to approve the closure of the current account while the Water Board can approve the opening of the new account.

The Committee deferred the decision to the Water Board. Following the board's decision the request will be brought before council for Resolution.

Cm. Chenoweth, **MOVED ADJOURNMENT.** The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.:

Name & Title

Signature