

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

*Phil Gainer Community Center
142 Robert E. Lee Ave. Ext.
September 14, 2026
1 p.m.*

Present were members: R. Chenoweth (Chair), M. Hinchman, and C. Lowther.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Lowther **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2026.** The motion carried.

REPORTS

Judy presented information about postage costs incurred by Utility Billing and other City departments.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Request for \$23,782 to fund demolition of 119 Main Street

Kittle presented information concerning the need to demolish this property before the next WV DEP DLAP grant cycle opens. Bids have been opened, and the reference amount is the low bid. Judy recommended funding the expenditure from the Financial Stabilization account, which currently has a balance of approximately \$677,000.

Hinchman **MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$23,782 FROM THE FINANCIAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE AT 119 MAIN STREET.** The motion carried.

b. Request for \$40,818.42 for swiftwater rescue training and equipment

Himes presented a proposal to train additional Fire and Police Department personnel as swiftwater rescue technicians. Training will occur in small groups at different times, with costs incurred incrementally. Initial costs will be paid from existing departmental training accounts. A budget revision may be requested later in the fiscal year if those funds are insufficient.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Name & Title

Signature