



**April 1, 2024 Town Council  
Meeting (Regular) Minutes**  
City Hall, Council Chambers – 700 B Street  
Ceredo, West Virginia 25507

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The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at the Ceredo City Hall. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present included the Mayor, Paul A. Billups, Treasurer Robert Leslie, and Councilmen Steve Diamond, Scott Byard, Oscar Adkins and Joe Ratcliff.

**Reading and Approval of the Minutes**

The Mayor asked if Council had any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Session. None being heard and on a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Scott Byard, Council voted to accept the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Session minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Robert Leslie presented Council with account balances for each account and the expenditures for the month of March, 2024. The Mayor asked if Council had any questions on the Treasurer's Report. None being heard, on a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Scott Byard, Council voted to accept the Treasurer's report for March, 2024 as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Marshall June Harless Center**

Jaime Lima and Tarabeth Heinaman appeared before council to request an allocation from the Opioid Settlement Account to the Marshall University June Harless Center, to be directed to the Imagination Library to provide Wayne County children with one book a month from birth to five years of age at no cost. Discussion was held concerning the positive effects of early childhood literacy, graduation rates, and opioid addiction prevention. A motion was made by Scott Byard and a second by Joe Ratcliff to allocate \$10,000 to the Imagination Library. Following discussion, council agreed that the request was within the West Virginia First guidelines. Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**Recovery House of West Virginia**

Debby Hibbard appeared before council and requested a donation from the Opioid Settlement Account to assist in-patient treatment for opioid patients. Recovery House has been providing services in Huntington since 2006 and has provided services to Ceredo residents as well as working with the Municipal Court to place those seeking addiction treatment. Mrs. Hibbard assured council that a bed will always be available for Ceredo residents needing treatment. On motion by Steve Diamond and second by Robert Leslie, council voted unanimously to allocate \$10,000 from the Opioid Settlement Account to Recovery House of West Virginia.

**Police Portable Radios**

Mayor Paul Billups presented a request from Chief Tony Poston to purchase six portable radios for the Police Department. This expenditure falls within the West Virginia First guidelines as a law enforcement need associated with drug prevention. On motion by Oscar Adkins with second by Steve Diamond, council voted unanimously to allocate \$10,412 for the purchase of six portable radios.

**Special Levy Election**

The Mayor announced that the Special Levy passed and that results would be forwarded by the Clerk to the appropriate state and county officials, resulting in a continuation of the levy through June, 2029.

**Employee Handbook**

The Mayor presented the revised Employee Handbook for approval by council. Council, having previously reviewed the document and noting that the town will be moving to a by-weekly pay schedule, approved the revised handbook by general consensus.

**Adjournment**

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Paul A. Billups, Mayor

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Attest: Jacob Skeens, Clerk