

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on June 23, 2026 at 6PM in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans. The prayer was offered by City Manager Charles Jones Jr. that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans
Councilman Dean Dinell
Councilman John “Chuckie” Kirkland
Councilman Ian Johns
City Manager Charles Jones Jr.
Solicitor Shannon Steele

City Clerk Paula Durish
Deputy City Clerk La Tonya Hodge
CFO Sandy Wilkins
Police Chief David Johnson
Fire Chief Mark Stowe
BFBDB Nicole Sariochek

Retirement Presentation – Mr. Jones presented Mrs. Durish with flowers and read a Proclamation from State Representative Kozak. Mayor Deputy Peggy Evans and council presented Mrs. Durish with a plaque and a Proclamation. Senator Elder Vogel Jr’s office presented Mrs. Durish with a Proclamation in the office earlier that morning. This was followed by a round of applause and pictures.

A motion was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to approve the minutes for June 9, 2026 council meeting. The vote was:

I. Johns	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Mayor Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Johns to adopt Resolution 1871 approving the general fund and payroll expenditures from June 10, 2026 to June 23, 2026 in the amount of \$556,528.79. The vote was:

I. Johns	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Mayor Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Johns for the correction to May 26, 2026, minutes on Ordinance 4115 was not to adopt the ordinance it was to introduce the ordinance to council for advertisement in the newspaper. The vote was:

I. Johns	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Mayor Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

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A motion was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to table item 3, refund request from Marina Apostolis for the garbage fee at 420 20th St, Beaver Falls, PA, as she was not present. The vote was:

I. Johns	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Mayor Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Johns to grant the request submitted by Jeremy Nesmith to purchase 2013 11th Ave, Beaver Falls, PA from the county repository. Plans are to restore and maintain the property. The request for tax exoneration from 2015 to 2025 was also approved. The vote was:

I. Johns	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Mayor Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to grant the request submitted by Jeremy Nesmith to purchase 2015 11th Ave, Beaver Falls, PA from the county repository. Plans are to restore and maintain the property. The request for tax exoneration from 2015 to 2025 was also approved. Mr. Kirkland asked Mr. Nesmith what he plans to do with the property and he stated to make the neighborhood look beautiful. The vote was:

I. Johns	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Mayor Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Dinell to approve the motion to call and redeem all of the outstanding 2017A Notes and 2017B Bonds available in the City's General Fund. The vote was:

I. Johns	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Mayor Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Motion Passed

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Steele – Congratulations Mrs. Durish, she was welcoming to me when I first started as solicitor and we became very good friends.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ms. Sariochek – We appreciate Mrs. Durish and best wishes.

Fire Chief Stowe – July 11, 2026, is our Smoke Alarm campaign, anyone can get a smoke alarm installed for free just call and make an appointment. Mrs. Durish, it's been a long ride, we're going to miss you congratulations.

Mrs. Wilkins CFO – Wished Mrs. Durish a happy retirement

Police Chief Johnson – Thank you Mrs. Durish, you always greeted me with a smile.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Johns – Mrs. Durish I'm very happy for you. You've had a big impact on me and my family over the past five years.

Mr. Dinell – Thank you love you and happy retirement Mrs. Durish.

Mr. Jones – Mrs. Durish has taught me a lot and some said we would not be able to work together. We have built our relationship into a friendship.

Ms. Hodge – Mrs. Durish it has been a pleasure working with you these past few months. You have taught me a lot, and I still have a lot to learn. I will be calling you over the phone with a lot of questions for help. Congratulations on your retirement.

Mayor Deputy Peggy Evans – Mrs. Durish opened her arms gracefully when we started our term. Forty-Nine years is awesome to be at your job and love what you do. Congratulations.

Mr. Kirkland – Gave Mrs. Durish a hug.

Mrs. Durish – This is the hardest thing I had to do but in my mind it's the right thing to do. I can't say enough about Mr. Jones, our relationship has grown and we finish each other's sentences. I enjoy working with everyone and will miss everyone.

Mr. Durish – Mrs. Durish is a good woman every day when she comes home, she says how much she loves everyone.

Mrs. Cole – From day one Mrs. Durish welcomed me with open arms. Congratulations on your retirement.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – NONE

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A motion was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adjourn the meeting at 6:30PM. The vote was:

I. Johns	Dinell	Evans	Kirkland	Mayor Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent
Motion Passed				

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