

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session on July 14, 2026 at 6PM in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dr. Kenya Johns. The prayer was offered by City Manager Charles Jones Jr. that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Dr. Kenya Johns
Deputy Mayor Peggy Evans
Councilman Dean Dinell
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland
Councilman Ian Johns
Burdine
City Manager Charles Jones Jr.
Solicitor Shannon Steele

City Clerk La Tonya Hodge
CFO Sandy Wilkins
Police Chief David Johnson
Fire Chief Mark Stowe
DPW Superintendent Patrick
BFBDB Nicole Sariochek

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Johns to approve the minutes for June 23, 2026 council meeting. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA – NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to adopt Resolution 1872 approving the general fund and payroll expenditures from June 23, 2026 to July 13, 2026 in the amount of \$1,918,694.70. Mayor Johns explained this amount covered two pay periods our payroll is not usually in this large amount. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Johns to approve Resolution 1873 the agreement between the City of Beaver Falls and Job Training for Beaver County (JTBC). Providing workforce innovation and opportunity act for youth participation work program. Mayor Johns explained this will allow the city to offer work for the youth for example the Youth City Council Program we have now that high school students are participating in. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to approve Resolution 1874 the agreement between the City of Beaver Falls and New Brighton Band Boosters providing police security at the 48th annual Beaver County Marching Band Festival on September 26, 2026. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to approve Policy 59 PAVRD-Body Worn Cameras policy. Mr. Kirkland asked how many cameras the department would have. Chief Johnson said twenty-two cameras, and we will be able to order extra if it's necessary. Mr. Johns asked how long the camera will store the data. Chief Johnson said sixty days or as much memory it will hold. Chief Johnson then came back later and explained data should be kept up to ninety days. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Kirkland to approve the agreement between the City of Beaver Falls and Motorola to provide services for the body worn cameras. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Johns to approve GC Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 10, 2026 in Beaver Falls, PA. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to table item 7, refund request from Marina Apostolis for the garbage fee at 420 20th Street, Beaver Falls, PA, as she was not present. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Johns to introduce both Officers at the same time. Chief Johnson introduced Officer Cammie Crouse and Officer Chloe Wijnen-Riems both officers completed the cadet program and graduated in June 2026. They have nine hundred and nineteen hours of training and will complete training by the end of August. Cammie graduated from Geneva College and did her internship with Beaver Falls Police department. Chloe will graduate from Penn State in December 2026. Sergeant Wetter stated both officers are doing exceptional making good interactions with the people/community and with their paperwork/computer skills. A round of applause followed.

DPW 2026 Street Paving Plan – Mayor Johns said paving will begin over the next year and a half starting with the worst roads. Mr. Burdine has been meeting with other organizations. Mayor Johns said we're working on an ordinance for whoever destroys the street/road/alley fixes the whole street and not just patch the street. Mr. Johns asked are these all the estimates that were received. Mr. Burdine said yes and once it's has been advertised and we decide who to go with the cost will be decided. Mayor Johns said 7th Ave will not be included in the paving project because it is a state road. If the community has any complaints regarding 7th Ave, they should continue to call PennDOT.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Johns an agreement was made to terminate the employment of POWEL005 effective June 29, 2026. The vote was:

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

Motion Passed

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DPW Superintendent Mr. Burdine – Responded to 102 calls, 3 property dye test w/Code Enforcement, 36 PA One Calls, Inspected and removed debris from various MS4 outfalls. Mr. Burdine said his guys are still cutting grass, maintaining the parks and taking care of the fields.

Fire Chief Stowe – June 2026 Reports - 141 Calls for service and 538 Training hours. Code Enforcement and Zoning – Calls and walkins 422, Demolition permits issued 2, Zoning permits issued 3, Building permits issued 7 and Building and zoning permits fees \$13,370.79. Code Enforcement – Complaints/Inspections Handled 349, Bldgs posted uninhabitable 2, Residential 16 Fees \$2,125.00, Hearing 11 and Citations issued 7. Rental Registration – Inspections 301, Rental fees and for month collected \$21,865.00 and total fees for the month \$38,280.79. Chief Stowe said they are in the final stages of the zoning ordinance to present to council for a vote. Mr. Kirkland asked is there any more demolition that needs to be done. Chief Stowe said not as this time.

Police Chief Johnson – June 2026 Reports – Parking – Tickets issued 177, Police issued 509, Permits issued \$80.00, Total money collected \$5,786.53, Total parking money \$1,856.53 and Magistrate fines (parking) \$400.15. Police – Total calls for service 1,537, Police fine revenue \$3,969.64 and Police traffic/non-traffic citations 143.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Sariocheck – BFBDB has a meeting tonight 7-14-26 at 7PM

Chief Stowe – On 7-11-26 the Fire Department installed fifty smoke alarms, and we encourage people to call, and we will install smoke alarms for free. The Fire Department installed six more today. Chief Stowe will be attending the National Fire Academy in Maryland this weekend for

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training. The Open House at the Fire Department will be in October date and time to be determined. Chief Stowe also thanked the DPW dept for going out their way to cut the weeds and grass down. Your work is very much appreciated.

CFO Mrs. Wilkins – Budget Public Meeting will be held in September time and date to be determined. Mayor Johns said we want the public to come out and see how the money is being spent. There will be a meeting in the morning and a meeting in the evening to make it convenient for everyone.

City Manager Mr. Jones – a grant was received to restore the public bathrooms at the Carnegie Free Library and another grant was received for a Beaver Falls Youth Facility.

Mr. Kirkland – The city is doing so good with the dept heads we have. Keep up the good work.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Lynwood Alford – 206 Short 10th St BF – City council is doing a great job. 208 Short 10th St a big branch blew into 210 Short 10th St over into a boarded-up houses yard I'm just giving everyone a heads up before anything happens. Also, the alley I drive through needs cleared up. People have been asking me where they can get the Narcan Kits because they have expired. Chief Stowe told Mr. Alford to contact him.

Jim S. 723 7th Ave NB – had concerns about traffic on a state road and 25th St. Mr. Jim was all over the place in what he wanted to take place. He went over his allotted time and Mayor Johns explained he could talk to the City Manager. The City Manager spoke w/him after the council meeting was over.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Mr. Dinell to adjourn the meeting at 6:46PM. The vote was:

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

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