Greensburg City Council  
July 5, 2016  
City Hall

A) CALL TO ORDER  
Mayor Robert Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on July 5, 2016.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION  
The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Pastor Jeff Miller.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  
Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, and Rick Schaffer. Sandy Jungemann and Haley Kern were absent. City Administrator Kyler Ludwig stated that Staff had provided an amended Appropriation Ordinance 1079 and requested Council add business item F6, Lease agreement for the Industrial Park, to the agenda. Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda with the amended Appropriation Ordinance and requested agenda item. Christenson seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS  
Dixon welcomed those in attendance and opened the floor for comments or questions.

Jeff Miller commented on the great job done by those responsible for the July 4th celebration, stating that it is a privilege to live in a town that celebrates Independence Day. Dixon thanked Power-Up for putting on the July 4th activities.

E) CONSENT AGENDA  
Trummel made a motion, seconded by Christenson, to approve the Consent Agenda with Amended Appropriation Ordinance 1079. The motion passed 3-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS  
1. Public Arts Committee Presentation  
Judy Kirk, 10th Anniversary Public Arts Committee Chair, presented Council with a packet that introduced photos of 3 art pieces the committee is considering to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tornado that destroyed Greensburg. Information for each piece included a proposed installation site (City property) and cost estimates. Kirk described the mission given to the committee by Ludwig, listed the committee members, and the nature of their discussions.

Of the three pieces of art, the committee prefers “Barrel Art” and has found a potential grant to fund the majority of the cost (approx. $18,265). They would like to locate the piece on the old city hall location (239 S. Main). “Triple Eclipse” is the second choice of the committee at an approximate cost of $16,550. The proposed location would be the on the gray, brick pavers across the street from City Hall. Kirk is working with a potential donor toward the project. “Karg Sculpture” is the committee’s third choice. They would like to see it placed on the concrete slab to the south of the Incubator. The electrician bidding the project would like to see a light placed on top of the Incubator to shine down on the art. This project is estimated to cost $44,750. Kirk requested permission for the art to be placed on the proposed locations, additional grass seeding across from City Hall, additional sidewalk across from City Hall, Staff assistance with the electric portions of the projects, and financial support. The Committee has partnered with 5.4.7. Art Center for 501C3 status. The creation of a community foundation to accept tax deductible donations for city projects has been suggested to the committee.
Christenson discussed in kind donations of property, grass, staff assistance with grant applications and electricity. Dixon asked Staff if the tan bricks across from City Hall were designated parking. They are not. Dixon also asked if the street lights across from City Hall would cause a visual issue should art be placed on the pavers. Kirk stated that they would actually provide lighting for the project, which would be centered between the poles. Trummel asked more specifics on dimensions and construction of the art pieces. City Attorney Gordon Stull advised that any donations made to the City are tax deductible and can be set aside in a non-budgeted fund.

It was the consensus of the Council that the committee move forward, looking for funding opportunities.

2. Appropriation Ordinance Discussion
Ludwig advised Council that the City pays regular bills in the appropriation ordinance each meeting. The 2-3 week delay in writing checks can cause the City to take on late fees. Staff has recently paid some bills with a credit card or has amended published ordinances prior to a Council meeting in an effort to avoid late fees. City auditors have recommended the passage of an ordinance that would authorize the payment of recurring bills between council meetings. These payments would be listed for approval on the next warrant ordinance. It was the consensus of the Council that Staff create such an ordinance and present it at the next Council meeting.

3. Budget Priorities Survey
Ludwig presented Council with results of the previously discussed budget survey and briefly discussed what the survey reflects as budgetary priorities for the City, areas of satisfaction, and areas lacking satisfaction. The survey was taken by the Council, community members, and Staff.

4. Budget Revenues Report
Ludwig distributed estimated budget revenue reports from the County Clerk’s office, Motor Vehicle and Recreational Vehicle Tax, and local alcohol tax distribution. The estimated assessed valuation for the City in 2017 is $7,209,954, a loss of $348,305. It is estimated that the City will see a $20,979 loss in projected revenues next year from property tax. Ludwig noted that, in addition, there will not be a $50,000 transfer from the equipment reserve fund, which was budgeted to support the general fund this year. A draft of general fund transfers for next year reflects the need to increase the amount transferred from the electric fund.

Council discussed their efforts to keep the mill levy the same, neighborhood revitalization, concerns over significant transfers from a utility to support a fund that should be supported by property tax, and new state statutes that limit the ability of municipalities to increase property tax. Ludwig explained that the decrease in sales tax reflects the removal of materials that were being sold out of the industrial park by temporary leasees in past years.

5. Non-General Fund Budgets Discussion
Ludwig led a discussion on non-general fund budgets. A list of assumptions used in the preparation of the draft budget was provided in the meeting packet. Ludwig showed an increase in the Electric Fund Other Contractual Services in anticipation of a proposed agreement with KPP for a lineman. The draft also reflects an increase in equipment reserve and increase in the transfer to the General Fund. Christenson voiced his preference to the reserve built up for utility repairs rather than having to take out a 30 year bond. He would prefer to see funds put into reserve rather than having to support the General Fund. Ludwig discussed the push municipalities are receiving from the State to fund government through non-property tax means. Ludwig noted that he anticipates a $15,000 expense
from Tourism reserves for items related to the 10th Anniversary celebration. In the water fund, Ludwig has budgeted an increase in personnel costs and a possible decrease in the amount transferred to the General Fund.

6. Industrial Park Lease Agreement
Staff was approached today about a 2 month lease agreement with Woolsey Operating Company, LLC. The company will be conducting seismic surveying between Greensburg and Mullinville. They would like to use Lot 5 of the Industrial Park for staging their equipment. Generators will be used for any electrical needs they may have. The company would like to move equipment in on Saturday and will be available tomorrow to supply a check for the entirety of the proposed lease. Staff amended a previously approved agreement for the park to reflect the proposed time frame and a lease rate of $500/month. This pricing was based on the pricing approved for the ITC lease and the lesser acreage required. The agreement requires that the property be returned to its original state upon completion of the lease. Christenson made a motion to approve the lease as presented. Trummel seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

G) CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT
City Attorney Gordon Stull provided a packet of communication he had received regarding how the municipal court issues jail bonds. Stull does not believe that current court practices need to be addressed and that the concern voiced does not pertain to the City.

H) CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Ludwig provided a prepared City Administrator’s Report to Council. The following topics were discussed in the report:

City Pool: The pools revenues have already doubled the last year’s totals. Staff anticipates that the end of year totals will be approximately triple the 2016 totals. There were more than 170 people in attendance at the pool on the 4th of July.

Bikes: The free bikes in front of the Big Well are now available. This past weekend they received a significant amount of use. Information about the bikes has been passed on to our insurance provider.

Recycling: Remind your neighbors and friends that the recycling routes are changing this month. A route map was included on social media and in the City’s Newsletter.

Land Bank: An application to purchase was submitted for the property at 302 W. Wisconsin. The family is proposing to build a home on the property. The application will be reviewed at the July 20th meeting.

Credit Card Processing: Staff is working to get a POS system in place within the next week or two. We are working with FirstData to get this in place as soon as possible. The resolution for credit card fees was published, which will allow us to take cards once the system is in place. Following the implementation of the POS system Staff will start working on receiving online payments.

I) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS
There were no additional comments from the Council.

J) ADJOURNMENT
Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Robert A. Dixson, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk