

Senator Smith and Representative Truett attend City Council meeting

The Beattyville City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Council members Mitch Cornelius, Sam Cockerham, Ronnie Stamper, Savannah Mays, Glenna Cummins and Charlotte Hogan were in attendance with Mayor Scott Jackson presiding.

After the invocation by Council member Sam Cockerham and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Jackson welcomed all guests including State Senator Brandon Smith and State Legislature Tim Truett.

Senator Smith addressed the Council and stated that he was just out visiting different counties and cities and would talk to everyone after the meeting. Rep. Truett stated the same.

Hope Broecker of the Mountain Association addressed the meeting and talked about EV Fast Charging stations. Broecker stated that she had met with Teresa Mays and discussed placing an EV charging station in downtown Beattyville. There are grants to pay for the charging stations and there are already stations in Campton and Slade. EV charging stations are for electric cars to plug in and charge their vehicles while visiting the downtown area. The council took the matter under advisement.

David Brown Kinloch with Appalachian Hydro Associates shared an emergency plan in case Lock #14 was to fail in times of flooding or other events. He stated that the tur-

bines would be in place next week and power within six weeks. He said that customers of Jackson Energy would see a cut in their electric bill when the turbine plant on Lock #14 was fully operationally.

Jon Allen with Nesbitt Engineering had several questions for Mr. Kinloch who said he would get back with the Council on answering them. Allen's questions were about how long before water could be restored if the Beattyville pool was to loose their water intake. Kinloch stated that was what the plan was he was submitting to the city, the county and KY River Authority. The plan will then have to be approved by the government.

Jon Allen with Nesbitt Engineering gave an update on the work his

company was doing for the city. He said that the WPA building was ready to start design work; funding was secured for the Yellow House; rehab on the Waste Water Plant; construction the end of May on the Phase II of Water Plant; working on the design for the Crystal Creek Trailhead and trying to find funding for the matching \$125,000 grant for the Beattyville Overlook project. He also submitted an invoice from Nesbitt and Mitch Cornelius made the motion with Sam Cockerham seconding to approve paying the invoice.

Mike Smith gave a brief KRADD report.

Glenna Cumins made the motion with Sam Cockerham seconding to approve the 2nd Reading of the ordi-

nance for Annexation.

Mayor Jackson reported that there were some trees at City Park that needed removal and asked council members to check them out and see if they approve cutting the ones that had been marked for removal and report back to him.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March meeting by a motion made by Ronnie Stamper and seconded by Savannah Mays.

Main Street Director Teresa Mays handed out a written report on what was happening on Main Street and asked for approval for street closing for an event "Blues on Main" scheduled for June 12th at 6 p.m. Ronnie Stamper made the motion with Mitch Cornelius seconding for permission to close the

street for that event. Ms. Mays also had in her report where she was invited to speak at the National Main Street Convention held this week in Tulsa, OK but was unable to attend but she reported that the Pineville Main Street Director would present the program on "Beattyville Reimagined" in her place.

City Manager Ferrell Wise reported that his department had received 113 work orders with 84 being water and garbage and 29 sewer and 76 had been completed.

Ronnie Stamper made a motion with Mitch Cornelius seconding to approve the Financial and Treasurer's report as submitted. All voted aye.

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