

Regular Meeting of Summersville City
Council held on July 27, 2026

PRESENT: David Harper, Mayor
Gary Withee, Recorder
Wayne Halstead, Councilman Ward I
Stevie LeRose, Councilman Ward I (phone)
Jim Epling, Councilman Ward II
BJ Smith, Councilman Ward III
Eugene Underwood, Councilman Ward IV (phone)

ABSENT: Brandon Waters, Councilman Ward III
Chuck Shaw, Councilman Ward IV

VISITORS: Ray Corbin, The Nicholas Chronicle
Julie Wingard, SCTV
Amy Grose
Annabeth Anderson
Aaron Beam
Scott Arthur
Jeremy Nicholas
Tim Hypes
Samuel Rich, Thrasher Engineering
John Snyder

Mayor Dave Harper called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

A motion was made to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council held on July 13, 2026. Moved by Wayne Halstead.

Seconded by BJ Smith.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

Brandon Waters and Chuck Shaw were absent for the meeting.

The Mayor noted no one signed up for public comment.

The Mayor asked Sam Rich with Thrasher Engineering to come forward for the presentation of Phase II for the Summersville Recreational Sports Complex. Sam Rich displayed poster boards showcasing the conceptual designs for Phase II. The concept included 4 Little League fields, 218 parking spaces, pickleball courts, basketball courts, batting cages, dog park, trail system, and a playground. He discussed a loop road instead of just one way in and out of the complex. After the presentation Sam asked for questions or comments. Gary Withee commended Sam on the concepts and asked about bleachers with netting and general seating. He said he was in favor of the sidewalks connecting the activities and glad that everything is mostly on one level. He and the Mayor commented that this is Phase II and will not

take place in 2027. The Mayor asked about the cost. Sam Rich discussed getting grants because he estimated Phase II to cost between \$6-10 million.

The Mayor presented the Summersville Recreational Sports Complex video. A short video was played showing the work that's being done for Phase I of the Summersville Recreational Sports Complex. Sam Rich updated further saying they were getting a lot of their electrical, plumbing, and mechanical issues straightened out. They have the turf ready to put down but are getting ground water issues taken care of first. They are waiting to get utilities to the site and are making progress.

The Mayor presented the approval of the Summersville City Council Grant change request from the Nicholas Old Main Foundation. They sent a letter requesting the grant be used for roof repairs instead of window replacement because their roof needs immediate attention. A motion was made to approve the Summersville City Council Grant change request from the Nicholas Old Main Foundation. Moved by Wayne Halstead.

Seconded by BJ Smith.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

Brandon Waters and Chuck Shaw were absent for the meeting.

The Mayor presented the approval of the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget Revision #1. The Mayor asked new Finance Director, Scott Arthur, to come forward and present the revision. In Revenue, there is an increase of \$71,393 in 299 Unassigned Balance Carryforward for the 1st revision of the fund balance. In Budget Expenditure, there is an increase of: \$12,550 in 410 Council – Contributions for additional council grant contributions, \$15,000 in 700 Police – Capital Outlay for a building at the Rec. Park, \$15,000 in 750 Street – Capital Outlay for a building at the Rec. Park, and \$28,843 in 911 Brown Oaks – Contractual for unused 2025-2026 building repair and maintenance. The Change in Expense is \$71,393. A motion was made to approve the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget Revision #1. Moved by Wayne Halstead.

Seconded by BJ Smith.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

Brandon Waters and Chuck Shaw were absent for the meeting.

The Mayor presented the approval of the First Reading of the proposed Water Rate Ordinance. The Mayor said this is ordinance number 935.01. He read the title, "An Ordinance Amending the Water Ordinance to Increase Fees". A motion was made to approve the First Reading of the proposed Water Rate Ordinance. Moved by Stevie LeRose.

Seconded by Wayne Halstead.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.
Brandon Waters and Chuck Shaw were absent for the meeting.

The Mayor presented the approval of the First Reading of the proposed Sewer Rate Ordinance. The Mayor said this is ordinance number 935.02. He read the title, "An Ordinance Amending the Sewer Ordinance to Increase Fees". A motion was made to approve the First Reading of the proposed Sewer Rate Ordinance. Moved by Wayne Halstead.

Seconded by Jim Epling.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.
Brandon Waters and Chuck Shaw were absent for the meeting.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Report. He spoke about the success of Music at the Pavilion and the wonderful groups who are performing each time. He then spoke about how proud he was of everyone that pulled together and helped in any way with the recent flood victims in the Weston area.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Moved by Jim Epling.

Seconded by Wayne Halstead.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.
Brandon Waters and Chuck Shaw were absent for the meeting.