Regular Meeting of Summersville City
Council held on October 26, 2026

PRESENT: David Harper, Mayor
Wayne Halstead, Councilman Ward I
Stevie LeRose, Councilman Ward I
Jim Epling, Councilman Ward II
Brandon Waters, Councilman Ward III
BJ Smith, Councilman Ward III
Eugene Underwood, Councilman Ward IV
Chuck Shaw, Councilman Ward IV

ABSENT: Gary Withee, Recorder

VISITORS: Ray Corbin, The Nicholas Chronicle
Julie Wingard, SCTV
Amy Grose
Scott Arthur
Beth Rapp
Robert Shafer
Brad Reed
Jason O'Dell
Rodney LeRose II

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 October 12, 2026. Moved by Wayne Halstead.
Seconded by Stevie LeRose.
The vote was as follows:

Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.
Recorder Gary Withee was absent for the meeting.

The Mayor noted no one signed up for public comment.

The Mayor presented the approval of $20,000 from the opioid funds for the Police and Peers Program funding with Jason Henline. Jason Henline was unavailable for the meeting, due to a work-related situation. Summersville Police Chief Brad Reed and Jason O'Dell, Director of the Nicholas County Day Reporting Center, came forward to speak. Chief Brad Reed said he wanted to speak about the Police and Peers Program, that he uses weekly and the DRC uses daily. This is the program that Jason Henline, with Sober Living Solutions, works under. This program helps those with substance use disorders in the community. It gets individuals connected with someone who has peer support, resources, and can provide a hand-up. He spoke highly of Jason Henline and the work he does. He said the funding for his position

may have ended, but the work he does has not. He requested Council support this position and approve the funding.
Jason O'Dell said Jason Henline works with him at the DRC and has a great impact on the community. He spoke about his ability and skill with people. Last year, he influenced 156 people to attend rehab and this week, he already has 7 ready to attend. He said the grant funding ran out, so they are asking to keep him in his position, through the Nicholas County Day Reporting Center. They are requesting the City give $20,000 from the opioid funds to help fund the position for one year. The DRC is going to give $22,000 for salary, benefits, and gas to cover this position for one year, and the County is going to match that amount. They will see if any other grants or funding are available within the year. A motion was made to approve $20,000 from the opioid funds for the Police and Peers Program funding. Moved by Stevie LeRose.

Seconded by Wayne Halstead.

The vote was as follows:

Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.
Recorder Gary Withee was absent for the meeting.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Report. He announced Trick-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The Safe Zone Trick-or- Treat will be held at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center at the same time. This year they will also have a scare zone and a sensory zone (by calling and scheduling ahead of time). He then discussed the burning laws. From October 1 to December 31, burning can only be done from 5:00pm to 7:00am, and must be attended at all times. The maximum fine is $1,000 for burning outside of those times.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 6:16pm under authority of West Virginia Code A. §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss a. Legal, personnel and deliberative matters; b. Matters not considered public records; c. Matters related to construction planning, commercial competitions matters, the purchase, sale or lease of property, and/or the investment of public funds. Moved by Brandon Waters.

Seconded by Stevie LeRose.

The vote was as follows:

Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.
Recorder Gary Withee was absent for the meeting.
The Mayor invited Scott Arthur, Beth Rapp, and Robert Shafer to the Executive Session.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 7:09pm. Moved by Chuck Shaw.

Seconded by Stevie LeRose.

The vote was as follows:

Wayne Halstead	Yes

Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.
Recorder Gary Withee was absent for the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Moved by Wayne Halstead.
Seconded by Stevie LeRose.
The vote was as follows:

Wayne Halstead	Yes
Stevie LeRose	Yes
Jim Epling	Yes
Brandon Waters	Yes
BJ Smith	Yes
Eugene Underwood	Yes
Chuck Shaw	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.
Recorder Gary Withee was absent for the meeting.