Regular Meeting of Summersville City
Council held on October 12, 2026

PRESENT: David Harper, Mayor
Gary Withee, Recorder
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

VISITORS: Ray Corbin, The Nicholas Chronicle
Julie Wingard, SCTV
Amy Grose
Scott Arthur
Tim Hypes
Beth Rapp
Laura Norman

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 September 28, 2026. Moved by Wayne Halstead.
Seconded by Stevie LeRose.
The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
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.

The Mayor noted no one signed up for public comment.

The Mayor presented the approval of the Summersville Water Works vehicle to scrap. The Mayor said the vehicle is a 2004 GMC Truck VIN# 1GTHK24U54E396330 and is no longer safe to operate. A motion was made to scrap the 2004 GMC Truck VIN# 1GTHK24U54E396330. Moved by Wayne Halstead.
Seconded by Brandon Waters.
The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
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.

The Mayor presented the update on the Summersville Recreational Sports Complex Soccer Field and dog park. The Mayor showed a video presentation of the current work being done at the sports complex. He discussed the Rotary Club sponsoring a dog park. The Mayor said a piece of property was found near the trailhead that could be used. It has the approval of the Rotary Club, and they are already raising funds for it. They have approximately $28,000, so far. He showed the location of the proposed dog park and said it can be part of Phase I instead of waiting for Phase II. High Point Construction and Bell Farms Reclamation Service donated money and time into the project, as well. He then showed progress of the work being done on the soccer field, restrooms, parking areas, and buildings. He then discussed the drainage with ditches, box culverts and 2 overflow ponds. He lastly discussed the entrance road, which he said is probably 70% complete and will be ready for asphalt soon. They ran into a lot of rock, but they currently stopped working on the road because they are installing the water and sewer system. When that is completed, he said in approximately 4-5 weeks, the road will be connected. He estimated all the work to be 50% complete. He said they are waiting to put down the turf for the soccer field next Spring. Some things are being put off because of the weather. Council then asked questions about the complex and the baseball fields in the future phases were discussed.

The Mayor presented the Recorder's Report. Recorder Gary Withee discussed a special exception permitted in the Conservation District, at the last Summersville Planning and Zoning Meeting. The special exception was for Laura Norman, real estate agent, to list a property with one home site in the Conservation District, for her seller. The city ordinance says the home has to be a minimum of 960 sq. ft., and the area will be monitored by the code official. He showed Council where the area was on the zoning map. Since the ordinance says the Summersville Planning and Zoning Commission approves special exceptions in that district, he said he just wanted Council aware for information purposes.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Report. He said Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be held Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 6-8pm, along with the Safe Zone Trick-or-Treat at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center.

During Council Reports, the council discussed how well the Bigfoot Festival and Gold Star Mother Motorcycle Ride went. They commended the police officers on their organization and professionalism at the events.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 6:40pm 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 Wayne Halstead.
Seconded by Stevie LeRose.

The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
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.
The Mayor invited Scott Arthur and Beth Rapp to the Executive Session.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 7:18pm. Moved by Stevie LeRose.
Seconded by Chuck Shaw.
The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
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.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm. Moved by Brandon Waters.
Seconded by Stevie LeRose.
The vote was as follows:

Gary Withee	Yes
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.