

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 8, 2019

Pursuant to Section 1.2 of the Rules of Order and Procedure, adopted by the Council of the City of Fairmont on February 6, 1978, and amended at the regular meeting of Council held February 6, 1979, the Bi-Ennial Organizational Meeting of Council of the City of Fairmont was convened this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Public Safety Building, 500 Quincy Street, Fairmont, West Virginia.

As per West Virginia Code §8-9-1 and Rule 2.2 of Council's Rules of Order and Procedure, Mayor Mainella presided over the meeting for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the Councilmembers elected at the Municipal General Election held November 6, 2018 and for the purpose of conducting the election of Mayor.

Mayor Mainella called the meeting to order.

**IN RE: OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCILMEMBERS KENNEDY, MAINELLA AND BLOOD**

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office of Councilmember to Karl David Kennedy, Thomas Mainella, and Donna M. Blood, the members elected to serve on Council for the City of Fairmont at the Municipal Non-Partisan General Election held November 6, 2018.

Karl David Kennedy, a resident of 306 Wilson Street, representing the Third District, elected for a term of four years, commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Thomas Mainella, a resident of 8 Hollen Circle, representing the Eighth District, elected for a term of four years, commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Donna M. Blood, a resident of 104 Shirlane Avenue, representing the Ninth District, elected for a term of four years, commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2022.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office, to-wit: "Do you, and each of you, having been duly elected to serve as a Councilmember of the City of Fairmont, solemnly swear, that you will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, and the Charter of the City of Fairmont, and that you will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of a

Councilmember of the City of Fairmont, so long as you shall continue therein, to the best of your skill and judgment, so help you God?"

Councilmember-Elect Kennedy, Mainella, and Blood replied "I will".

Thereupon, the City Clerk declared Karl David Kennedy, Thomas Mainella, and Donna M. Blood duly sworn in as members of the Council of the City of Fairmont and extended congratulations to them.

The City Clerk called the roll of Councilmembers present to determine the representation of the Council Districts:

First District	Marianne Moran
Second District	Frank G. Yann
Third District	Karl David Kennedy
Fourth District	Kenneth "Brad" Merrifield
Fifth District	Fran Warner
Sixth District	Dora Kay Grubb
Seventh District	Philip R. Mason
Eighth District	Thomas Mainella
Ninth District	Donna M. Blood

Also present were:

Interim City Manager	Bruce McDaniel
City Clerk	Janet L. Keller
City Attorney	Kevin V. Sansalone
Police Chief	Steven Shine
Fire Chief	Edward Simmons
Director of Planning	Sandra Scaffidi

**IN RE: ELECTION OF MAYOR POSTPONED**

Mayor Mainella said that ordinarily the next item on the agenda would be the election of the Mayor. He said, as you all know, there are some extraordinary circumstances that took place and we have another course that he thought Council can take after the City Attorney outlined a path that we can use to delay the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor until all of the members are seated at Council. He then said that we need a motion in order to do this.

Motion:

Councilmember Mason said as a courtesy to the yet to be identified and seated members of Council, he moved that we adjourn the Organizational Meeting to

January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and further he moved that we postpone the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor until that same date and time. Councilmember Grubb seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk.

The Mayor declared the motion adopted by unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Mainella explained that there is a good possibility that this will not be resolved by the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting so if that is the case, we will need to follow the same procedure we just did and adjourn that Organizational Meeting until the first meeting in February, February 12, 2019.

The Mayor said that Council stands adjourned at 7:06 p.m. He announced that the Organizational Meeting will be held at the January 22, 2019 meeting at 7:00 p.m.