



City Council Meeting Minutes July 6, 2026

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor	Present
Kelly Knowland	Present
Mark Hardin	Present
Meredith Post	Present
Larry Johnson	Present
Richard Weaver	Present
Jason Bollinger	Present

Roll call indicated a quorum was present.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Jason Bollinger, and passed unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce Report – Dena DeValle

Ms. Dena DeValle and Chamber Board Director Clara Weatherly gave the monthly Chamber of Commerce Report. There have been four ribbon cuttings since the last City Council meeting. There were also two big events that were a huge success – the Junk and Drive on 65, and the Community Cook Out. The Chamber is planning for the Back to School Breakfast and Expo on August 11, 2026 for the Greenbrier School District teachers. Their “Singo” event is coming up on July 16 at 6pm, and they will host a Lunch and Learn on July 22. There will also be a ribbon cutting for the Faulkner County Assessor & Collectors office in Greenbrier on July 23.

Clara Weatherly spoke about the new NextGen directive, where 15 high school students will be given the opportunity through the Chamber to be a part of leadership and learning initiatives.

Community Partnership Proposal – First Service Bank

Mayor Hartwick introduced staff from First Service Bank to introduce a Community Partnership Proposal, along with John Mike Barnard with the Parks & Rec department, and Matt McJunkins. First Service Bank is offering to partner to turf four infields at the baseball complex. The partnership will also build a new

bathroom and concession stand, help fund a new entrance to the ballparks, and will be used to build a Miracle League field at the facilities. The entrance will include a veterans walk to honor those in the community who have served. The estimated annual economic impact brought through these upgrades is valued at approximately \$1.2 million. This would be through new tournaments, concession sales, and other revenue opportunities.

First Service Bank is offering to commit up to \$500,000 to this project over a 10 year period in exchange for changing the name of the Baseball complex to “Operation Red, White & Brave Park”.

Richard Weaver made a motion to accept the partnership with First Service Bank and begin the process of getting bids to start the project. Mark Hardin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution #2026-04 – Councilman Richard Weaver

City Attorney Dustin Chapman read the resolution by heading only to introduce it to the Council. The resolution would name the Greenbrier Fire Station Training & Conference Room after Fire Chief Jim Sutterfield, who served as Fire Chief for 32 years. It would now be named the “Jim Sutterfield Conference & Training Room”. Larry Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution, Meredith Post seconded, and all voted in favor.

Wastewater & Water Proposal – Mayor Hartwick

Mayor Hartwick stated that water infrastructure in the City of Greenbrier is in a stable position. Recent boil orders were due to damage done to a main line rather than infrastructure issues. Community Water is currently expanding their water plant, to be completed in the next couple of years. The City is looking at how to provide well for future development as Greenbrier continues to grow. The Mayor introduced Daniel Hollinger from Garver Engineering. Mr. Hollinger presented an analysis of different locations for a adding water tank to the City’s infrastructure. The options presented included a half million gallon ground tank at Greenbrier High School, a half million elevated tank at Greenbrier High School, and a one million gallon elevated tank on Highway 65. Building a half million gallon tank would allow Greenbrier to have more than 24 hours of water supply on demand in case of emergency. Mr. Hollinger stated that in the opinion of Garver, the half million gallon ground tank would be the most efficient option. The project is projected to cost \$2.5 million and be completed in 18 months. The project would include a 12 inch main that would stretch to Highway 65.

Community Water is also planning on building a tank near the High School in the next five to six years. The proposed tank would be an elevated tank with a capacity of around 5 million gallons.

The east side wastewater project has not progressed in the last two months. Mayor Hartwick proposed that the funds set aside for that project be diverted to the water

tower project to satisfy the more immediate need while the east side wastewater issue is re-evaluated for a potential new treatment plant.

Candidate Filing Period – City Attorney Dustin Chapman

City Attorney Dustin Chapman reminded all potential candidates that the filing period is opening at the end of July. All candidates need a petition with at least 30 signatures from citizens of the City of Greenbrier.

Mayor Hartwick recognized Mrs. Maree Coats and Mr. Randy Higgins from the Faulkner County Quorum Court. Mr. Higgins gave an update on the new county jail, which should be completed around the end of 2027. He also said they are partnering with ARDOT on a road project on Elliot Road and Highway 25, along with a roundabout at the four way stop in Wooster.

Councilman Jason Bollinger brought up an item regarding the retirement funds for the Fire Department staff. There was no action taken, but it is being considered by the Mayor and the City staff.

A motion was made by Mark Hardin to adjourn into executive session at 7:29pm. Kelly Knowland seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Larry Johnson made a motion to return from executive session at 7:32pm. Mark Hardin seconded and all voted in favor.

Executive session was to approve bonuses for all City employees. A motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation was made by Jason Bollinger, seconded by Meredith Post, and all voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Jason Bollinger, and passed with no opposition.

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor

Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer