



City Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 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 April meeting was made by Richard Weaver, seconded by Jason Bollinger, and passed unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce Report – Chamber President Ashton Pruitt

Chamber President Ashton Puritt presented the monthly Chamber report. They held ribbon cuttings at In Sync Counseling and Farm Bureau in April. They also participated in the Greenbrier Area Art’s Council Art Jam event on April 25. The Chamber also lead the “Panther Serve Day” with students from Greenbrier High School, having several hundred students serve in community cleanup projects around the City. There have been 21 business join the Chamber since January 1, 2026. The Chamber was also able to present a Youth Leadership Program at the High School to the upcoming juniors, which will begin in the 2026-2027 school year.

Upcoming events include a Ribbon Cutting at Alexander’s Southern Coffee Co on May 7, a ribbon cutting at Xtreme Powder Performance on May 15, and the Junk & Drive on 65 event on May 8 & 9. The Community Cookout and Baggo Tournament will be on June 4.

Crews & Associates – David Downs

David Downs with Crews & Associates presented the sales & use tax refunding and improvement bonds that was approved in the election on March 3, 2026. Rates have increased since it was originally presented in the December 2025 meeting, but they

have leveled out over the month of April. The final interest rate they were able to secure was a 4.66% rate. The total amount of bond funds awarded was \$10,710,000. \$2.45 million of that was used to pay off the series 2018 bonds. Over \$8 million will be able to be deposited in the Fire Improvements Fund after the 2018 bonds were paid off and costs and fees were paid. The bonds are issued on a 30 year term, but any extra tax monies collected by the passed tax will be used to help pay off the debt early. The City has seen a compounded growth of over 8% in tax revenue since 2018 when the bond was originally issued. The sewer pipelined is designed to avoid wetland areas and to minimize impact on private property and future development.

Ordinance #2026-03 – Issuance of Sales & Improvement Bonds – Taylor Marshall
Taylor Marshall with Friday, Eldridge, & Clark presented the Ordinance for the issuance of sales and improvement bonds. This is the final action that the City Council has to take to order the issuance of the bonds. The closing of the bonds is scheduled to take place on June 9, 2026. The bonds will be insured through Build America Bond Insurance. A motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by the title only was made by Richard Weaver. The motion was seconded by Mark Hardin. The roll call vote was as follows:

Kelly Knowland - Yes
Mark Hardin - Yes
Meredith Post - Yes
Larry Johnson - Yes
Richard Weaver - Yes
Jason Bollinger - Yes

After the ordinance was read by the heading only, a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-03 to issue the sales & improvement bonds was made by Kelly Knowland and seconded by Mark Hardin. The roll call vote was as follows:

Kelly Knowland - Yes
Mark Hardin - Yes
Meredith Post - Yes
Larry Johnson - Yes
Richard Weaver - Yes
Jason Bollinger - Yes

Mark Hardin then made a motion to approve the emergency clause. Kelly Knowland seconded and the roll call vote was as follows:

Kelly Knowland - Yes
Mark Hardin - Yes
Meredith Post - Yes
Larry Johnson - Yes
Richard Weaver - Yes
Jason Bollinger - Yes

Eastside Sewer Project

Daniel Hollinger of Garver Engineering presented an update on the Eastside Sewer Project. The council was given a map of the easements needed for the sewer project. There have been several meetings with property owners to ensure they are aware of the project. One property owner has signed for the easements. The others are still pending. There are 23 easements needed for the line, many of which are held by a handful of property owners. There are concerns that if the pipeline is placed too close to the creek, there would be a chance the creek could move in the future and cause damage to the pipeline. After the easements are acquired, construction can begin. The proposed east side lift station will completely remove the need for the current Cedar St. lift station. There was discussion around specific requests from property owners to place the line closer to the creek that is currently there, and how they could possibly be accommodated.

Water Projects

Daniel Hollinger stayed to present an update on future water projects. Developers on the west side of Hwy 65 have approached the City regarding future residential and commercial projects. There will need to be some improvements to accommodate these developments, including a new large elevated water tank that would give better water pressure to the north central and central portions of the City. This project is in the beginning stages of engineering.

Auction of used Equipment & Vehicles

Mayor Hartwick stated that there are some equipment and vehicles that are no longer being used that the City would like to sell at auction. The auction company is called “True Grit”, and is an online auction company that the City has used in the past. Motion to approve True Grit auction company to sell the surplus supplies was made by Richard Weaver, seconded by Mark Hardin, and all voted in favor.

Councilman Jason Bollinger discussed the need for an ordinance or resolution to require a super majority vote by the City Council to take any bond issuance to a vote of the citizens of Greenbrier in the future. It was not presented for action, but will be discussed at a future meeting.

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

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor

Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer