

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF VANCEBURG**  
**February 5, 2024**

- I. WELCOME
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER
- III. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- IV. SUSPEND READING AND APPROVE MINUTES
  - \*January 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting
  
- V. EPB Report:
  
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #200.00C-2024, Budget Amendment for Safety Liability Grant
  
- VII. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Re-appointment of Jamie Hickle to Board of Adjustment
  - B. Approval of Brenda Lykins to the Housing Authority Board
  - C. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #540.36, closing of Old School Lane
  - D. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #410.05G, amending Ordinance #410.05E raising revenue fee from 2.5% to 5% for Alcohol Sales
  - E. Approval of purchase of Hydro Excavator with the Cleaner Water Funds that is tied to the Salt Lick Tank Project
  - F. Approval of legal representation for Electric Supply Contract (McBrayer Law Firm Kady Yunker) Bill Tom Stone
  - G. Executive Session
  
- VIII. UPDATES:
- IX. FLOOR OPEN:

X. ADJOURN

February 5, 2024

The **regular meeting** of the Vanceburg City Council was held on **February 5, 2024**, and presided over by Mayor, Dane Blankenship.

Pledge of Allegiance by all and Prayer gave by Councilwoman Cantu.

**Council Present:**

Kathy McCann      Angie Patton      Nichole Cantu      Mary McClurg  
Joni Pugh

**Council Absent:**

Kody Willis

Erin Hall was in attendance for City Attorney Stephen McGinnis.

Councilwoman Pugh made a motion to suspend and approve the **minutes** of the **regular meeting** held on **January 8, 2024**. Councilwoman McClurg seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

Patton    yes      McCann    yes      Cantu    yes      McClurg    yes  
Pugh    yes

**Electric Plant Board Report:**

Councilwoman Patton stated that letters went out to customers doors who needs a new meter. Everyone should be updated and aware of this. If anyone has any questions, they are urged to call the Electric Plant Board.

Councilwoman Patton stated for the past year the EPB has fought against increasing our base electric rates, but we are losing the fight. Based on factors, the rates need to be raised. The rates will be increasing for the average residential customer by around \$11.00 a month or approximately 9%. Our commercial and industrial customers will also see an increase but less than the residential. This will continue to be monitored and hope that this will be the only adjustment that needs to be made.

**Old Business:**

Councilwoman Cantu ask Attorney Erin Hall to read Ordinance #200.00C-2024. Councilwoman Patton made a motion to **approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #200.00C-2024, budget amendment for Safety Liability Grant**. Councilwoman Pugh seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

McCann    yes      Patton    yes      McClurg    yes      Cantu    yes  
Pugh    yes

**New Business:**

Councilwoman McCann made a **motion to reappoint Jamie Hickel to the Board of Adjustments**. Councilwoman Patton seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

McCann yes      Patton yes      McClurg yes      Cantu yes  
Pugh yes

Councilwoman McClurg made a **motion to approve Brenda Lykins to the Housing Authority Board**. Councilwoman Patton seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

McCann yes      Patton yes      McClurg yes      Cantu yes  
Pugh yes

Councilwoman Patton ask Attorney Erin Hall to read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #540.36, closing of Old School Lane.

Councilwoman Patton ask Attorney Erin Hall to read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #410.05G, amending Ordinance #410.05E raising revenue fee from 2.5% to 5% for Alcohol Sales.

Councilwoman McCann made a **motion to approve the purchase of a Hydro Excavator with the Cleaner Water Funds that is tied to the Salt Lick Tank Project**. Councilwoman Pugh seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

McCann yes      Patton yes      McClurg yes      Cantu yes  
Pugh yes

Councilwoman Patton made a **motion to approve the legal representation for Electric Supply Contract as being McBrayer Law Firm Kady Yunker**. Councilwoman Cantu seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

McCann yes      Patton yes      McClurg yes      Cantu yes  
Pugh yes

Councilwoman Pugh made a **motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation**. Councilwoman McClurg seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

McCann yes      Patton yes      McClurg yes      Cantu yes  
Pugh yes

Councilwoman Patton made a **motion to come back to regular session with no action being taken**. Councilwoman Pugh seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

McCann yes      Patton yes      McClurg yes      Cantu yes  
Pugh yes

Councilwoman McCann made a **motion for the city to file suit against the Lewis County School Board to enforce the occupational and payroll tax against them and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions to enforce all Ordinances of the City of Vanceburg against the School Board and any related entities including but not limited to lawsuits and any other action whatsoever which the Mayor deems advisable and necessary**. Councilwoman Patton seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

McCann yes      Patton yes      McClurg yes      Cantu yes  
Pugh yes

**Updates:**

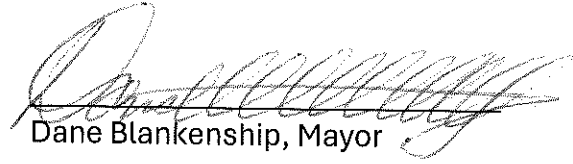
Councilwoman Cantu mentioned that Hannah Bellamy left this world on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Her family is wanting to have a walk on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for mental health at Veterans Park. A time will be set at a later date.

**Floor Open:**

Roger Jahn addressed the council regarding the raising of the alcohol tax to 5%. He stated he is speaking as a businessperson. He is asking for the council not to raise this tax and to relook at the budget.

Curtis Owens addressed the council regarding the raising of the alcohol tax to 5%. He is now the owner of Polley's Bypass. He spoke to say the majority of the customers are in the city and he thinks this will be a hardship for the people in our community.

Councilwoman Cantu made a motion to **adjourn**. Councilwoman McClurg seconded the motion. All agreed.



Dane Blankenship, Mayor

Attest:

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Greta May, City Clerk