

AGENDA
CITY OF VANCEBURG
April 7, 2025

- I. WELCOME
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER
- III. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- IV. SUSPEND READING AND APPROVE MINUTES
*March 3, 2025 - Regular Meeting

- V. EPB Report:

- VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- VII. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Kevin Cornette, Executive Director of Buffalo Trace Area Development District
 - B. Lori Dearfield presenting the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Audit
 - C. Approval of the Grant Agreement to be signed on the Electric Plant Board Well Project
 - D. Approval for City Match Requirement
 - E. Resolution #25.02, Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - F. Resolution #25.03, Appalachian Regional Commission
 - G. Resolution #25.04, Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - H. T-Mobile Grant
 - I. Approval for Mayor to sign and execute all documents pertaining to T-Mobile Grant
 - J. Executive Session to discuss ligation

VIII. UPDATES:

IX. FLOOR OPEN:

X. ADJOURN

April 7, 2025

The **regular meeting** of the Vanceburg City Council was held on **April 7, 2025**, and presided over by Mayor, Dane Blankenship.

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

Council Present:

Nichole Cantu	Kathy McCann	Angie Patton
Richard Walje	John Grabill	Joni Pugh

Attorney Stephen McGinnis was in attendance.

Councilwoman Cantu made a motion to suspend and approve the **minutes** of the **regular called meeting** held on **March 3, 2025**. Councilwoman McCann seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cantu	yes	McCann	yes	Patton	yes
Walje	yes	Grabill	yes	Pugh	yes

Electric Plant Board Report:

Councilwoman Patton mentioned the EPB has the preliminary application for the new well #7 project that has been submitted for ARC funding. In addition, the EPB have applied for grant funds to cover the cost of the matching portion of the ARC grant. Well # 5 has been retired and well #7 is the one that will be replaced. The EPB will be working with AEP Energy Partners over the next few months to finalize the transition over from Kentucky Power.

Old Business:

Councilman Grabill mentioned if there had been any progress on getting the ordinances online for public viewing or sidewalk and handrailing repairs. Mayor Blankenship stated the handrails have been secured and it falls under the code of 1995. Councilwoman Patton ask Brenda Bear if she had gotten a chance to look into putting the ordinances on the city website and Brenda stated the city would have to purchase more storage for the website and it would be time consuming to scan all the ordinances in. Councilman Walje asks if there had been an issue for the public coming in and viewing the ordinances and Mayor Blankenship stated we have had no issues with this in the past.

Councilman Walje mentioned about the city being transparent. He stated the meeting is videoed and we are audited every year. He wants the public to feel good about the city government. Councilwoman Pugh stated this is a worthy goal. She also mentioned having the city clerk go over the monthly transactions and she addressed the microphone issue in the council chambers. Councilman Grabill mentioned if the city would be able to

video the meetings and then post them online for the public to view. Councilwoman Cantu stated she thinks we have our meetings to where the public can attend.

Councilman Grabill made a **motion to do a recording of the council meetings so the city itself can make available to the public.** Councilwoman Pugh seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cantu	no	McCann	no	Patton	no
Walje	yes	Grabill	yes	Pugh	yes
Mayor	no				

New Business:

Kevin Cornette, Executive Director at Buffalo Trace Area Development District addressed the council introducing himself as the new director of BTADD as of November 1st, 2024. He wanted to let the council know BTADD is available to help with the city’s needs. The biggest items he hears that needs to be addressed is Housing and Economic Development.

Lori Dearfield presented the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Audit with it being a good clean audit.

Councilwoman Patton made a **motion to approve the grant agreement to be signed on the Electric Plant Board Well Project and for the mayor to sign and execute the documents.** Councilwoman Cantu seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cantu	yes	McCann	yes	Patton	yes
Walje	yes	Grabill	yes	Pugh	yes

Kristie Dodge addressed council regarding the Resolutions on the agenda and the approval for the city match requirement. She stated the city is wanting to apply for funds through the state that would help with some river front improvements located at the Scott Park and Veteran’s Park. She stated right now we are working on getting some quotes. This is for a \$25,000.00 up to \$250,000.00 with a 50/50 match. The match for the city would be 1%.

Councilwoman Cantu made a **motion to approve Resolution #25.02, Land and Water Conservation Fund, #25.03, Appalachian Regional Commission, #25.04, Land and Water Conservation Fund and the city match requirement against the grant not to exceed \$4,000.00.** Councilman Grabill seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cantu	yes	McCann	yes	Patton	yes
Walje	yes	Grabill	yes	Pugh	yes

Kristie Dodge addressed the council regarding a T-Mobile Grant. She stated this grant could be used for downtown revitalization with no match funds required. This is a \$50,000.00 grant.

Councilwoman Patton made a **motion to approve the T-Mobile Grant and for Mayor Blankenship to sign and execute all documents pertaining to the grant.** Councilwoman McCann seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cantu	yes	McCann	yes	Patton	yes
Walje	yes	Grabill	yes	Pugh	yes

No executive session was held.

Updates:

Mayor Blankenship addressed the council saying the city is working on several different projects. He stated he would like to see a canoe and landing there at Scott Park. We are looking at doing a boat docks area at Veteran's Park as well. Back last summer, 9 landowners agreed to clean their area behind their home down to the river and those areas are now mowed by a private individual during the mowing season. The city is also working with the Army Core of Engineers on getting the Boat Dock in the city's name.

Mayor Blankenship mentioned the annual Rivertown Festival that will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, a one-day event. We currently have 80 vendors agreed to set up that day. He wanted to thank Brenda Bear for her hard work on getting the vendors signed up. Also, on that day, there will be a new mural that will be unveiled. Thanks to Brenda Bear, Susie Pick and Gaila Brown for their hard work on this mural. The mural will be placed on the side of the old JC Video building where the current mural is now.

Councilman Walje stated the city made a purchase on the Halbert Avenue property and will be signed on tomorrow.

Mayor Blankenship also stated that the city has been fortunate that we have not had any major flooding from all the rain we have received in the past several days.

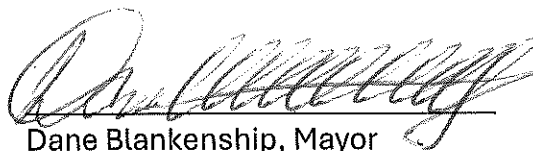
Councilman Walje wanted to thank the Vanceburg Police Department along with the Vanceburg Fire Department for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Vanceburg.

Floor Open:

Richard Evans addressed the council saying there had been a couple house fires in town and both of those properties have been cleaned up and the reports are complete.

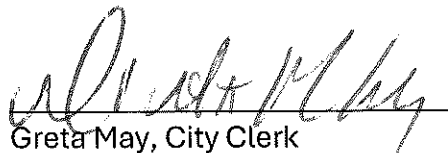
Doris Dixon addressed the council, mayor and city clerk, apologizing for not following the protocol on speaking at last month's city council meeting.

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



Dane Blankenship, Mayor

Attest:


Greta May, City Clerk