

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF UPSHUR, CITY OF BUCKHANNON, TO WIT:

A special meeting of the Buckhannon Water Board was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall. The following were in attendance (GTM is attendance by GoToMeeting):

Robbie Skinner	Mayor	Present
Randy Sanders	City Recorder	Present
Dave McCauley	Board Member	Present
David Thomas	Board Member	Absent
Don Nestor	Board Member	Present
Erasmio Rizo	Board Member	Present
Jay Hollen	City Engineer	Present - GTM
Jerry Arnold	Director of Public Works	Absent
Amberle Jenkins	Assistant Recorder/Director of Finance	Present

Guests: BFD Chief J.B. Kimble; Linzy Wilson, Elkins Road Public Service District; Terry Gould, Hodgesville Public Service; Brian Elmore, Mt. Hope Public Service District; Kelly Arnold, Adrian Public Service District.

City of Buckhannon Water Board – at City Hall in Council Chambers
Special Meeting Agenda for 6:00 pm, Thursday, September 14, 2023

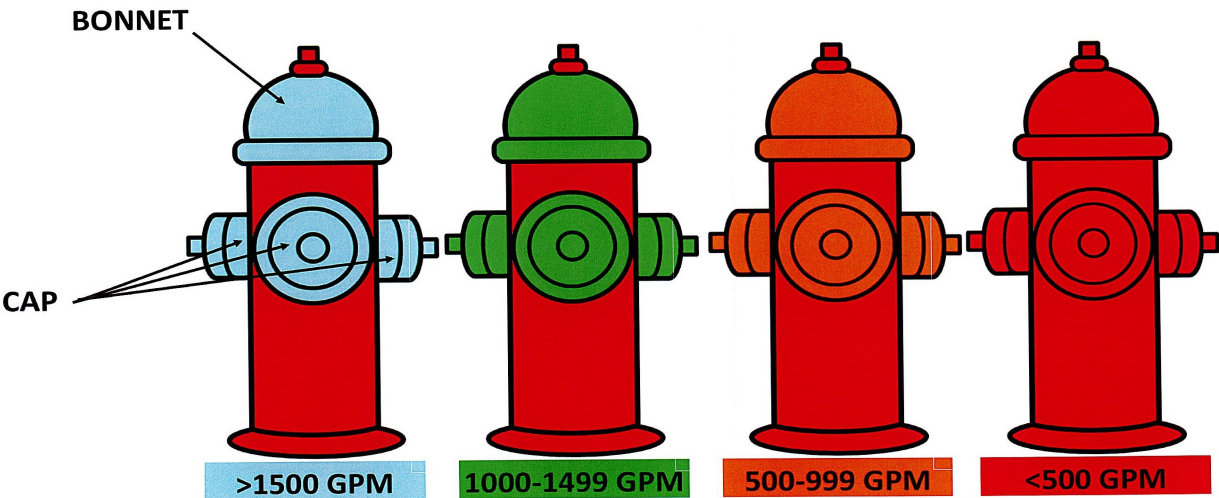
- A. Call to Order
 - A.1 Moment of Silence
 - A.2 Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America
- B. Recognized Guests
 - B.1 Public Service Districts
- C. Presentation-Fire Hydrants
- D. Adjournment

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A. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robbie Skinner who led those in attendance in a Moment of Silence and the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

B. Recognized Guests:
B.1 Public Service Districts – Mayor Skinner welcomed all of the attendees and asked that they introduce themselves.

C. Presentation-Fire Hydrants – Mayor Skinner introduced BFD Chief J.B. Kimble who presented and overview of the BFD First Due area and of fire hydrants and how there are colored coded to indicate the water flow capabilities. The Chief provided information on how the ISO ratings are calculated and the effect that has on the resident’s homeowners insurance and how fire departments can better plan the approach to fighting a fire in that area. The Chief asked that the fire departments be included in the planning of any new developments that take place in the various P.S.D. areas so that a discussion on necessary water supplies for hydrants can be reviewed. A Q&A took place with Chief Kimble and the P.S.D. representatives.



CHAPTER 8. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

ARTICLE 19. MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WATERWORKS AND ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS.

§8-19-21. Specifications for water mains and water service pipes.

Considering the importance of public fire protection, any state or local government, public service district, public or private utility which installs or constructs water mains, shall ensure that all new mains specifically intended to provide fire protection are not less than six inches in diameter. Effective July 1, 2007, when any state or local government, public service district, public or private utility installs or constructs water mains along a platted roadway or a public highway, using a six inch or greater line, that is specifically designed to provide fire protection, the state or local government, public service district, public or private utility shall install fire hydrants at intervals of not more than two thousand feet, unless there are no dwellings or businesses located one thousand feet from such proposed hydrant: Provided, That the Legislature shall study the effect, cost and feasibility of the internal hydrant valve and report the findings of that study to the 2008 regular session of the Legislature. A permit or other written approval shall be obtained from the Department of Health and Human Resources for each hydrant or group of hydrants installed in compliance with section nine, article one, chapter sixteen of the West Virginia Code as amended: Provided, however, That all newly constructed water distribution systems transferred to a public or private utility shall have mains at least six inches in diameter where fire flows are required by the public or private utility: Provided further, That the utility providing service has sufficient hydraulic capacity as determined by the Department of Health and Human Resources.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0555-W-GI

**GENERAL INVESTIGATION INTO
MAINTENANCE AND TESTING
OF FIRE HYDRANTS**

Testing and Maintenance of Fire Hydrants

On June 30, 2023, the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) opened a general investigation into the maintenance and testing of fire hydrants. Public utilities that own fire hydrants or serve privately owned fire hydrants must provide responsive information as specified in the June 30, 2023 Order to the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Karen Buckley, at P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323, by July 28, 2023. Interested parties may review the order opening the general investigation online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/>

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA

Mayor Skinner opened the floor for a general discussion on current projects and improvements within the P.S.D. areas.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the attendance of the P.S.D. representatives and for the open discussions these meetings generate.

Mayor Skinner notified the attendees that we are probably within a year of initiating a rate increase study due to the City's Cast Iron and AC 4" water mains that need replaced in the near future. Amby Jenkins added that we are waiting for a commissioned evaluation on the condition and/or life expectancy of the current water plant that will be considered when preparing for a rate study. Terry Gould noted that it is a good idea to seek appropriate funding through appropriate rates to pay for necessary repairs and upgrades. The Mayor also reported on the damaged intake pump that was due to bad intake from a recent coal spill into the river.

The Mayor thanked all that attend this special meeting.

I. Adjournment

At 6:51 PM, a motion to adjoin was made by McCauley.

Mayor Robert N. Skinner III _____

City Recorder Randall H. Sanders _____