Town of Ansted

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Ansted, West Virginia 25812
Stephen Pridemore, Mayor **Telephone 304-658-5901** ***Robert T. Wilson, Recorder***
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Home of Hawk's Nest State Park &
Gateway to New River Gorge National Park & Preserve

The Town of Ansted held its regular monthly council meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at Ansted Council Chambers located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert Wilson, Councilmembers Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, and Holly Jeffers; Maggie Crist was absent, Chief of Police Kevin Willis and Town Attorney Paul Clay. Citizens present: Rob Carpinelli, David Thornburg, Stephanie Thornburg, and Mitch Carte.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Robert Wilson led the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Pridemore led everyone in prayer.

The minutes of the June Council meeting held June 4, 2026, and Special Meeting of Council held Monday, June 15, 2026, had been provided by e-mail to the council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer, moved they be approved as presented, seconded by Anthony Harmon, the motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson advised council that the accounts are unreconciled, due to the date and that the bank statements were unavailable, he provided the unreconciled balances to council. Greg Brewer moved they be approved as presented subject to correction once reconciled, seconded by Anthony Harmon, the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal:		Sewer:	
General	$ 395,012.14	General	$ 177,948.02
Coal Severance	$ 51.87	Depreciation	$ 146,292.35
Rainy Day Fund	$ 46,311.55	Working Capital Fund	$ 78081.09
Family Tree Fund	$ 1,897.91	Customer Deposit Fund	$ 17,870.29
Recycling Program	$ 1,600.34		
Fire Escrow Acct	$ 5,049.76		
Events Committee	$ 3,808.83		
Opioid Settlement Acct	$ 2,523.83		
Veteran's Memorial Fund	$ 6,427.71		

Mayor Pridemore gave council an update on the Sewer Upgrade Update, Phase 2, that Thrasher was finalizing the plans for the new treatment plant and in approximately two weeks they would be staking out the location and configuration on the property on Mill Creek, including the plant, the operation building and flood walls, hopefully to go to bid in September. Phase 3 all easements have been signed and recorded, Paul Clay advised that some of the work had been done by a previous attorney and next week he plans to review all the items, so that he could

certify and provide the title letter. Phase Four Chestnutburg extension, the Corp of Engineers would be providing at Town Hall documents awarding the $19.5 million grant to the Town to fund this part of the upgrade, the State of West Viriginia match money grant should be awarded shortly thereafter in the amount of $3.9 million, the Corp is looking at a September Bid date on this project from contractors with working beginning in 2027 and a two and a half year completion date.

Mayor Pridemore advised council that the Ordinance book draft update should be back from the publisher in August.

Mayor Pridemore advised council that the WV DOH had cleaned the ditch lines that Jerree Pack had a complaint with and they indicated that all the culverts were functional on the northside of Route 60, with the exception of a possibility of work may need to be done at Henry Loving Street, he and Greg Brewer would be meeting with Mike Harper of the DOH to discuss. On the South Side of Route 60 it was noted that Ms. Pack had covered up culverts with fill over the years that she lived there and determination would be made for best fix of this issue.

Mayor Pridemore advised that the computer was ordered and we are waiting on it to come in so that the Jetter could be repaired.

Mayor Pridemore advised that Paul Clay has provided information and an Application for Annexation by Minor Boundary Adjustment of lands adjacent to existing boundary of the town of Ansted, Fayette County, WV, there are businesses located within the boundaries of the property to be annexed including Hawk's Nest State Park conference center, High Grounds Crossings RV Park, and the adventure on the gorge Jet Boat Marina. These Businesses have indicated their desire to be annexed to procure the benefits of municipal police and fire protection. There are no individual residents within the proposed annexation areas. Posting of information locations for this application will be Ansted Town Hall, Hawks Nest Lodge, Ansted Post Office, Victor Post Office and Gran Robbie's.

Recorder Wilson read in title only general fund budget revision 2026/2027 fund 1 revision 1, since council had been provided by email prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer moved with approval of the revision, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson read in title only coal severance fund budget revision 2026/2027 fund 2 revision 1, since council had been provided by email prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer moved with approval of the revision, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion passed unanimously.

Greg Brewer advised council that arrangements were being made to transport the Town backhoe to State equipment for the repair, hopefully to be done next week.

Mayor Pridemore provided council with a quote from TV Liquidator on a multicolor scrolling LED sign, size 78 inches by 16 inches, with a unit price of $2,985.00 with a free 3 year warranty and free life time telephone tech support, he recommended purchase and mounting

the sign on the front of town hall above the entrance. Greg Brewer moved with approval of the purchase, Holly Jeffers seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore opened the floor for comments and questions. Rob Carpinelli asked for an update on the rail trail, Mayor Pridemore indicated that all the ties were down and they were installing the deck boards and handrails and hopefully would be finishing up the week of the 17th, but not sure when we can open, the Hawks Nest Tram is opening about the same time and possibility of a ribbon cutting for both is being consider by the Governor. He also indicated that the town maintenance crew had taken the town excavator with the new brush hog attachment down and cleared brush away in the parking lot area, and they would be working to provide more parking over the next couple of weeks.

With no other business to conduct, at 7:00 PM, Anthony Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Holly Jeffers. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephen R. Pridemore, Mayor

Robert T. Wilson, Recorder

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REQUEST FOR REVISION TO APPROVED BUDGET

Subject to approval of the state auditor, the governing body requests that the budget be revised prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds for which no appropriation or insufficient appropriation currently exists. (§ 11-8-26a)

CONTROL NUMBER

Fiscal Year Ending: 2027

Fund: 1

Revision Number: 1

Pages: 1 of 1

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REVENUES: (net each acct.)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	(INCREASE)	(DECREASE)	REVISED AMOUNT
298	Assigned Fund Balance	14,000	7,308		21,308
299	Unassigned Fund Balance	220,000	175,012		395,012
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
	#N/A				

NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) Revenues (ALL PAGES) 182,320

Explanation for Account # 378, Municipal Specific:

Explanation for Account # 369, Contributions from Other Funds:

EXPENDITURES: (net each account category)

(WV CODE 7-1-9)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	(INCREASE)	(DECREASE)	REVISED AMOUNT
440	City Hall	170,000	82,320		252,320
755	Street Construction		100,000		100,000
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
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NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) Expenditures 182,320

APPROVED BY THE STATE AUDITOR

BY:

Deputy State Auditor, Local Government Services Division Date

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE OF ENTITY

7/2/2026

APPROVAL DATE

RESOLUTION

At a regular session of the municipal council, held July 2, 2026, the following order was made and entered:

SUBJECT: The revision of the Levy Estimate (Budget) of the Town of Ansted. The following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That subject to approval of the State Auditor as ex officio chief inspector of public offices the municipal council does hereby direct the budget be revised PRIOR TO THE EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION OF FUNDS FOR WHICH NO APPROPRIATION OR INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATION CURRENTLY EXISTS, as shown on budget revision number 1 (fund 1), a copy of which is entered as part of this record.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution having been moved by Greg Brewer, and duly seconded by Anthony Harmon the vote thereon was as follows:

Greg Brewer	(Yes) or No
Anthony Harmon	(Yes) or No
Holly Jeffers	(Yes) or No
	Yes or No
	Yes or No

WHEREUPON, Mayor Stephen Pridemore, declared said resolution duly adopted, and it is therefore ADJUDGED and ORDERED that said resolution be, and the same is, hereby adopted as so stated above, and the Recorder Robert T. Wilson is authorized to fix his signature on the attached "Request for Revision to Approved Budget" to be sent to the State Auditor for approval.

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CONTROL NUMBER

Fiscal Year Ending: 2027
Fund: 2
Revision Number: 1
Pages: 1 of 1

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REVENUES: (net each acct.)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	(INCREASE)	(DECREASE)	REVISED AMOUNT
298	Assigned Fund Balance	200		149	51
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) Revenues (ALL PAGES)			-149		

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EXPENDITURES: (net each account category)

(WV CODE 7-1-9)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	(INCREASE)	(DECREASE)	REVISED AMOUNT
750	Streets and Highways	4,200		149	4,051
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
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	#N/A				
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The adoption of the foregoing resolution having been moved by Greg Brewer, and duly seconded by Anthony Harmon the vote thereon was as follows:

Greg Brewer	(Yes) or No
Anthony Harmon	(Yes) or No
Holly Jeffers	(Yes) or No
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The Town of Ansted held its regular monthly council meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at Ansted Council Chambers located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert Wilson, Councilmembers Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, Holly Jeffers, and Maggie Crist, Captain Shawn Campbell, Town Attorney Paul Clay, Town Clerks Siobhan Wilson, Lori Osborne, and Kimberly Jarvis. Citizens present: Rob Carpinelli, Teresa Pridemore, Erin Hundall, Richard McVey. Cari Sanford, Connor Kessler and Shay Bennett with Midland Trail Youth Soccer Association, Amanda Smarr with Region IV, Becky Sullivan with New River Gorge CVB.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Greg Brewer led the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance and Holly Jeffers led everyone in prayer.

The minutes of the July Council meeting held July 2, 2026, had been provided by e-mail to the council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer, moved they be approved as presented, seconded by Anthony Harmon, the motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson read the Financial Reports. Greg Brewer moved they be approved as presented subject to correction once reconciled, seconded by Anthony Harmon, the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal:		Sewer:	
General	$ 404,833.47	General	$ 142,419.08
Coal Severance	$ 51.87	Depreciation	$ 147,245.18
Rainy Day Fund	$ 46,315.49	Working Capital Fund	$ 78,460.56
Family Tree Fund	$ 1,897.91	Customer Deposit Fund	$ 15,542.05
Recycling Program	$ 1,600.34		
Fire Escrow Acct	$ 5,060.62		
Events Committee	$ 3,808.83		
Opioid Settlement Acct	$ 2,523.94		
Veteran's Memorial Fund	$ 6,458.98		

Mayor Pridemore gave council an update on the Sewer Upgrade, Phase 3 information had been provided to the Corp. of Engineers, and should be approved during the month of September, Phase 2 New Plant should have a staked out plan on the ground first of September and should go to bid by end of the year, Phase 5, Corp of Engineers wants plans by end of September and should go to bid December or January, so we should see construction begin on all three projects during 2027.

Mayor Pridemore advised council that the first draft of the Ordinance book update had been received and that the Clerks were reviewing it and making changes and updates and sending information back to the publisher, the online version should be available October on the Town Web Site.

Becky Sullivan presented a report and information from the New River Gorge CVB, which is in Oak Hill on Oyler Ave. They share an office, staff and volunteers with the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce and the NRG visitor center. The CVB is funded on a portion of the Hotel Occupancy Tax Collected in Ansted, Oak Hill, and Fayette County, the Town of Fayetteville has their own CVB. Ansted Totals, 2023-$65,859; 2024-$58,784;2025- $75,740 and as of August 2026 -$42,708, the CVB receives half of this amount to market the area so that people will continue to plan overnights in Ansted. Overall, the CVB has seen a hotel occupancy growth: 2018 $235K' 2019 $356K, 2020 256K, 2021 414K, 2022 479K, 2023 $514K, 2024 $537K and 2025 $530K. She gave Council of the 2025 annual report and other information. Highlights of reports: The visitor center had 7,664 visitors form 43 states and 12 Countries; Top states for visitation W, OH, PA, NC, VA, and FL; Top countries are Canada, Germany, Israel, China and Italy; Top 3 interests include Events and Bridge Day, Travel Assistance, and State and National Parks.; The CVB spent 75% of their budget on Marketing the NG region, 1,653 jobs are supported by tourism in Fayette County; $172.6 Million spending in Fayette county is travel generated, visitor guide requests increased by 16%. Siobhan Wilson is the town's representative on the CVB board of Directors. Ansted Advertising from the NRG CVB: Visitors Guide and website; Ansted Heritage Festival Commercial with WOAY and Newspaper Advertising, Civil War Trails Membership that includes signage at Contentment, Tyree tavern and Westlake Cemetery, Photo library includes Hawks Nest overlook, Rail Trail, Lovers Leap Trail, Mill Creek Falls and they are thinking of redoing the North of the New Campaign in 2027.

Cari Sanford spoke at the request of the MTYSA for use and access of the Ansted baseball fields from 8/24/26 through 10/31/2026, the days being Monday through Friday from 5pm-8pm. The fields will be used for youth soccer teams to practice. They will also need access to the bathrooms and storage of some equipment. Maggie Crist with approval of this request, seconded by Greg Brewer, motion passed unanimously.

Jerree Pack Water/Culvert Concerns did not show up to the meeting.

Richard McVey advised council that once he had his excavator repaired that he plan to drop the Old High School, he estimated a week to tear it down but needs a year to sort the various materials, he has contacts to sell the brick, metal and other items, the only asbestos noted in the building is on the furnace and he as owner can bag it and disposed of it. He asked the town's permission for a year to finish the clean-up. Greg Brewer moved to grant the Year, which is to begin from the day he starts, Holly Jeffers seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore indicated that he had been working with Brownfield's, Marshall University, and the DEP, on plans for usage of the Ansted Elem Tary School should the town be offered it. During the last Legislature session, a bill was passed when a Board of Education closes

a school that it be offered first to a charter school and seconded to the community that it sits in. Through this work the Town has received a $20,000 grant for studies on what the town can do to rehab the property if it is presented to us. One of the options is investment by outside individuals to make it into apartments or Condo's, this is an ongoing project subject to the Town being given the property.

Greg Brewer stated that he had received two bids on repairs to the Council Chamber Bathrooms, Childers Enterprises $2,409.08, and Appalachian Electric $1,521.10. Greg moved that we approved the bid from Appalachian, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore stated that the Backhoe repairs had been completed and that the machine should be returned to Town next week, the total amount was $10,704.03. Maggie Crist moved for the approval of payment of the bill, Greg Brewer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore recommended Rob Carpinelli to council to take the place of Josh Cameron who had resigned from council due to a job change. Holly Jeffers moved that Rob Carpinelli be appointed to council effective September 1, 2026, seconded by Greg Brewer, motion passed unanimously.

Amada Smarr of Region IV advised council, who had been provided copies of the following documents, IJDC Sponsor Cert., and IJDC Uniform Bidding Procedures, needed approval for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the town in regards to the various Sewer projects. Greg Brewer moved that Mayor Pridemore be authorized to sign on behalf of the town said documents, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion passed unanimously.

Greg Brewer advised council that Southern Paving had completed the paving of the previously noted streets.

Mayor Pridemore provided council with a report of MTA Ridership from July 2025 through June of 2026, and ridership continues to grow on the Fayette County routes.

With no other business to conduct, at 7:25 PM, Greg Brewer ~~Harmon~~ RTW made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maggie Crist. Motion passed unanimously.

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Recorder Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He administered the Oath of Office to Robert Christopher Carpinelli and welcomed him to the council. Greg Brewer led the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance and Holly Jeffers led everyone in prayer.

Greg Brewer moved that in the absence of Mayor Pridemore, that Robert Wilson serve as Mayor Pro Temp, and Holly Jeffers serve as acting Recorder, Anthony Harmon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the August Council meeting held August 6, 2026, had been provided by e-mail to the council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer, moved they be approved as presented, seconded by Rob Carpinelli, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Temp Wilson read the Financial Reports. Greg Brewer moved they be approved as presented subject to correction once reconciled, seconded by Anthony Harmon, the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal:		Sewer:	
General	$ 416,584.24	General	$ 143,429.09
Coal Severance	$ 1,252.37	Depreciation	$ 148,380.61
Rainy Day Fund	$ 46,316,42	Working Capital Fund	$ 78,913.66
Family Tree Fund	$ 1,897.91	Customer Deposit Fund	$ 16,942.76
Recycling Program	$ 1,600.34		
Fire Escrow Acct	$ 5,051.48		
Events Committee	$ 3,448.76		
Opioid Settlement Acct	$ 2,524.05		
Veteran's Memorial Fund	$ 6,459.26		

Mayor Pro Temp Wilson advised council, that Region IV was working on putting a conference call with all parties to work on an update to the sewer project.

Mayor Pro Temp Wilson advised council that work was progressing on the first draft of the Ordinance book, but may stop for a period, with clerk Kimberly Jarvis off with a broken foot.

Mayor Pro Temp Wilson advised council that a transfer to capital reserve account was made each month, it is1% of the net sales subject to transfer as an example the amount for July 2026 was $449.16, and that this account was fully funded at this time, and had an excess, he recommended that this transfer be stopped until such time as it was determined that it needed to be started again to keep us in compliance. Greg Brewer moved with approval of the recommendation, seconded by Rob Carpinelli, and the motion passed unanimously.

Greg Brewer advised council that the upstairs commodes in the council chambers building had be replaced, but during the leak testing it was determined that water was leaking from all the joints from top to bottom, he presented a Quote from Appalachian Heating to replace the current plumbing with new, in the amount of $2,547.18, he made a motion to approve the quote and have the work done, seconded by Rob Carpinelli, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Temp Wilson stated that council had receive a copy of the current employee handbook via email, and ask if all had reviewed it, since most had not, he advised council that in reviewing the Personnel Handbook it was noted that permanent part time employees qualify for health insurance benefits, and other items were noted that needed to be changed, he recommended that it be put into a word document and the proposed revision's noted and then re-email out to council for review and approval at one of the meetings before the end of the year. Greg Brewer moved to have it put into word with revisions and council review it, Anthony Harmon seconded the motion and stated he had a program that would convert it to word, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Temp Wilson also advised council that employee Dewayne Issacs, Chief Sewer Plant Operator, has requested to be able to work a flexible schedule each week. He explained that his family has multiple health issues and travels frequently to doctors. Mr. Isaacs will still work full-time (40 hours per week) and try to avoid overtime when possible. Greg Brewer moved with approval of the request, Rob Carpinelli seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to conduct, at 6:47 PM Greg Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rob Carpinelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Stephen R. Pridemore, Mayor

Robert T. Wilson, Recorder