

Town of Ansted

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The Town of Ansted held its regular monthly council meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at Ansted Council Chambers at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert Wilson, Councilmembers Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, Holly Jeffers, Maggie Crist, and Josh Cameron. Town Clerks Siobhan Wilson, Lori Osborne, and Kimberly Jarvis, Chief of Police Kevin Willis, and Police Captain Shawn Campbell. Citizens present Richard McVey, Jackie Howlett, Lisa Queen with New Haven PSD, and Fayette County Clerk Michelle Holly.

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

The September Council meeting minutes, held September 4, 2025, had been provided to the council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer, moved they be approved as presented, seconded by Maggie Crist, the motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson read the financial reports. Greg Brewer moved with approval as read, seconded by Holly Jeffers, the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal:		Sewer:	
General	\$ 196,414.74	General	\$ 247,948.85
Coal Severance	\$829.34	Depreciation	\$ 136,986.92
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 46,273.93	Working Capital Fund	\$ 74,253.90
Family Tree Fund	\$ 1,896.49	Customer Deposit Fund	\$ 17,604.48
Recycling Program	\$ 1,600.34		
Fire Escrow Acct	\$ 5,042.21		
Events Committee	\$ 3,425.91		
Opioid Settlement Acct	\$ 2,522.89		
Veteran's Memorial Fund	\$ 6,597.77		

Mayor Pridemore advised council that we are moving forward to getting easements signed, that the engineers were compiling plans for the Plant update, Anthony and the sewer board would be assisting with reviews, Kevin Boles had submitted his resignation and would be returning to Belle, Dewayne Issacs had been hired to take his place.

Mayor Pridemore advised council that the town dump truck needed tires, six of them, 16 Ply, rough tread. Quotes were obtained and C Adam Toney came in at \$2,800.00 to \$3,000.00 as the lowest bidder. Maggie Crist moved approval of the purchase, Josh Cameorn seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore advised Council that the Town needs to dispose of the 2013 black Ford Taurus police vehicle (it has a blown engine), all the police equipment has been removed. Josh Cameron moved that the Town ask for bids beginning at \$1,000.00 for it, but that the mayor can accept lower amounts bided, but not less than \$500.00, Anthony Harmon seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore advised the Town that he had received the first draft of town ordinance book from American Legal Publishing Company. The Town is in the process of updating them and digitizing them. Copies would be made for all the council and town clerks to review, looking at possible additional meetings in this regard.

Mayor Pridemore advised the Council that Fayette County National Bank had contacted him to notify him that they would be closing their Ansted Branch as of December 19, 2025, due to issues with keeping it staffed. They, also, offered the building and property to the Town at no cost, possibly to be used for Town Hall. Mayor Pridemore recommended to Council that the town accept their offer. Maggie Crist moved that the Town accept the offer, Josh Cameorn seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore advised that there was more damage in the Museum/Council Chambers than first thought from the water issues from the leaking roof and the heat pump on the second floor, and termites were found in the area of the Museum. Since the Town needs to find a place to store the museum items, that with the future move of the Town Hall to the Fayette County National Bank building that more than likely the Museum would be moved to the first floor of the current town hall, and the Police Department would be moved to the 2nd floor area.

Mayor Pridemore turned the floor over to Greg Brewer who had been working on getting bids to repair the roof of council chambers, he had only received one so far and they quoted \$10,000 for a temporary fix for the current leaking issues and then \$30,000.00 to do a full replacement. Greg moved that we do the temporary fix, Anthony seconded the motion, more discussion was held, Robert Wilson moved that the matter be tabled until 3 bids could be received and the town finances reviewed to see if we could fund the project, Josh Cameron 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pridemore called for a vote on the first motion, which was turned down by all voting no.

Mayor Pridemore introduced Lisa Queen, the new executive director of the New Haven Public Service district and turned the floor over to her, Lisa stated that she was new to the position and had inherited a storage unit full of 30 years of records which needed to be sorted, categorized, and some destroyed, and that she was looking for space to work on this project. After discussion for and concerns about the space, time factor, and other concerns, Greg Brewer moved that Mayor Pridemore be given the approval to negotiate an agreement with the New Haven PSD to offer space for them to complete this project, Holly Jeffers seconded the motion. Holly, Anthony, Greg, Maggie and Josh voted yes, Robert voted no, Mayor Pridemore abstained, motion carried.

Mayor Pridemore introduced Michelle Holly, Fayette County Clerk, and turned the floor over to her. Michelle advised Council that the West Virginia Secretary of State proposed a bill during the legislative session earlier this year, which passed, requiring all municipal elections go on the county ballot and not be held by the municipal government itself. The Secretary of State was working on information and steps to be taken to make this happen. It must be done by 2032.

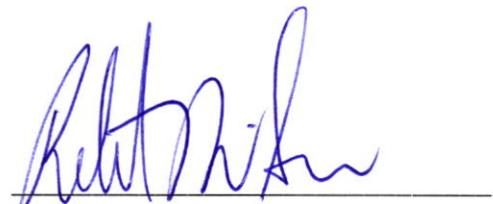
At 7:43 PM Robert Wilson moved to go into executive session, Josh Cameron seconded, motion passed unanimously.

At 8:39 PM Josh Cameron moved to come out of executive session, Greg Brewer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Maggie Crist moved that the Town consider hiring of a full-time police officer, subject to a determination that funding was available for the position at \$25.00 per hour, with the normal town benefits, seconded by Anthony Harmon, Motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to conduct, at 8:41 PM, Josh Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maggie Crist. Motion passed unanimously.


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The Town of Ansted held a special council meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at the Council Chambers at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert Wilson, Councilmembers Anthony Harmon, Greg Brewer, Josh Cameron, Maggie Crist. Holley Jeffers was absent.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting order at 6:00 PM.

Discussion was held by all concerning the draft ordinance book from American Legal Publishing, and the ordinances therein, and a course of action to be taken.

With no further business to conduct, at 7:18, Robert Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greg Brewer, Motion passed unanimously.


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The Town of Ansted held its regular monthly council meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Ansted Council Chambers at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert Wilson, Councilmembers Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, Maggie Crist, Holley Jeffers by phone and Josh Cameron who arrived at 6:52. Town Clerk Siobhan Wilson and Chief of Police Kevin Willis. Citizens present Richard McVey, Stephen Eades, Tim Robinson, Jennifer Robinson, and Matthew Bradford with Montgomery General Hospital.

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

The October Council meeting held October 2, 2025, and Special Meeting held October 16, 2025, minutes had been provided to the council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer, moved they be approved as presented, seconded by Maggie Crist, the motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson read the financial reports. Maggie Crist moved with approval as read, seconded by Greg Brewer, the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal:		Sewer:	
General	\$231508.73	General	\$ 253,378.72
Coal Severance	\$829.34	Depreciation	\$ 138,171.96
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 46,280.86	Working Capital Fund	\$ 74,726.41
Family Tree Fund	\$ 1,896.49	Customer Deposit Fund	\$ 17,685.24
Recycling Program	\$ 1,600.34		
Fire Escrow Acct	\$ 5,043.07		
Events Committee	\$ 3,255.91		
Opioid Settlement Acct	\$ 2,523.00		
Veteran's Memorial Fund	\$ 6,598.05		

Mayor Pridemore advised council that Federal Government shut down, the sewer plant and lines updates and plans were on hold till the Government reopened.

Greg Brewer advised council that he had gotten three bids on the temporary repair to the chamber council roof, WMG Construction (3,231.45) who did not actually go up on the roof and survey the total damage, Almost Heaven roofing (8,527.00) and Alpha Construction, Inc. (8750.00) which included removing existing sealant form the 11 exterior windows. He moved that we accept Alpha Construction bid although higher, it includes the Windows, seconded by Maggie Crist, after discussion Robert Wilson asked that the motion be amended to have Almost

Heaven, add to their bid the windows and or Alpha remove them from there bid, and that Greg Brewer and Anthony Harmon review the bids and accept one up to the \$8,750.00 amount to move this project forward so addition damage is not done, Greg amended the motion, Maggie seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore advised council that he had forwarded a copy of the Town Charter to WVU Law School and scheduled a phone meeting at 10:00 am Monday the 10th to discuss review and update it, as we move forward with the Ordinance Book Draft and review process, he advised council that a special meeting may be called to discuss the information gain at this meeting and further discuss the draft.

Mayor Pridemore turned the floor over to Stephen Eades, who expressed his concerns over the Town accepting the Fayette County National Bank building, and moving Town Hall there, and the cost to the citizens of the town. He also indicated concern over the paint coming off the Flagpole at the Veteran's Memorial and asked that Mayor if he would contact the company that painted the Flagpole and express the concern on the paint peeling.

Mayor Pridemore introduced Matthew Bradford of Montgomery General Hospital, who in turn gave the council and those in attendance an update and information on the Hospital and requested help by all to fill out the Community Health Survey they were conducting.

Mayor Pridemore introduced Jennifer and Tim Robinson who presented council members with written information and diagrams on request for designated business pickup parking spot in front of the porch at Gran Robbie's. Robert Wilson moved with approval of the request, Josh Cameron seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Chief Willis talked to council concerning portable police radios funds which are in the Police Grant the town had received, and council had previously approved purchase of five, he indicated that with current staffing only three were needed. Maggie Crist moved approval of the change to three, Josh Cameron seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Wilson asked council to waive the town business license \$15.00 fee requirements for Nonprofits, who are exempt from B&O tax, that the expense of researching, collecting the fees, printing the license, and mailing expenses would be an unnecessary expense to the town. Robert Wilson moved with approval of the request, Josh Cameron seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore advised council that he had met with Town Attorney Larry Harrah who advised him that he was withdrawing from being the town attorney with his current caseload and political considerations in the new year. Mayor Pridemore met with Attorney Paul Clay to see if he would have an interest in becoming our Town Attorney, to which he was agreeable. Greg Brewer moved that we hire Paul Clay as the Town Attorney, with same pay arrangement as Attorney Harrah, effectively immediately, seconded by Maggie Crist, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore indicated to council that the part time clerk position needed to be reviewed and extended as we work on the ordinance project. Greg Brewer moved to consider making it a permanent part time position, Robert Wilson seconded the motion. After discussion of the matter and concern over retirement expenses and other issues regarding the matter, Greg Brewer moved the matter to be tabled until more information could be reviewed and presented, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion to table, passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore recommended a one-time year-end pay adjustment for the Town employees. Maggie Crist moved with approval of the recommendation, at the same rate as last year, seconded by Greg Brewer, motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to conduct, at 7:31pm, Josh Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maggie Crist. Motion passed unanimously.



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

The minutes of the November Council meeting held November 4, 2025, had been provided 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. Maggie Crist moved with approval as read, seconded by Greg Brewer, the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal:		Sewer:	
General	\$267,475.95	General	\$ 229,760.44
Coal Severance	\$1,653.89	Depreciation	\$ 139,244.01
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 46,284.68	Working Capital Fund	\$ 75,153.76
Family Tree Fund	\$ 1,896.49	Customer Deposit Fund	\$ 18,165.98
Recycling Program	\$ 1,600.34		
Fire Escrow Acct	\$ 5,043.84		
Events Committee	\$ 3,255.91		
Opioid Settlement Acct	\$ 2,523.10		
Veteran's Memorial Fund	\$ 6,598.33		

Mayor Pridemore gave the following sewer upgrade update:

- A. Phase 2-Construction of the New Treatment Plant, it has been decided that the current site is not suitable for the new plant and that an alternative site will be considered. We will move forward with a sight that is on the property we currently own on Ansted Water Plant Road. Thrasher will begin the Environmental study and Survey of the new site and additional changes necessary to have the location change. There will be some delays because of the change but overall, they feel it is the best way forward.
- B. Phase 3-I/I Line replacement Project. Meeting is set with Thrasher, Attorney Larry Harrah, and Town Personnel for Friday December 12th. At 1:30 to review and discuss

easements still required and the process to move forward. Discussed the location of the line on Page Street and the Easements we have currently received. Due to confusion with the language Thrasher is going to redo the plans for Page Street and Locate the sewer line under the sidewalk. This will require the sidewalks to be rebuilt, which will help the town with our sidewalk project. We should have revised plans to hopefully review at the meeting on December 12th.

- C. Phase 5-extension along Chestnutburg to the National Park, this project is still under review by the Corp. of Engineers. Hopefully, we will hear something in the first quarter of 2026.

Greg Brewer advised council that he and Anthony Harmon reviewed and got an update to the Alpha Construction, Inc. bid which reflects the breakdown of the difference between roof repair aspect and window sealing cost of their bid and had signed the contract with them.

Mayor Pridemore advised council progress was moving forward on the Charter revision. We are working with WVU Law to draft a new Charter to include the new election update and date to confirm with the State requirements. It is going to be a lengthy process and will require a vote from the citizens to make the required and necessary changes. Ordinance revision had begun by the office staff, recorder and himself, they are meeting weekly to review changes and additions we feel are necessary to the initial draft provided by American Legal Publishing, they are closing the offices on each Tuesday during the month of December and meeting in the conference room to discuss, review, delete and update.

Recorder Wilson read General Fund Budget Revision fund one revision number two for fiscal year 2026. Greg Brewer moved with approval of the revision as read, Maggie Crist seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. Copy Attached.

Chief Sewer Operator advised council of the need and requested approval of the purchase of a 200-foot Ridgid sewer line camera, with monitor and locator, he indicated that he had used this setup in the past, and that we had a fifty foot one currently. Council was provided with three bids, Core&Main, \$17,806.87, USA BlueBook, \$15,549.81, and Ferguson/Wolseley Ind, \$14,005.62. Maggie Crist moved that the town accept the Bid from Ferguson/Wolseley and purchase, Josh Cameron seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore gave council an update on the Police Department Grant, current balance is \$134,131.93, Shawns pay and benefits must come from this balance, Approved radios (x3) in the amount of \$14,435.82 will come from this balance and \$7,500.00 for Tactical Ballistic Vests and Body Cameras, some items may change, and we may have other uses for the funds, such as e-citation Equipment, vehicles, drones, etc., but all the money has to be spent by June 30, 2026.

At 7:11 pm Greg Brewer moved that we go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue regarding Clerk Kimberly Jarvis, seconded by Robert Wilson, motion passed unanimously.

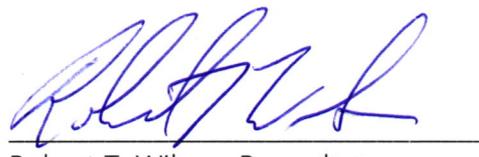
At 7:33 pm Greg Brewer moved that we come out of executive session, Josh Cameron seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Josh Cameorn moved that Clerk Kimberly Jarvis become permanent part-time employee effective January 1, 2026, working up to 32 hours per week, she would be entitled to paid holidays and PTO at a half rate compared to a full-time employee, she would not be eligible for health insurance as we only pay that for full-time employees, but she would qualify for retirement benefits. Greg Brewer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to conduct, at 7:34pm, Josh Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greg Brewer. Motion passed unanimously.



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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: 2026
 Fund: 1
 Revision Number: 2
 Pages: 1 of 1

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Municipality OR Government Type

REVENUES: (net each acct.)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	(INCREASE)	(DECREASE)	REVISED AMOUNT
308	Hotel Occupancy Tax	60,000	12,500		72,500
320	Fines, Fees & Court Costs	20,000	10,000		30,000
365	Federal Government Grants		101,315		101,315
386	Insurance Claims		9,253		9,253
	#N/A				
	#N/A				
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) Revenues (ALL PAGES)			133,068		

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
428	Acquisition of Property		10,800		10,800
440	City Hall	129,435 169,137	28,018		157,453 197,155
700	Police Department	200,000	20,000		220,000
750	Streets and Highways	200,000	28,000		228,000
901	Visitors Bureau	30,000	6,250		36,250
914	Rails to Trails	5,000	40,000		45,000
	#N/A				
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) Expenditures			133,068		

APPROVED BY THE STATE AUDITOR
 BY: Ora Ash / Siobhan Wilson 12/19/25
 Deputy State Auditor, Local Government Services Division Date

Robert Wilson
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE OF ENTITY
 APPROVAL DATE: 12/4/2025

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Mayor Pridemore called the meeting order at 6:00 PM. Greg Brewer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mayor Pridemore led the group in prayer.

Mayor Pridemore introduced Chris Burford and Nick Rice to the group. They expressed an interest in opening a Family Pharmacy in the Town of Ansted, and they had looked at the Fayette County Bank building and the current city hall building for a location of said pharmacy. They indicated that they had acquired equipment from Fruth Pharmacy, had a pharmacist, had computer insurance billing program, and were looking at Ansted and Point Pheasants to locate stores, that they would be hiring an additional pharmacist, hopefully someone local. Their preface is to lease the FCB building because of the drive-through but could make the current city hall work. They indicated that they would also have weekly home delivery for a modest fee. They indicated that consideration of no or lower rent would help them get up and running, 6 months should be their breakeven point. They responded to questions from those attending.

Terra Skaggs, from Rainelle Medical Center, Inc., introduced herself, indicating that she had strong ties with Ansted, having grown up here, and was a 1992 graduate of Midland Trail High School, and that her children had also graduated from Trail. She indicated that Rainelle Medical was currently looking at three different locations to lease or purchase, for the purpose of opening a Pharmacy, Medical Equipment store, and a Behavioral Health facility in the area north of the river, to go along with their clinic at Midland Trail, she just wanted all to know what they were doing. She responded to questions from those attending.

With no further business to conduct, at 6:35, Greg Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Josh Cameron, Motion passed unanimously.

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