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If the purchase goes through, the city hopes to move the police department out of the Public Safety Building at 500 Quincy St. due to the department outgrowing the location, as well as structural concerns. The fire department along with other city functions would still inhabit the Quincy Street building under this plan.

While council seemed hesitant Tuesday night, the motion still passed and the second public hearing on the

purchase will be held at the Dec. 13 council meeting.

The rest of the agenda was mainly routine. The meeting began with Councilmember Nicky Cinalli being sworn in for the remainder of his term through Dec. 31. Cinalli was appointed to fill his current seat after the resignation of Blair Montgomery in Aug. 2021.

Cinalli was also elected to fill his current seat for the next four years and will be sworn in again along with

the rest of the new council in January.

Council also approved two ordinances, updating aspects of the City Planning Commission's code to be in line with statewide guidelines. Currently, the commission meets at specific intervals in addition to the state code which requires such commissions to meet quarterly.

The ordinance change would place the local code in line with state code and avoid doubling up on

meetings.

"State code required planning commissions to meet no less than once each quarter, in our code we have additional times listed in January, April, July and September, even if there are not matters to be discussed," Fairmont Director of Planning & Development Shae Strait said.

A second ordinance was also passed which changed a local code that restricted the planning commission's work sessions to a specific

day of the month.

Council also set a public hearing for an ordinance which would codify an anti-discrimination law on the city's books. The measure was put forward by the Fairmont Human Right Commission and is similar to an ordinance recently passed by the Town of Monongah.

Councilmembers Barry Bledsoe and David Kennedy voted no to set the public hearing.

"On behalf of the Human

Right Commission, we're excited about an ordinance to make sure that the people of Fairmont and beyond continue to know that non-discrimination continues to be a part of our friendly city," HRC Chair Larry Buckland said.

The council's next meeting will be Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

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PHOTO BY SAVANNA SHRIVER

Two United Mine Workers of America members lay a wreath at the bottom of the Farmington Mine Disaster memorial on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Richard Bowyer spent over a week in the church near the mine with family members of men who died following the disaster. He was the lead pastor on the site of the disaster. On Sunday, he gave a prayer and expressed how he felt to be attending the anniversary again.

"I'm grateful to have had that opportunity and I hope that what I did, there might have been helpful and brought hope and encouragement for people," Bowyer said.

While Caputo and Sen. Joe Manchin D-W.Va. could not attend Sunday, they shared their regards.

"All of West Virginia joined together to mourn those beautiful lives we

lost to that tragedy. I can tell you the cost of mining equipment, but I can't tell you the cost of a miner because they are truly irreplaceable," Manchin said in a statement.

Joey Reynolds filled in for Caputo, who had a family commitment.

"The men we remember and honor today I consider my brothers. These men are also my heroes. It is because of their sacrifice and the continuing day-to-day sacrifice of their families, that I and thousands of other miners could have a long, safe career in the mining industry. I don't stand here by myself, I stand here with thousands of miners who worked long, safe careers," Reynolds said.

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responsibility falls on the shoulders of the parents.

"I'm not very happy to see all these student expulsions. ... I think parents are going to have to start realizing what their minor students are bringing to school," Pellegrin said. "They're ultimately responsible for what their kids do."

East Dale complications

The four-classroom expansion at East Dale Elementary School has hit several obstacles this month.

The initial completion date of late November was pushed to March 1, 2023 after the contractor reported that a backordered component involved in the heating system for the addition would not be available until early next year.

Without heat, the contractors cannot lay the tile in the building.

The board members sat in a 40-minute executive session with the head contractors on the project and discussed the board's grievances over the 15 change orders that have been requested and the constant increase in prices.

"The board has expressed

concern with the change orders and the dollar amount on those as well as the extension of the completion date. We brought in the architect to talk about that delay and to talk about the background behind the change orders," Hage said. "The executive session was indicative of the board's watchfulness of the county's spending and allocation of resources."

Other business:

- The board heard a presentation by East Fairmont Middle School Principal Debbie Conover about her school's achievements so far this year.
- East Fairmont High School Principal Lynn Westfall updated the board on her school's stadium project.
- The board honored several groups of students from EFMS, including the cross-country team, STEAM club, girls' soccer team and the track team.

The board's next meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

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BIG JOHN SALVAGE SUPERFUND SITE Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis Available for Public Comment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) report for the Big John Salvage Site in Fairmont, West Virginia. This EE/CA proposes an updated cleanup action to remove contaminated sediment in the Monongahela River at the Big John Salvage Superfund Site. The purpose of the EE/CA is to present and evaluate different options for cleanup in this area.

EPA has evaluated the following cleanup alternatives in the EE/CA for the site:

- Alternative 1:** No Action
- Alternative 2:** Excavation and Off-Site Disposal (EPA's Preferred Alternative)
- Alternative 3:** Monitored Natural Recovery
- Alternative 4:** Partial Excavation and Capping

EPA is seeking your input during the 30-day public comment period (**November 23, 2022 - January 7, 2023**). Upon timely request, EPA will extend the public comment period. Details on how to review the EE/CA and submit comments are as follows:

Review the EE/CA:

Online: www.epa.gov/superfund/BigJohn

At a public computer with assistance from a librarian: Marion County Public Library
321 Monroe Street
Fairmont, WV 26554

Attend a Public Meeting on December 1, 2022:
Armed Forces Reserve Center
201 Artillery Drive
Fairmont, WV 26554
6:30pm - 8pm

Submit public comments by 1/07/23

Mail: U.S. EPA Region 3
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1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
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