MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2024
7:00PM Council Meeting

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer
   Moment of silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call (if quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon be Adjourned to a specific date by the majority vote of those present)
3. Review and approval of agenda.
4. Presentation
5. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals – Agenda Items
6. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
7. Old Business
8. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
9. Consent Agenda
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals – Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Robert Lewis

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR	PRESENT	ABSENT	OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
LEWIS	X				
JARRETT	X		Chief of Police	X	
KARAFINSKI	X		Solicitor		X
LEARN	X		Engineer		X
MOCCIA		X	DPW Foreman		X
TROIANI	X(Tele)		Reporter(s)	Brian Smith (PE)	
WOZNIAK	X		Fire Chief	X	
MAYOR BURKE	X				
Borough Manager	X				

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Karafinski Second: Mr. Jarrett

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:

1. Public Hearing – Did not occur.

2. CDBG Caper Public Hearing, Leslie Hosterman, SEDA-COG – Ms. Hosterman completed public hearing as required.

3. Josh Nespoli, Community Strategies Group – Provided update on status of Coblentz project.

ITEM 5. <u>Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals – Agenda Items</u>

None

ITEM 6. <u>BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:</u>

1. City Hall Parking Lot Light – Discussion on exterior light, and concerns from neighbor. Borough Manager will talk with DPW Foreman about continuing to explore solutions.

2. Berwick Housing Needs Request – Representatives from local social service agencies presented request for funding to address homelessness. Will add request consideration to future agenda.

3. Around the Table

   a. Chief Coolbaugh – Ladder truck remains on schedule. Fire Department will do the initial lighting of the Christmas Boulevard. Training continues. Provided update on Wreaths Across America.
   b. Mr. Karafinski – Reminded that Winterfest is coming up, and will run for multiple days.
   c. Chief Strish – Noted that police have been involved recently with a variety of activities.
   d. Mayor Burke – Finishing up winter outwear giveaway. Distributed meals for Thanksgiving. The Christmas wish list is closed, with a couple children yet to be adopted.
   e. Borough Manager – Thanked Ayrin Shortlidge for organizing Santa Parade.
   f. Ms. Wozniak – Thanked Chief Strish for speaking at Vo-Tech, hopes he will come back for full student body.
   g. Mr. Jarrett – Asked that Council consider 6:00 p.m. start time for meetings in 2025.

ITEM 7. <u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>

None

ITEM 8. <u>APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS</u>:

1. Ordinance 2024-11: Revising Ordinance 2023-07, Landlord Registration Ordinance
   <u>Discussion</u>: None

Motion: **Mr. Jarrett** Second: **Mr. Learn** ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, ordinance approved.

ITEM 9. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

1. Consider and take action to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:
   a. Approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024 meeting of Council
   b. Approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting of Council
   c. Allocate $1,146,000 of CLFRF funds toward the satisfaction of Glick purchase agreement of April 11, 2022, for the purchase of a Pierce Arrow XT Platform Aerial Apparatus
   d. Authorize signature Eaton Street MS-4 Stormwater Project payment agreement
   e. Allocate $363,267.87 of CLFRF funds toward the satisfaction of Eaton Street MS-4 Stormwater Project payment agreement, as approved via Item 9.1(d) of this meeting

   <u>Discussion</u>: None

   Motion: **Mr. Karafinski** Second: **Ms. Wozniak** ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

   All in favor, consent agenda approved.

ITEM 10. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

1. Consider and take action to utilize remaining $1,619,336.64 of CLFRF funds as follows: Utilize for payment of 2024 budget items through November 2024, as presented by Borough Manager.

   <u>Discussion</u>: Borough Manager explained reasoning for going this route.

   Motion: **Ms. Wozniak** Second: **Mr. Karafinski** ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

   All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to authorize Civil Service Commission to begin police testing process

   <u>Discussion</u>: Ken asked for consideration to bring in former officers as part-time officers as well, which will be added to a future agenda.

   Motion: **Mr. Learn** Second: **Mr. Jarrett** ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

None

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak

Meeting adjourned.