

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2023

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. Approval of the preceding meeting minutes if correct and rectifying mistakes if any exist.
7. Approval of Payment of Bills
8. Reports of Committees
9. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
10. Old Business
11. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
12. New Business
13. Added Items
14. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
15. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Nelson Learn

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
JARRETT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
LEWIS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
MOCCIA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Engineer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
TALANCA	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	DPW Foreman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	<u> </u>
WOZNIAK	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
Borough Manager	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			

***COUNCIL MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.**

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - Borough Manager requested that Item 4 under New Business be removed from the agenda. Motion to approve agenda was made with this request in mind.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, agenda approved with noted change.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: Chris Berleth, Columbia/Montour Chamber of Commerce - Mr. Berleth introduced himself to Council as the new Chamber President, and talked about the Chamber's various programs and benefits.

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of September 5, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Troiani Second: Mr. Jarrett

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Jarrett SECOND: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Starting coat/hat/glove giveaway. Halloween parade is coming up.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - Provided update on UGI lawsuit.

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - Borough Manager noted that Ber-Vaughn playground is be installed. Mr. Jarrett reminded that things like this would likely benefit from a ribbon cutting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Jeri Wozniak, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett - None

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kytte - Riverfest is coming up. New fueling tanks are being installed. Test Track bathroom updates given. Still waiting on needed part for recycling truck. Update given on the second recycling truck.

FIRE AND WATER: Jeri Wozniak, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - None

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Pete Talanca - Mr. Moccia provided donation that was given to get code enforcement cars marked. Borough Manager requested that an item be added to the agenda to accept this donation. Update requested and given on landlord ordinance.

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Reviewed stats. Thanked Garibaldi for golf tournament.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Reviewed stats. ServePro met with Chief Boone, notified him of program to have turnout gear cleaned of carcinogens and hazardous materials, free of charge. Update given on Eagle Hose.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided.

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

- 1. Website Update - Borough Manager noted that website is outdated, and could use an update. Quote provided from local agency. Request made to put on agenda for vote at next meeting.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Consider and take action to proceed with South Eaton Street MS4/Stormwater project as follows: Authorize the Borough Manager to take the necessary steps to acquire the property needed to complete the South Eaton Street Stormwater project, including Eminent Domain. Letters to be sent out indicating a final decision by the property owner by September 29, 2023.

Discussion: Council discussed the merits of Eminent Domain, both in general and specific to this project. Was noted around the table that no one liked going that route, but that there did not appear to be any other choices, if this project is going to be completed. Council President Learn called for a role call vote.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Jarrett Approved, Denied, Tabled

- Mr. Moccia - No
- Ms. Troiani - Yes
- Ms. Wozniak - Yes
- Mr. Jarrett - Yes

Mr. Lewis - Yes

Mr. Learn - Yes

Motion approved, by way of a vote of five (5) in favor, and one (1) opposed.

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve Heart and Lung benefits for Officer Steven Torres, effective July 26, 2023.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to amend process for vacation of alleys as follows: to put responsibility for advertising payment on the requesting property owner.

Discussion: Discussed the possible benefits of doing this, namely saving the Borough this expense. Also discussed this expense ultimately paying for itself over time, as tax assessments will go up slightly.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: NONE Approved, Denied, Tabled

Motion died for lack of a second.

3. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Ordinance No. 2023-06, vacating an alley parallel to and between the 300 block of Martzville Road and the 2000 block of North Market Street.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Mr. Jarrett Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

- ~~4. Consider and take action to accept CDBG Washington Street reconstruction engineering proposal from _____ in the amount of _____.~~

Discussion: Item was removed during approval of agenda.

5. Consider and take action to approve payment of Barry Isett & Associates Invoice No. 0181291, in the amount of \$7,140, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained that this is for the demolition projects. Explained that use of an engineer is needed due to use of CDBG funds.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to approve advertising for sale the following items:

- a. (1) John Deere Snowblower
- b. (1) Lawn cart
- c. (1) 60" Exmark mower

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve payment of Don E. Bower 5th Avenue and North Arch Street Paving Project Pay App #1, in the amount of \$39,910.41, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

1. Consider and take action to accept anonymous donation of \$200 to pay for lettering on code enforcement vehicles.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 14. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

- Chris Berleth, Columbia/Montour Chamber of Commerce - Requested a photo for Garibaldi golf tournament, if one exists.

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Mr. Jarrett

Meeting adjourned.