

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 6, 2014

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Ryan Rudegeair
Garnet Wood

Members Excused: Jennifer M. Horne

In Attendance: E. William Gabrys, City Manager
Tracy Jamieson, Deputy Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
David R. Lord, General Authority Chairman
Jeremy Johnson, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Spaid administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Doug Baker, Donna Fletcher, Samuel Lyons, and Garnet Wood. He noted he would administer the Oath of Office to Mrs. Horne at a later date.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

DEPUTY MAYOR ELECTION - Resolution No. 1

Mayor Baker nominated Mrs. Fletcher for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 2

Mrs. Fletcher moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Rudegeair seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 3

Mr. Rudegeair moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Public Hearing of December 9, 2013, as presented; the minutes of the Flood Districts/Proofing Pubic Hearing of December 9, 2013, as presented; and the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2013, as presented. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 4

Mrs. Fletcher moved to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

Mr. Lord was in attendance to explain that the \$10 million borrowed for the Sewer Bond issue did NOT include \$600,000 of outstanding debt for the Water Department.

Mr. Marshall asked the status of the 13th Street Siphon Project . Mr. Lord advised they were continuing to work on the 13th Street Siphon Project, but the 12th Street portion of the project related to the Long Term Control Plan would be addressed first. Mr Marshall asked the status of the 9th Street Water Plant Project. Mr. Lord advised it was anticipated to be completed within the next two weeks. There were concerns about the exposed tanks and the very low temperatures, but so far there have been no problems with operations.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - none.

FIRST READING - BILL NO. 1 - TIME WARNER APPROVAL AND REPEALING - Resolution No. 5

Mr. Spaid read Bill No. 1, "Time Warner Approval and Repealing," in its entirety, into the record. Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Wood seconded a motion to approve on First Reading, Bill No.1, "Time Warner Approval and Repealing." Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - none.

REPORTS

Manager

- Resolution No. 6 - Requested authorization to purchase a new 2013 John Deere tractor from Fisher & Father to replace a 9-year old one at the Street Department. He also requested permission to use the best financing available, whether it be from Fisher & Father or a banking institution, noting that Liquid Fuels monies would also be used towards the purchase. Mrs. Fletcher so moved and Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Advised the Council that the City would be replacing one of the Police Department's cruisers with a Ford Interceptor.
- Resolution No. 7 - Requested approval of Act 44 of 2009, "Procedures & Policy for Procurement of Professional Services Contracts." Mr. Marshall so moved and Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. [Copy attached to original minutes.]

Solicitor

- Resolution No. 8 - Mr. Spaid explained that Council needs to approve a resolution authorizing the Tax Anticipation Note with First United National Bank, in the amount of \$450,000 at 1.15% interest, and to authorize the documents be signed by appropriate City personnel. Mrs. Fletcher so moved and authorized the signing of said documents by the appropriate City personnel. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Would need an executive session to discuss litigation, negotiations and personnel.

Mayor

- Thanked City Staff for another successful, albeit "blizzard-ly," Light-Up Night.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Wood

- Reminded everyone that Franklin On Ice would be held Saturday, February 8.

Mr. Marshall

- Voiced his appreciation for Mr. Gabrys, Attorney Spaid, Mayor Baker and Council for their time, efforts and hard work for the City of Franklin; and to Mr. Johnson for his accuracy in reporting City news.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Commended the Street Department for their work in keeping the streets clear during the past few weeks.

Mr. Lyons

- Asked where televisions could be discarded. Mrs. Jamieson advised they could be taken to Environmental Coordination Services and Recycling (ECS&R) in Cochranton. Mr. Wood noted the Venango County Planning Commission currently schedules one day a year for electronic recycling and have discussed the possibility of scheduling another.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 9

Mayor Baker moved to enter into executive session at 7:37 PM to discuss personnel, litigation and negotiations. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:35 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 10 - Mr. Rudegeair moved to employ Attorney Bruce Getsinger, at \$125/hour, to represent the City regarding condemnations for a certain right-of-way to Barrett Flats. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 11 - Mr. Rugegeair moved to employ the services of Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo & Miller, PC to represent the City relative to matters with the General Authority. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - Resolution No. 12

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mr. Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Mr. Wood seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary