

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Jan. 8, 2018

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor  
Michael Dulaney  
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor (via Skype)  
James Johnson  
James Marshall  
Fred Mays

Members Excused: Samuel Lyons

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
Harmony Motter, City Finance Director  
Chuck Gibbons, Code Enforcement Officer  
Kevin Anundson, Police Chief  
Deborah Eckelberger, Development Director  
Sheila Boughner, Recording Secretary & Community Development Dept.  
Marissa Dechant, Venango Newspapers, Inc.  
Chris Rossetti, Explore Venango

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Baker, Mr. Dulaney, Mr. Mays and Mr. Johnson, all winners in the November 2017 election, took the oath of office. Mr. Spaid said Mr. Lyons, who also won re-election, could be sworn in at a later time.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

He welcomed Mrs. Eckelberger, the City's new Development Director, who assumed the post on Jan. 2, 2018.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA -- Resolution No. 1**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- Resolution No. 2**

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2018 Budget, held Dec. 4, 2017, and of the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 4, 2017, as presented. Mr. Dulaney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PAY THE BILLS -- Resolution No. 3**

Mr. Dulaney moved to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Mays seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **CITIZENS' INQUIRIES** – None

### **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**Resolution No. 4** -- Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for vinyl siding, soffit, fascia and paint colors for a home at 920 Elk Street, as presented. The request included a recommendation for approval from HARB. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 5** – Mr. Marshall moved and Mayor Baker seconded a motion to retroactively approve the installation of insulation and metal siding on the northern side of the Franklin Moose Lodge # 83 to address water damage occurring as a result of moisture entering the building . The request did not include a recommendation from HARB as the vote was 3 in favor and 2 abstentions, due to a desire for additional information. A HARB recommendation requires 4 votes. Mr. Gibbons said he approved the installation as an emergency repair. Motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR** -- **Resolution No. 6** – Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Mrs. Fletcher as Deputy Mayor. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **PARADE & PARK REQUESTS** – **Resolution No. 7**

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Mays seconded a motion to approve the following requests:

- Feb. 1 to 3, 2018 • Fountain Park • City of Franklin and Franklin Fine Arts Council • Franklin on Ice
- June 3, 2018 • Bandstand Park • Franklin High School • Commencement

Motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **Manager**

- Advised that some residents have started to receive their new recycling and optional trash carts from Tri-County Industries, Inc. Those selecting the smaller recycling carts may not receive them until April. Residents have until Jan. 31 to select the size of recycling cart they want. If they do not do so, they will automatically receive a large one. Information relating to recycling and the use of the carts is available on the City's web site.
- Introduced Chief Anundson, who presented the results of two traffic studies designed to determine whether motorists are speeding on Atlantic Avenue or in the 1300 block of Otter Street:
  1. The study of Atlantic Avenue measured the speeds of 207 vehicles, 11 of them school buses. The vehicles had an average speed of 35.03 mph. The speed limit on that street is 35 mph. None of the school buses was speeding. The fastest vehicle was going 55 mph, and only four of the vehicles could have been cited for speeding.

2. The study of the 1300 block of Otter clocked 242 vehicles with an average speed of 20.7 mph, well below the speed limit of 25 mph. One vehicle was cited at 39 mph. Chief Anundson said vehicles in that block appear to be going faster than they are because the street is so narrow.

Mr. Marshall asked the chief's opinion on using speed humps on that block. Chief Anundson raised the possibility of reducing the speed limit. Mayor Baker suggested using speed humps (or speed tables) *and* reducing the speed limit to 20 mph. He said the goal should be to make the neighborhood better for those who live there. Mr. Marshall suggested that council members visit that block in the spring to find out if the residents would like to see speed humps installed and/or a reduction of the speed limit. Mayor Baker endorsed that approach as a way to get the residents involved in the decision.

### **Solicitor**

- **Resolution No. 8** -- Presented Council with copies of the Resolution and the Certificate as to Collections and Expenditures for a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2018, in the amount of \$450,000 at .98% interest. Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Dulaney seconded a motion approving the resolution, which passed unanimously.

### **Mayor -- Appointments**

**Resolution No. 9** – Mayor Baker moved to appoint Jodi Baker-Lewis to the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 10** – Mr. Baker moved to appoint Caleb Williams to the Franklin General Authority. Mr. Dulaney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Williams will replace John Neidich.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **Mr. Marshall**

- Described the Christmas luncheon for City staff in December, suggested by Mayor Baker, as a success and said a similar event should be held in 2018.

#### **Mrs. Fletcher**

- Clarified the procedures for those who are out of town for an extended time with regards to obtaining the recycling carts.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Boughner, Recording Secretary