

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2014

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Jennifer M Horne
Ryan Rudegear
Garnet Wood

Members Excused: None

In Attendance: E. William Gabrys, City Manager
Tracy Jamieson, Deputy Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Jerry Hanna, 1329 Buffalo Street
Abe Hobson, Fibre Optic Consultant
Russ Campbell, General Authority
Susan Coulter, Sandycreek Twp. Representative
Al Wodzianski, P.E.
David R. Lord, General Authority Chairman
Joe Sporer, Sugarcreek Borough Representative
Jennifer Lyons, 112 Laurel Drive
Jeremy Johnson, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 13

Mayor Baker requested Item #9A, "Franklin General Authority," be added to the agenda. Mayor Baker then moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 14

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2014, as presented. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 15

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

Mr. Hanna advised the Council that he had received a ticket for not moving his car over a 24-hour period, which was due to illness. He asked Council to consider amending the ordinance to allow for an extended time frame of up to a week. Mayor Baker understood Mr. Hanna's concerns, but informed him that the ordinance was initially written for snow removal, abandoned vehicles and to keep the driving lanes open.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - none.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

Mrs. Jennifer Lyons, Registered Dietitian and Coordinator of the "Enjoy the Taste of Eating Right" Campaign advised the members that March is National Nutrition Month. She explained that this is a national event to promote healthier eating. She reported that in 2012 seven (7) restaurants supported that year's campaign, by featuring healthier options and that she would once again reach out to local restaurants for this year's campaign. Those choosing featured menu options from participating restaurants will be entered into a drawing for the end of March. Mayor Baker then read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of *March as National Nutrition Month*.

FIBRE OPTIC UPDATE REPORT

Mr. Hobson gave a brief report recapping work completed in 2013: the OSP Construction is 100% completed; the inside fiber connections have all been made; all of the electronics have been installed and are functioning; the Sting colocation is completed; and the connectivity to Cermak (Chicago) was established on 10/12/2013.

Revenue plans for this year are for data back-up & storage (data center) and data & transport circuits to and from Franklin and Chicago. He announced they are currently in talks with another carrier collocation.

He explained that, under Type 1 Access, customers would access the data center via a type direct fiber connection. The customer would buy and install the rack, software and servers. The Data Center would provide a secure site, HVAC, power, back-up generators, UPS and fire suppression system. The customer would pay monthly rack space, cross connect fees and a pro-rata power usage charge. Going forward, money would not be spent until a customer has been contracted. He reported he is currently in talks with a possible customer that would be an anchor tenant.

Should a customer choose data storage and back up in the Cloud (internet access), the customer would buy storage by the gigabit and access the data center via the internet. The data center would install, own and maintain the software and servers. The charges would vary

based on a gigabit maximum, as well an ala carte feature for additional benefits. To view examples of this service, he suggested members go to www.box.com. He noted the target for this would be smaller customers, such as municipal governments, at a cost of approximately \$10/month per user. He reported that he is presently in talks with a potential software partner from Fairfax, VA, to make this option happen.

Mr. Hobson reported Sting is currently considering purchasing transport from the project to connect with its new Colorado and Florida networks. The Vantage Point contact has begun discussions with a client in Oleander, NY for this service from Franklin to Chicago. He noted the service will start off slow but grow over time, adding the maximum limit is 10 gigabits minus 1-2 the City will hold in reserve.

Mr. Hobson reported that the project, to date, is \$73,456 under budget. Future Network plans would include: joining forces with schools; developing a plan to provide last mile connectivity and high speed bandwidth to Venango County residents & businesses; to offer a combination of wired and wireless infrastructure; to obtain the newest radio technologies - Utah Model (pushing 15 megabites); and the potential use of "White Space," which does not require line-of-sight.

His recommendations for the future would be to generate revenue by developing and marketing data storage products and to pursue an active transport circuit; to develop high speed broadband products with Sting for Professional Building tenants and to continue to research Last Mile Network technologies (both wired and wireless).

GENERAL AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Lord was in attendance to explain to the Council why another possible increase would be needed to the sewer rates. He discussed the current financial situation, advising the Council that the Authority has currently curtailed work on the 13th Street siphon until the funds are in place. He advised the first issue that must be addressed is the Authority's long-term control plan (LTCP). He informed the Council that plan is required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and failure to have that plan in place by the end of 2014 would result in significant fines. Mrs. Fletcher asked if the Authority planned to continue using the services of Gannett Fleming. Mr. Lord felt that, due to the amount of projects needing done, their expertise and contacts with DEP are invaluable.

Concerning the water system, Mr. Marshall inquired why the City is just now being charged for water usage at facilities that have been operating for years. Mr. Lord explained that during a Water Survey Review by Gannet Fleming, it was found that any municipality where the Authority owns and operates the water system must charge for water; adding, it is State law. He reported that although the swimming pool and Egbert Fountain will be metered,

the City will not be charged for them as the law permits the Authority to donate certain amounts to recipients of their choice.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 1 - TIME WARNER APPROVAL AND REPEALING - Resolution No. 16

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 1, "Time Warner Approval and Repealing," into the record. Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Marshall seconded a motion to approve on Final Reading, Bill No.1, "Time Warner Approval and Repealing." Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 17

Mayor Baker moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to approve the following requests:

1. February 8, 2014 • Fountain Park & West Park Street • City of Franklin & Franklin Fine Arts Council • *Franklin on Ice*
2. May 3-4, 2014 • Fountain Park • Gardeners' Association • *May Garden Mart*
3. June 8, 2014 • Bandstand Park • Franklin Area High School • *Commencement*
4. June 14, 2014 • Fountain or Bandstand Park • Lisa Zurcher • *Wedding*
5. October 11, 2014 • Riverfront Park • Ashley Snyder • *Wedding*

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Manager

- Reported he had received an email from Wells Fargo, representing HSBC Bank USA, the current mortgage holder of 808 Elk Street, offering to donate the property to the City of Franklin. They would agree to pay all closing costs, any past due utility bills or taxes. Wells Fargo explained they are permitted to donate the property to a municipality or non-profit organization. Mr. Marshall asked if the City could put the property up for auction. Mr. Spaid will research this matter and advise Council of his findings at the next meeting.

Solicitor

- Would need an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor

- Announced that the City's annual Franklin On Ice would be held Saturday, February 8.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Marshall

- Would like to discuss a personnel issue in executive session.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Asked that Council receive status reports on any current development projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 18

Mr. Marshall moved to enter into executive session at 8:32 PM to discuss personnel, and possible litigation. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 9:25 PM.

ADJOURNMENT - Resolution No. 19

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mr. Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary