

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 6, 2016

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Jane Dlugos
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Ryan Rudegear

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Director
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement Officer
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Wade Rogers, 1122 Elk Street
Chip and Janene Pfohl, 258 Evergreen Drive
Sam Pfohl, 258 Evergreen Drive
Tom Jamieson, 1445 Elk Street
Matt Beith, 324 Sixteenth Street
Jon Haag, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 80

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 81

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2016, as presented. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 82

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

PROPOSED EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - Resolution No. 83

Mr. Pfohl, from Boy Scout Troop 34, presented a proposal to re-landscape the planters in front of City Hall for his Eagle Scout Project. After thanking Mr. Pfohl for his interest, Mrs. Fletcher moved to approve his proposal. Mrs. Dlugos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES - none.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Resolution No. 84 - Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for vinyl siding at 1122 Elk Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 85 - Mr. Rudegear moved and Mrs. Dlugos seconded a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the painting request at 324 Sixteenth Street, as presented; and for the rear porch request at 1445 Elk Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 86 - Since no one was in attendance to answer specific questions about the windows, Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for the vinyl windows request at 835 Liberty Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL BUILDING ROOF CONTRACT AWARD - Resolution No. 87

Mrs. Jamieson reported that one bid had been received for the Professional Building Roof Replacement Project. Mr. Amos Rudolph, the City's architect, reviewed the submitted bid, found it to be a good price and recommended its award. Mr. Rudegear moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to award the Professional Building Roof Contract to A.W. Farrell & Son, Inc., of Dunkirk, NY, in the amount of \$83,872. Motion passed unanimously.

BIKE/PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION MASTER PLAN CONSULTANT AWARD - Resolution No. 88

Mrs. Jamieson reported that the City received seven (7) proposals from consultants interested in performing consulting services for the City in its development of the Bike/Pedestrian Connection Master Plan. After careful review, her recommendation would be to accept the proposal from Mackin Engineering, of Pittsburgh, PA, in an amount not to exceed \$38,500. She explained that, as part of Mackin's proposal writing process, two of their employees rode their bicycles throughout the town to get a "real feel" for the issues the City is facing. They also have extensive experience in bike and pedestrian connectivity projects and noted that DCNR have also reviewed and approved Mackin's proposed scope of work. Mrs. Fletcher then moved to accept the proposal from Mackin Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$38,500. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS

Resolution No. 89 - Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to approve the use of Riverfront Park on July 30, 2016 by the First Baptist Church for a church picnic. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 90 - Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Dlugos seconded a motion to approve the use of Fountain Park on August 13, 2016 by the City of Franklin for Kids Day at Market.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 91 - Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Dlugos seconded a motion to approve the use of the Boat Marina on September 3, 2016 by Hawg Dogz/Richard Tafoya for a Fishing Tournament. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 92 - Mrs. Dlugos moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to approve the use of the 400 block of 12th Street on September 3, 2016 by the Barrow-Civic Theatre for a "Rockin' Labor Day Weekend" Family Picnic. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Manager

- Resolution No. 93 - Mrs. Jamieson asked permission to carry out an initial "walk through" of the building, located at 1424 Otter Street, to determine whether it would be better to seek bidders to purchase it with an approved renovation plan and timetable, or to have it demolished, using the \$13,000 given to the City by Wells Fargo when they donated the property. She explained that a Reverter Clause would be included, should the City decide to sell the property; thereby assuring that, should the buyer not follow the guidelines, the property would revert back to the City. Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to permit Mrs. Jamieson to carry out a "walk through" of the building with interested parties to gauge their interest and to determine whether the property should be sold or demolished. Motion passed unanimously.
- Reported that the contractor for the Myrtle Street Project is in the process of submitting shop drawings for the project. Once those are approved by the engineer, the project start date will be scheduled. It is the City's intention to give the residents ample notice so they can arrange for alternate parking.
- Reported that the City was approached by Ted Green of Rocky Grove to accept a donated historic cast iron sign that used to sit atop the old Thirteenth Street Bridge, with the stipulations that it be displayed with a sign saying it was donated by Mr. Green's father, who recently passed away. City Council asked Mrs. Jamieson to obtain more information about the sign and present it at the next meeting.
- Informed the Council that resumes are being accepted for the Utilities Manager position, which is a City position being funded by the Franklin General Authority.
- Advised the Council she would be off on Friday and the following week for minor surgery.
- Will need an executive session to discuss negotiations and litigation.

Solicitor

- Resolution No. 94 - Mr. Spaid read Bill No. 2, "Alleyway - Garnet Wood Way," in its entirety, into the record. Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to

approve on First Reading, "Bill No. 2, "Alleyway - Garnet Wood Way." Motion passed unanimously.

- Will be meeting with the Planning Commission on June 21 to discuss a zoning code amendment and plans to have an Ordinance ready for the next Council meeting.
- Will need an executive session to discuss negotiations.

Mayor • Appointments

Resolution No. 95 - Mayor Baker moved to appoint Michael Frederick to the Historic Architectural Review Board. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 96 - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Robert Bowen to the Commission to Remember Our Heroes (C.R.O.H.). Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 97 - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Ann Rudegear to the Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Baker

- Reminded the public that there will be a ceremony in Bandstand Park on June 14, in honor of Flag Day.
- Noted that City Council members will be participating in the LibertyFest Parade on Saturday, July 2.

Mr. Rudegear

- Noted that, according to the reappointment sheet, all of the C.R.O.H. members terms expire on the same date. Mr. Spaid reported that he was sure they were staggered and will check into the matter.

Mr. Marshall

- Complimented Mayor Baker on his speech during the Civil War Monument Rededication Ceremony.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Congratulated all of the 2016 graduates.
- Asked for the non-emergency number for the Fire Department (814.432.3780), noting it is not listed in the telephone book.
- Reported that, during Blues & Barbecue Weekend, the First Presbyterian Church will be hosting 30 bicyclists that have traveled from Rhode Island on their way to California, helping with building projects along the way. They will be staying at the church and the YMCA has graciously offered its facilities for their use.

Mr. Lyons

- Asked what was being done about the high grass at 341 Pinoak Drive. Mr. Gibbons advised him that the property is owned by PNC Bank, who have refused to maintain it.
- Congratulated Ally-Karen Miller on a successful fund raiser pool party for the Miller-Sibley Pool.

Mrs. Dlugos

- Noted that she plans to purchase small flags for Council to pass out at parades next year in lieu of candy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 98

Mr. Rudegear moved to enter into executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss litigation and negotiations. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:35 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No 99 - Mr. Rudegear moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the steps necessary for the public sale of real estate at the old hospital site in accordance with the request by Family Services & Children's Aid Society. Mrs. Dlugos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 100 - Mr. Rudegear moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the potential sale of 702 - 13th Street, with the minimum bid being the total amount of CDBG funds used to demolish the previous structure on the now vacant site. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 101 - Mr. Rudegear moved to approve the land agreement between the City and David Hasson for property on Big Oak Drive that is part of the Chub Run Project being funded through a congressional appropriation. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. It was noted that the property transfer would only occur if the federal funds are approved to fund the purchase.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary