

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
July 7, 2014

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

Members Excused: None

In Attendance: E. William Gabrys, City Manager  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary  
Cheryl Karns, 35 Murdock Street  
Sandra South, 105 Dale Avenue  
Nancy Fulmer, 115 Elm Street  
Paula DiGregory, NWPA Tobacco Control Program  
Melanie Kozak, Sekula Sign Corporation  
Russ Campbell, General Authority Member  
Brian McNulty, 648 Forest Lane  
Beth Graham Stumpf, 102 Laurel Drive  
David R Lord, General Authority Chairman  
Jessica Love, 406 N. Street, Oil City

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 66

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 67

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2014, as presented. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 68

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

Mrs. South, speaking on behalf of several women who take aerobic exercise classes at the Miller-Sibley Pool through the YMCA, asked Council to consider making some of the

changing and restroom stalls in the Miller-Sibley Poolhouse, handicapped accessible. Mayor Baker noted City staff would look into this matter and thanked the women for bringing it to the City's attention.

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Resolution No. 69

Mr. Rudegeair moved and Mr. Wood seconded a motion to approve Certificates of Appropriateness for the requested paint colors to 1214 Elk Street and for the proposed signs at 1324 Liberty Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### FIRST READING - BILL NO. 4, "NO SMOKING/TOBACCO USE IN CITY PARKS - Resolution No. 71

Mr. Spaid read Bill No. 4, "No Smoking/Tobacco Use in City Parks," in its entirety on First Reading. Mr. Marshall moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to approve on First Reading, Bill No. 4, "No Smoking/Tobacco Use in City Parks." Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Spaid will make several changes to the ordinance, per requests from Council, prior to the Final Reading scheduled for next month.

#### PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 72

Mr. Lyons moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to approve the following requests:

- July 12, 2014 - Fountain Park - Linda Lineman Wedding
- July 19, 2014 - Riverfront Park - First Baptist Church Picnic
- August 25, 2014 - Fountain Park - Matthew Roess Wedding

Motion passed unanimously.

#### REPORTS

##### Manager

- Advised the Council that, starting tomorrow, the Wiley Avenue Bridge Project would close the bridge for approximately two weeks.
- Resolution No. 73 - Advised that the Street Department had found a playset, which would be suitable for the Franklin Heights Playground, on sale for approximately \$7,000. He noted that, should the Council decide to purchase this set, City crews would install it. Mr. Marshall, noting that it had been 23 years since the playground at this location had received new equipment, moved to authorize the purchase of a playset for the Franklin Heights Playground for approximately \$7,000. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Resolution No. 74 - Explained the pavilion roof at Miller-Sibley needed to be replaced. He would suggest a metal roof be placed on the pavilion at a cost just under \$10,000. Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Wood seconded a motion to authorize replacement of the present roof on the Miller-Sibley Pavilion with a metal one, at a cost of under \$10,000. Motion passed unanimously.

- Advised he and Mr. Ruditis, Street Department Supervisor, had gone to Upper St. Clair to see their used street sweeper. Mr. Ruditis and his operator/s plan to return to test drive and examine the unit further. Should his examination be favorable, Mr. Gabrys will recommend purchase of said street sweeper. Members of Council were extremely impressed with the sweeper from photos that were passed around.
- Advised Council that the City would like to open up the area above 13<sup>th</sup> Street on the South side of Chestnut Street to add more parking spaces by eliminating the “no parking here to corner” area. Mr. Spaid will create an ordinance with said changes for the next meeting.
- Will need an executive session to discuss litigation.

#### Solicitor

- Will need an executive session to discuss litigation and negotiations.

Mayor • Appointments - none

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Baker

- Thanked City staff for another wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Week and Parade, noting everything seemed to run smoothly.

Mr. Rudegear

- Reported on his attendance at the PA Municipal League Annual Conference. He noted that he had attended a work session on making cities more bike & walk-friendly, which he and Mayor Baker had discussed. He also had an opportunity to meet with Pittsburgh’s Mayor Bill Peduto on ideas for bringing new businesses into smaller towns, which he had discussed with Mr. Gabrys . He also noted he is continuing communications with them to bring in more research and development-oriented companies to Franklin.

Mr. Marshall

- Ascertained that Penn DOT was aware of the Applefest® dates and should have the paving on 13<sup>th</sup> Street finished by then.
- Advised that he was ill during many of the LibertyFest festivities and this was the first parade he had missed walking in since 1989.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Was happy to see the “No Smoking/Tobacco Use in City Parks” Ordinance pass on First Reading, noting they were having problems with many smokers during the Taste of Talent performances.

Mr. Lyons

- Reported that, 1307 people attended the Miller-Sibley Pool in June.

- Reported that, after the last Council meeting, on Wednesday, June 4, the local newspaper had quoted Mrs. Fletcher as making remarks about the sweeper that she had not made. He was hoping that a reporter had been in attendance at this meeting to address the matter. Mrs. Fletcher thanked him for verbally correcting the article.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 75

Mrs. Fletcher moved to enter into executive session at 7:47 PM to discuss litigation and negotiations. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:04 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 76 - Mr. Marshall moved to approve a Resolution of Condemnation on real estate owned by David L. Guras, Sr., at Elk Street Extension, Franklin, Venango Co., PA, Parcels #11-21-03 & #11-21-04 for the following purposes: a) To obtain a legally enforceable right to safely access its Barrett Flats Water Plant and water wells; and b) To obtain access for citizens to use the rail bed as a non-motorized vehicle recreational trail in conjunction with its use to access its Barrett Flats facility. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. [Attached to original minutes.]

ADJOURNMENT - Resolution No. 77

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mr. Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. Mr. Wood seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary