

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2015

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

Members Excused: Ryan Rudegeair

Members Absent: Jennifer Morris

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Robert Heller, 834 Elk Street
Russ Campbell, 1235 Chestnut Street

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 161

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 162

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the public hearing of September 14, 2015 and the regular meeting of September 14, 2015, as presented. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 163

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

Mr. Heller was in attendance to discuss the lawsuit between the City of Franklin and the General Authority. He asked if there would be accountability for the \$653,000 adjudicated by Judge White. Mayor Baker noted that the parties were not permitted to comment since the lawsuit is still an active court case; however, he assured Mr. Heller that the committees appointed by both sides have been very productive in their meetings.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - none.

MILLER-SIBLEY BATHHOUSE ROOF AWARD - Resolution No. 164

Mrs. Jamieson reported that three (3) bids had been received for the Project. She advised that, after taking out engineering costs, \$61,300 is left for the project costs. Her recommendation was to award the bid to Homan Specialty Roofing, the low bidder, with the alternate deduct of \$1,625, resulting in a base bid award of \$54,275. This will leave \$7,025 to cover any roof deck replacement that may be required, should any damage be found under the current roof. Mrs. Fletcher moved to award the bid to Homan Specialty Roofing, in the amount of \$54,275. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Marshall ascertained that the work would be finished by winter.

Mrs. Jamieson advised the Council that she had contacted a representative from Aquatech in Pittsburgh, who agreed to take a look at the pool's pumps and piping. She hopes to have Amos Rudolph; Water Treatment Plant employee Chris Malone; and Pool Manager Ally-Karen Miller also in attendance during his evaluation. She will report his findings at a future meeting.

SELECTION OF 2015 CDBG PROJECTS - Resolution No. 165

Mrs. Jamieson recommended the following projects for the 2015 CDBG Grant monies: Street Improvements (attached to minutes) - \$190,665; Miller-Sibley ADA Improvements - \$34,425; and Administration - \$49,410, for a total of \$274,500 (the 2015 allocation). Mr. Lyons moved to accept the selections, as presented. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ESTABLISH 2016 MEETING DATES - Resolution No. 166

Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Marshall seconded a motion to approve the first Monday of each month @ 7 PM as the 2016 City Council meeting dates, with the following exceptions: July, September and November, when the meetings will be held the second Monday. Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 167

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

- October 15, 2015 • Downtown Sidewalks • White Cane Walk • Venango County Association for the Blind
- June 18-19, 2016 • Fountain & Bandstand Park • Blues & BBQ • Albert Abramovic
- September 10, 2016 • Bandstand Park • DukeFest Benefit Dog Walk & Adoption Event Penny Minnick, DukeFest
- October 6, 2015 • Rescheduled Pink Splash for the Cure • Fountain Park

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Manager

- Reported the Historic Franklin Preservation Association grant was received for the Civil War monument. Therefore, the Declaration of Covenants, approved by Council at its February meeting, would need to be executed.
- Ascertained that Council would like Mr. Spaid to prepare an ordinance for the existing "No Parking Signs" on Otter Street, between 12th & South Park Streets.
- Resolution No. 168 - Mr. Marshall moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to replace retiring Finance Director Cheryl Carson's signature with Harmony Motter's, who will be taking over that position, on all bank accounts and other documents that call for signatures in that capacity effective October 10, 2015 . Motion passed unanimously.
- Advised the Council that, upon her request, Mrs. Motter had prepared a financial projection through the end of the year. Predicated on last year's snow removal & Applefest® costs, there will be a projected shortfall of \$201,345. Mrs. Jamieson plans to cover this year's shortfall by using \$200,000 from ancillary funds, which will leave \$700,000 in those funds. At this point, it appears that, next year, there may need to be a minimum 1 mill tax increase, and/or additional cuts to balance the budget.
- Resolution No. 169 - Advising Council on the Fiber Optic Project, Mrs. Jamieson reported the City has fiber coming from Chicago, IL, to 150 Prospect Avenue. However, it will cost \$21,000/year to purchase internet. KINBER has agreed to provide free internet for a couple of gigabytes bandwidth. The Franklin Industrial & Commercial Development Authority (FICDA) plans to attach its complex by connecting the fiber from 150 Prospect Avenue to FICDA. To have Penelec and Verizon get the poles ready to service City Hall will cost \$6,471.02. Venango County plans to pay to have a "ring" in downtown Franklin, which will depend upon our connection and the "make-ready" is the first step. The next step would be to actually string the fiber, estimated to cost \$10,600. If not approved now, the make-ready costs by Penelec and Verizon will grow and have to be re-evaluated. Should the Council decide to pay the make-ready costs now, the monies would come from the Professional Building Account. Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to go ahead with the make-ready costs at \$6,471.02. Motion passed unanimously.
- The demolition of 702-704 Thirteenth Street should be happening any day now.
- Will need an executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

Solicitor

- Advised the Council he would not be at the December 7 meeting; however, he will arrange to have someone from his office attend.
- Will need an executive session to discuss litigation, personnel and negotiations.

Mayor • Appointments

Resolution No. 170 - Mayor Baker moved to appoint Nancy J. Fitzgerald to the Housing Authority. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Marshall

- Noting that the City of Pittsburgh received body cameras for its police officers because of a grant from the Justice Department, asked if the City could look into the same. Mayor Baker and Mr. Spaid advised that, due to the State of Pennsylvania's wiretapping statutes wherein the cameras must be turned off prior to entering someone's home, Police Chief London has advised he would prefer to wait until the statute is changed, so as not to detract from officers' safety.
- Asked if the Historic & Architectural Review Board (HARB) had a palette of approved paint colors for the exterior of buildings in the District. Mrs. Jamieson will check with Mr. Gibbons, Code Enforcement Officer and HARB member.
- Would need to discuss personnel in the executive session.

Mr. Lyons

- Congratulated Mrs. Carson on her retirement with the City after 47 years of service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 171

Mr. Marshall moved to enter into executive session at 7:58 PM to discuss personnel, litigation and negotiations. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:34 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary

Proposed 2015 CDBG Street Improvements Project

STREET	MILL 3"	BASE 2"	TOP 1"	Cost
100 Blk Center St. (25'x305')	847 sq.yds. \$3811.50	93 tns \$7905.00	47 tns \$4465.00	\$16,181.00
200 Blk Center St (25'x285')	792 sq.yds. \$3564.00	87 tns \$7395.00	44 tns \$4180.00	\$15,139.00
Spring St (20'x435')	N/A	N/A	2" 106 tns \$10,070.00	\$10,070.00
Dubb St. (15'x350')	N/A	N/A	2" 64 tns \$6080.00	\$6080.00
Bleakley Ave. (20'x585')	N/A	N/A	2" 143 tns \$13,585.00	\$13,585.00
400 Blk Pacific St. (21'x750')	N/A	N/A	193 tns \$18,335.00	\$18,335.00
500 Blk Pacific St. (21'x600')	N/A	N/A	2" 154 tns \$14,630.00	\$14,630.00
200 Blk Missouri St. (21'x340')	794 sq. yds. \$3573.50	87 tns \$7395.00	44 tns \$4180.00	\$15,149.00
200 Blk. Norman St. (25'x285')	N/A	N/A	2"88tns \$8360.00	\$8,360.00
100 Blk Orchard St. (25'x305')	847 sq.yds. \$3811.50	93 tns. \$7905.00	47 tns \$4465.00	\$16,181.00
200 Blk Orchard St. (25'x285')	792 sq.yds. \$3564.00	87 tns \$7395.00	44tns \$4180.00	\$15,139.00
Pearl St. (19'x 760')	N/A	N/A	2" 177 tns \$16,815.00	\$16,816.00
ADA Curb Ramps (5 @ \$5,000)				\$25,000.00
Grand Total				\$190,665.00

