

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
December 15, 2014

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

Members Excused: None

In Attendance: E. William Gabrys, City Manager  
Tracy Jamieson, Deputy Manager/City Clerk  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
R. Russell Lucas, Jr., Esq., Campbell Durrant Beatty & Miller Law Firm Lucas  
Sophia Pappan, Esq., Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky  
Ron Barber, Esq., Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky  
Robert Graham, 1237 - 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jeff Cauvel, Franklin, PA  
David R. Lord, 407 Forest Lane  
Russ Campbell, General Authority Chairperson, 1235 Chestnut Street  
Sheila Boughner, Venango Newspapers  
Jerry Sowden, Venango Newspapers

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION & SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - Resolution No. 173

Mayor Baker read a statement (copy attached to original minutes). At the conclusion of the statement, Mayor Baker moved to adopt the proposed resolution and settlement agreement with the Franklin General Authority be ratified. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. Mr. Rudegeair stated that he agreed with the sentiment of Mayor Baker but felt that adopting the settlement in its entirety would not be a good choice for the City. He stated that he would like to see cooperation between the Authority and the City and even suggested that block grants could be used for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Siphon Project. Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Marshall also indicated their concerns with the current proposed settlement agreement, especially over future appointments to the General Authority that will end up back in court anyways. Mr. Graham and Jeff Cauvel encouraged Council to end this situation with the General Authority as their concerns were it was huge financial drain for the City.

A roll call vote found Mayor Baker and Mr Lyons voting "yes" and the remaining Council voting "no" on the motion. Motion failed 5-2.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 14 OF 2014, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN,  
VENANGO COUNTY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2014 AND ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2014"

Resolution No. 174 - The heading of Bill No. 14, Ordinance No. 5 was read into the record. Mr. Rudegear moved for adoption on Final Reading. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was publicly noted that Council had held an executive session on December 14 for the purpose of litigation.

ADJOURNMENT - Resolution No. 175

There being no other business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Baker moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Jamieson, City Clerk