

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2015

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Ryan Rudegeair
Garnet Wood

Members Excused: Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
Jennifer Morris

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Albert Abramovich, 115 Aspen Drive
Doug Volmrich, 1260 Liberty Street
Carl Wible, River Road
David R Lord, 407 Forest Lane
Sheila Boughner, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 147

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 148

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the Conditional Use Hearing and the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2015, as presented. Mr. Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 149

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

Mr. Abramovich, Mr. Volmrich and Mr. Wible were in attendance to update Council on the success of this year's Blues Fest and to inform them of their plans for next year, which would include making it a 2-day event. They indicated they will work with the City to ensure that the City will not have to expend funds or personnel on the event.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Resolution No. 150

Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Rudegeair seconded a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign at 415 Thirteenth Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

VENANGO COUNTY LIQUID FUELS REQUEST - Resolution No. 151

Mrs. Jamieson requested permission to approach Venango County for a share of its allotment of Liquid Fuels to address handicapped curb cuts needed at the intersection of 12th and Liberty Streets, specifically on the south side of the street. She explained that, currently, those corners do not meet the ADA requirements and is heavily used by residents, downtown employees, visitors, jurors, and County personnel. The estimated construction costs would be \$21,637, not including any necessary surveying costs, which she recommends the City pay as its match. Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to make application to Venango County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds, in the amount of \$21,637. Motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEERING AWARD - FRANKLIN SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT - Resolution No. 152

Mrs. Jamieson reminded the Council that part of the grant requirements for the \$100,000 PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Grant was the City's pledge of \$42,860 in Downtown Development funds for engineering services, surveying, and some construction. To move forward with this project, the City needs to engage an engineer. Her recommendation was to use AECOM (formerly URS Engineering), who the City utilized during all the Downtown Rehabilitation Projects. Their proposal includes designing the intersection, construction plans, a traffic signal plan, utility & PennDOT coordination, and project management for a total, not-to-exceed fee, of \$27,801.07. If approved, all the plans would be approved and ready to go for the 2016 construction season. Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Rudegeair seconded a motion to approve the use of AECOM for a cost not-to-exceed \$27,801.07. Motion passed unanimously. Council requested Mrs. Jamieson look into the possibility of correcting the timing of the mid-1200 block "walk signal" and updating the ballasts to LED.

AWARD BID - DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEARANCE - Resolution No. 153

Mrs. Jamieson reported that one bid was received for the demolition of the duplex located at 702-704 Thirteenth Street. The bid was received from Bert Klapec, Inc., in the amount of \$9,750, which was determined to be competitive. Mr. Rudegeair moved and Mr. Wood seconded a motion to award the lone bid from Bert Klapec, in the amount of \$9,750, to demolish 702-704 Thirteenth Street. Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 5 - APPLEFEST® PARKING ORDINANCE - Resolution No. 154

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 5, "Applefest Parking Ordinance," into the record. After several members of Council voiced their concerns with people who have already paid for long-term parking being required to pay an additional \$10 to park in this lot, Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Wood seconded a motion to approve on Final Reading Bill No. 5, "Applefest Parking Ordinance." Motion failed 2-3, with Mr. Rudegeair, Mr. Marshall and Mayor Baker voting "no." Mayor Baker added that, should some way be found in the future to address the issue of those persons having purchased parking passes, he would be willing to re-consider this ordinance.

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION

Mrs. Jamieson informed the Council of the Minimum Municipal Obligation figures for 2016. They are as follows: Police - \$179,694 • Firemen - \$169,019 • Non-Uniformed - \$156,706 for a total of \$505,419.

ESTABLISH HALLOWEEN HOURS - Resolution No. 155

Mr. Marshall moved to establish 6-8 PM, on October 31, 2015, as the Trick-or-Treat hours for the City of Franklin. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 156

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

- October 4, 2015 • Egbert Fountain • Annual Duck Race • Easter Seals
- October 31, 2015 • Bandstand Park • Halloween Costume Judging • City
- October 31, 2015 • Parking Lot A • Kids Kingdom • Free Methodist Church
- November 21, 2015 • Various Locations • Light-Up Night • City/FFAC

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS**Manager**

- **Resolution No. 157** - Reported that the General Authority had hired Gary Svetz to work with Penelec on its Demand Response Program. With this program, Penelec can request the City shutdown certain operations of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) during certain times of the year (usually during the hot summer months). By doing so, the WWTP could get a credit of up to \$7,500. Should the WWTP need all of its power, they can simply say 'no' without being penalized. To participate, the electric meter at the WWTP needs upgraded. Therefore, the Authority is requesting Council approve the upgrade of this meter at a cost of \$2,800-3,400. Mr. Rudegear so moved. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Reminding Council that the Miller-Sibley pool had to be closed for the season on August 6 for repairs, Mrs. Jamieson reported that the total attendance at the pool this summer was 4,094, still higher than the attendance records for 2013 and 2014. The total cost for the YMCA to operate the pool was \$11,313.80. She noted that the YMCA recorded some statistics on usage of the pool, which showed a large percentage from Rocky Grove.
- Advised that bid results to replace the bathhouse roof should be ready for the October meeting and, with care, the new rubber roof should last 20 years. Should there be monies leftover, other items can be addressed, such as ADA-related improvements.

- A discussion was held on the need to have a new plan for the entire Miller-Sibley Complex. Mr. Marshall asked what the 1915 agreement, when Mr. Miller and Mr. Sibley donated the land to the City, entailed. Mr. Spaid noted the agreement was that the land must be used for recreation; however, he would need to research it further for the details. Mrs. Jamieson felt this would be a great opportunity for the community to speak out on what they would like to see there and how to partner with other groups and municipalities that are using the complex facilities.
- Reported that 10 City vehicles had been sold at auction last Saturday for a total of \$10,763. \$6,635 were for City vehicles and \$4,128 were for General Authority vehicles.
- Reported that she planned to have the 2015 end-of-year budget projections ready by the October meeting. She will advise Council when the departmental budget workshops begin; however, with three (3) bargaining contracts up this year, there will be some difficulty in developing a final budget.
- **Resolution No. 158** - Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to schedule the second FY-2015 C.D.B.G. Public Hearing for October 26, 2015 @ 4 PM. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 159** - Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to renew the garbage contract with Tri-County for another year. Motion passed unanimously.
- Will need an executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

Solicitor

- Will need an executive session for litigation and personnel.

Mayor • Appointments - none.**COUNCIL REPORTS - none.****EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 160**

Mr. Marshall moved to enter into executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss personnel, litigation and negotiations. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:40 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none.**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary