

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 6, 2016

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

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
C Robert Bowen, Commission to Remember Our Heroes (CROH)
Robert Graham, 1237 Fifteenth Street
George Jolley, Commission to Remember Our Heroes (CROH)
Jon Haag, Venango Newspapers, Inc.
Jaimi Hoyzns, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 18

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 19

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2017, as presented. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 20

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

After reading the Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, Mr. Graham asked Council to address the many safety issues with Thirteenth Street prior to its initiation. Mr. Graham also praised the young Franklin police officers on how well they handled an incident at his home recently.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - none.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WORLD WAR II MONUMENT - Resolution No. 21

Mr. Bowen, a member of the Commission to Remember Our Heroes (CROH), was in attendance to ascertain the ownership of the World War II Monument, which is located in front of West Park. He explained that the Commission had been approached regarding the possibility of upgrading/repairing/replacing and/or relocating the monument and would need permission from the owner to proceed. Mr. Spaid advised the monument, which is located on City-owned land, is the property of the City. After a short discussion, Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to authorize CROH to embark on planning for the restoration project of the World War II Monument. Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 1 - ADOPTION OF REVISED FEE SCHEDULE - Resolution No. 22

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 1, "Adoption of Revised Fee Schedule," into the record. Mr. Rudegear moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to pass on Final Reading, Bill No. 1, "Adoption of Revised Fee Schedule." Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 2 - TRAFFIC CODE - BRADY WAY - Resolution No. 23

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 2, "Traffic Code - Brady Way," into the record. Mr. Rudegear moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to pass on Final Reading, Bill No. 2, "Traffic Code - Brady Way." Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 24

Mr. Rudegear moved and Mrs. Dlugos seconded a motion to approve the following request:

- June 17-18, 2017 • Fountain Park, Bandstand Park & Cherrytree Island • Doug Volmrich
• Blues & BBQ Festival.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Manager

- Resolution No. 25 - Mrs. Jamieson asked permission to prepare a request for proposals for an engineering firm to help develop a comprehensive City Capital Improvement Plan. She explained many items need done at City-owned facilities (i.e. City Hall, Professional Building, Miller-Sibley Complex and playgrounds, to name a few) and this plan would aid with budgeting and planning for future grant opportunities. She also noted that FICDA and the Housing Authority are also interested in participating, which may aid in getting the City a better cost. Mrs. Dlugos moved to approve Mrs. Jamieson's request to pursue proposals for an engineering firm to help develop a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Will need an executive session to discuss negotiations.

Solicitor

FIRST READING, BILL NO. 3 - "PARKING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT"

Resolution No. 26 - Mr. Spaid read Bill No. 3, "Parking Ordinance Amendment," in its entirety, into the record. After a short discussion, during which the Council favored adding the words "*only between the hours of 9 AM-6 PM*" to the last sentence of Section One: Paragraph Forty-Nine, Subparagraph (x), of Section Eight of the Traffic Ordinance, Mr. Rudegear moved to approve on First Reading, Bill No. 3, "Parking Ordinance Amendment," as amended. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor • Appointments

- Resolution No. 27 - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Robert Graham to the Housing Authority. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Resolution No. 28 - Mayor Baker moved to reappoint Randy Stewart to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Baker

- Proclaimed March 5-11, 2017, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.
- Reported that Mrs. Jen Lyons would be coordinating the Healthy Eating Program, as she has successfully done in the past, during March.
- Complimented all those involved on another successful Franklin On Ice Festival.

Mr. Johnson

- Advised he had been approached by a resident concerning the lack of playground equipment at the Franklin Heights Playground. He has since learned that the rocks in that area prohibit a lot of equipment to be installed and that there is presently no money in the budget for this.
- Reported he had advised Terry Ruditis, Street Department Supervisor, of a flooding complaint he received concerning New Street. He added that Mr. Ruditis was quick to address the complaint. Mayor Baker also noted that the City is working with the County to try and alleviate problems in this area.

Mr. Rudegear - no report.

Mr. Marshall - no report.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Reported she had been asked by a constituent why the City had started maintaining a property in Franklin Heights that had been owned by Mrs. Joyce Woodard. Mrs. Jamieson explained that Mrs. Woodard had donated the property to the General Authority in order for the City to have access to the sanitary sewer line.

Mr. Lyons

- Asked if any improvements had been discussed for the Miller-Sibley Complex. Mrs. Jamieson informed him that improvements would be addressed in the comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan she hoped to have developed.

Mrs. Dlugos - no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 29

Mayor Baker moved to enter into executive session at 7:37 PM to discuss negotiations. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:02 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary