

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 6, 2017

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

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
Harmony Motter, Finance Director  
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary  
David Guras, Sr., 510 Whitman Road  
Herb Bigley, Mens' Softball League representative  
Jon Haag, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 30

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 31

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2017, as presented. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 32

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

Mr. Guras was in attendance to question the City's efforts to obtain a portion of his property by eminent domain to use as an alternate access to the water plant on Waterworks Road. Mr. Spaid informed the Council that since this matter is in litigation, they were not permitted to address the matter.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Resolution No. 33 - Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for fencing, a covered awning, a gazebo and to close in the back

porch at 1327 Liberty Street, as presented, and to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for paint and brickwork at 1050 Liberty Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

BALL LEAGUE AGREEMENTS - Resolution No. 34

Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Rudegeair seconded a motion to approve both the Franklin Area Men's Softball League and Franklin Little League Association Agreements for another year. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bigley asked if any decisions had been made regarding a request made last April concerning renovations the leagues had wanted to do at the Miller-Sibley fields. Mrs. Jamieson advised him that she would schedule a meeting this week with Mr. Ruditis, Street Department Supervisor, Bridget Wood, of the Franklin Little League, and Mr. Bigley to discuss the matter.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 3 OF 2017 - 10-MINUTE PARKING AND TWO HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOTS - Resolution No. 35

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 3 of 2017, "10-Minute Parking and Two Handicapped Parking Spots," into the record. Mr. Marshall moved and Mrs. Dlugos seconded a motion to pass on Final Reading, Bill No. 3 of 2017, "10-Minute Parking and Two Handicapped Parking Spots," which passed unanimously.

SET DATE FOR CONDITIONAL USE HEARING - BULLY HILL CELL TOWER - Resolution No. 36

Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Marshall seconded a motion to set Wednesday, March 29, 2017 @ 7 PM, for the Bully Hill Cell Tower Conditional Use Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 37

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

- April 23, 2017 • Elk Street to Washington Crossing to Liberty & 13<sup>th</sup> Streets • "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" • PPC Violence Free Network
- May 6-7, 2017 • Bandstand Park • "May Garde Mart" • Gardeners' Association
- May 20, 2017 • Bandstand Park • "Let's Band Together to Prevent Suicide" • Venango County Community Support Program
- May 29, 2017 • 13<sup>th</sup> to Liberty Street to South Park to Bandstand • "Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony" • VFW Post 1835
- August 13, 2017 • 11<sup>th</sup> Street Park/Playground • "Community Picnic & Church Worship Service" • St. John's Episcopal Church

Motion passed unanimously.

## REPORTS

Manager

- Advised the Council that she will be out-of-the office March 21-22-23 to attend the annual PA Employees Labor Relations Advisory Service (PELRAS) Conference.
- Reported that she and City staff are continuing to review the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. She will update Council at a later date.
- Will need an executive session to discuss negotiations.

Solicitor

- Mr. Spaid reminded the public that the Shade Tree Ordinance clearly states that anyone wishing to remove a tree, located between the sidewalk and the curb, must first obtain permission from the City and have it removed by a licensed individual and/or company.
- Will need an executive session to discuss two matters on litigation and one on negotiations.

Mayor • Appointments none.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Baker - no report.

Mr. Johnson - no report.

Mr. Rudegear

- Reported he had met with Oil City Zoning Officer Rick Cook, concerning their efforts to address blighted areas in their city. He would like the City of Franklin to look into implementing its own plan to address same. He noted the plan would involve tiered property tax exemptions for improvements over a time span decided by the Council.

Mr. Marshall

- Asked Mrs. Jamieson if she had discussed the Franklin Heights playground with Mr. Ruditis. She said she had and would follow-up with him at the staff meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
- In reference to the 15<sup>th</sup> Street playground, he asked to see the recreational standards the insurance company is referencing prior to removal of its equipment.
- Reported he is continuing to get complaints regarding the pickup that has been parked in the side yard of a property located at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Streets.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Advised she is working with Ronnie Beith, Events & Marketing Coordinator, to initiate a 2-day bicycle event in Franklin.

Mr. Lyons

- Asked the replacement status of the traffic light that had fallen last August in the 1200 block of Liberty Street. Mrs. Jamieson advised, she is waiting to receive a letter back from the engineer, who inspected its foundation, on whether it is sound enough to replace the pole. If it is, she will forward the letter to Penn DOT. If it is not, a new foundation will need to be dug and poured. She added that, the pole could take months to receive, once approval is given by Penn DOT, and it is ordered.

Mrs. Dlugos - no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 38

Mrs. Dlugos moved to enter into executive session at 7:34 PM to discuss litigation and negotiations. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:09 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 39 - Mayer Baker moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to enter into an escrow agreement for the sale of land in Phase III of the FKL Land Development Company development project, in accordance with terms negotiated by the City Manager and City Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary