

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 3, 2019

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Michael Dulaney
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Samuel Lyons
Fred Mays
Ryan Rudegeair

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
James Wetzel, Deputy City Manager
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
Kevin Anundson, Chief of Police
Deb Eckelberger, Franklin Development Director
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Coordinator
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Andrew Gang, BSA Troop 28
Andrew Lanz, BSA Troop 28
Ryan Rudegeair
Shawn P Jarzenski, 311 Tenth Street
Chris Simms, 319 Thirteenth Street
Bradford Worthington
Aly Delp, CYT Media
Sarah Titley & Kara O'Neil, Venango Newspapers, Inc.
Curtis Rossetti, Explore Venango

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 68

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

SELECTION/OATH OF OFFICE: Second District Councilman - Resolution No. 69

Mayor Baker moved to appoint Ryan Rudegeair, the leading vote-getter in the recent primary election, to fill the unexpired term of James Marshall as 2nd District Councilman. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Spaid then administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Rudegeair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 70

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2019, as presented. Mr. Mays seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 71

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES - none.**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

Resolution No. 72 - Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to issue Certificates of Appropriateness for exterior renovations at 1409 Elk Street, as presented; for paint, windows, doors and shingles at 311 Tenth Street, as presented; for siding, porch repair and paint at 211 Fourteenth Street, as presented; and for exterior repairs at 1282-1284 Liberty Street and 319 Thirteenth Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

BID AWARD - PROFESSIONAL BUILDING FACADE/WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Resolution No. 73 - Mrs. Jamieson reported that three (3) bids were received for the Professional Building Facade/Window Replacement Project. It was staff recommendation to award the Base Bid and Alternate #1, which encompasses the back side and the side facing the new Family Services' shelter building, to Whalen Contracting, Inc. of Franklin, the low bidder, in the amount of \$253,060. Mrs. Fletcher so moved. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PENNDOT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT RESOLUTION - Resolution No. 74

Mrs. Jamieson reported that PennDOT will soon be contracting with a road paving company to have Atlantic Avenue, from 13th Street west to the end, newly milled and blacktopped. To prepare for this project, several water valves and manholes will have to be adjusted over the entire project area. City crews will take care of these adjustments, except for the manhole at Pine & Atlantic Avenue. For this manhole, PennDOT will include that grade adjustment work in its paving contract, which will require the City to enter into an agreement with PennDOT.

In addition, since the sewer lines are owned by the Franklin General Authority, the Authority had to authorize the City to enter into the agreement on its behalf, which it did at the May Authority meeting. In the future, PennDOT will be advised to make such agreements directly with the Franklin General Authority.

Mr. Dulaney then moved to enter into said Agreement and further authorize Tracy L. Jamieson, City Manager, to execute the Utility Relocation Abbreviated Incorporated Work Reimbursement Agreement, on behalf of the City Council and have same delivered to PennDOT. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - SPEED-TIMING EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE - Resolution No. 75

Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to approve a resolution supporting authorization for PA Municipal Police to have access to the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the PA State Police. It was noted by Police Chief Anundson that this equipment would be more mobile and less cumbersome than setting up the current aging ENRADD system. Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING - BILL NO. 4 - TRAFFIC CODE - HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOT

Resolution No. 76 - Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 4, "Traffic Code-Handicapped Parking Spot," into the record. Mr. Lyons then moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to pass on Final Reading, Bill No. 4, "Traffic Code - Handicapped Parking Spot." Motion passed unanimously.

NOISE ORDINANCE RESOLUTION TO FILE PETITION WITH PLCB - Resolution No. 77

Mr. Spaid explained that since approving the Noise Ordinance at the May meeting, the next step in getting the PLCB exemption would be to approve, in part, "*A resolution authorizing support to petition the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to substitute and enforce the City of Franklin Noise Ordinance for Section 493(34) of the Liquor Code for all licensees in a designated area of the Central Business District.*" Once the petition is received the PLCB will schedule a hearing on the petition. Both Mrs. Jamieson and Police Chief Anundson will give testimony on behalf of the City in support of the ordinance Council adopted. Until that time, Mr. Spaid noted that downtown businesses are at normal risk of receiving a citation from the PLCB if their music can be heard past their property. Mr. Johnson then moved and Mr. Dulaney seconded the motion to approve said resolution as read by Mr. Spaid. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF DEMO LOTS - Resolution No. 78

Mrs. Jamieson requested permission to put out for bid a list of City-owned vacant lots, whose structures had been demolished. Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Rudegeair seconded a motion to approve disposing of the City-owned vacant lots. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Jamieson noted that she would add a minimum bid amount.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 79

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Dulaney seconded a motion to approve the following requests:

- June 8, 2019: Bandstand Park • "Lawyers, Guns & Money Concert" • City of Franklin
- June 26-July 4, 2019: Fountain Park, Bandstand Park, Liberty Street, Riverfront Park • "4th of July Festivities Week"/Libertyfest Parade Day • City of Franklin
- Wednesdays, June 26-July 24, 2019: Bandstand Park • Taste of Talent Vocal Competition • City of Franklin

- August 3-4, 2019: Bandstand Park • Taste of Franklin Weekend/Taste of Talent Finals • City of Franklin
- September 14, 2019: Bandstand Park • PetFest • Precious Paws

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Manager

- **Resolution #80** - Requested permission to dispose at auction five (5) City vehicles and two (2) General Authority vehicles. Mr. Dulaney so moved. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The vehicles will be taken for auction by 422 Auto & Bus Auction of Pittsburgh and be sold later this month.
- Reminded the Council a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, at 6 PM, to discuss the zoning map amendment request for the proposed ice cream stand in the 1000 block of Liberty Street. Directly following the hearing, a special Council meeting to act on that request and to award two paving project bid awards will be held.
- Informed the Council that, due to the heavy rains and condition of the parks, Mr. Ruditis may be taping off areas to allow the grass to grow. She also suggested adding a disclaimer on the park assembly permit application that at times, due to the weather, it may not be safe or feasible to hold events. Also, should City crews be called out at the request of the applicant for attention to the parks for non-City events, the costs will be paid for by the applicant. City Council approved the addition to the application.
- Reported work is continuing on the new website, which could be up before the end of summer.
- Reported the downstairs men's restroom is currently undergoing ADA renovations. Once complete, they will begin work on the women's.
- Professional Building: Working on getting the Facade/Window Project going; planning for the installation of a new generator, which is being paid for through the FEMA grant funds that were initially to go to Chub Run stormwater ponds; and a suite is being prepared for a new tenant.
- Reported Ms. Boughner has submitted grant applications to PNC Charitable Trusts and to the McElhattan Fund for the Miller-Sibley Recreation Improvements Project.
- Both the Liquid Fuels and CDBG Street paving projects are out for bid.
- HOME Program Grant guidelines were included in the Council's packets. Ms. Boughner was on-hand to answer any questions. She reported that applications are being received and they hope to be able to do 11-12 homes.

Solicitor - none.

Mayor • Appointments - none.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Baker - none.

Mr. Johnson

- Ascertained the Police Department is currently working to certify police officers for the Bicycle Patrol Program.
- Ascertained Officer Jacob Young would be leaving on June 24 for dog handling school for the K-9 Program.
- Suggested a bench be placed in one of the City parks in honor of James Marshall's many years of service on City Council. It was noted that there are no more places within the parks for benches, but possibly something else could be considered.

Mr. Dulaney - none.

Mr. Rudegeair - none.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Noted that "Lawyers, Guns & Money" would be performing this Saturday in Bandstand Park to 'kick-off' the City's summer activities.

Mr. Lyons

- Reported a coyote has been seen in Greentree Manor and warned people living in that area to be careful.

Mr. Mays - none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary