

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 7, 2017

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Mike Dulaney
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall

Members Excused: Jane Dlugos

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Tom Parker, 1346 Franklin Avenue
Carl Wible, Blues & BBQ Festival
Doug Volmrich, Blue & BBQ Festival
Ellen Swanberg & Arthur Anders, 1545 Liberty Street
Mathew Beith, HARB & Planning Commission Member
Melissa Dechant, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 102

Mayor Baker requested Item #10, "Consideration of At-Large Councilperson," be moved to 3A. Mr. Marshall moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AT-LARGE COUNCILPERSON - Resolution No. 103

After announcing that Mr. Dulaney's letter was the only one received and that his name was on the ballot to run for this district in the Fall, Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Marshall seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Dulaney to the unexpired term of the At-Large Councilmanic District previously held by Mrs. Fletcher.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Spaid administered the Oath of Office to Michael Dulaney, who was then seated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 104

Mrs. Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the public hearing of July 10, 2017, as presented; the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2017, as presented; and the minutes of the special meeting of July 25, 2017, as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 105

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

Mr. Parker was in attendance to thank Council for listening to the residents of Franklin Avenue by turning it into a one-way street. He reported it is much quieter now and they have not noticed any vehicles "racing" through.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Resolution No. 106

Mrs. Fletcher moved to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior renovations at 1545 Liberty Street, as presented; to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for paint at 1116 Elk Street, as presented; and to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign at 1255 Liberty Street, as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BLUES AND BARBECUE 2018 PRESENTATION

Mr. Volmrich advised the Council that he was in attendance simply to get approval of the application for the Blues & Barbecue Festival for June 16-17, 2018. He may return in the future for further requests, but was not prepared to present them at tonight's meeting.

AWARD PAVING BID - CDBG FY-2015 - Resolution No. 107

Ms. Boughner reported that three bids had been received for Street Improvement Project 17-A, which includes milling, paving & curbing on the following Third Ward streets:

- Milling & Paving: 100 & 200 blocks of Center and the 100 block of Orchard Streets
- Paving: Norman Street, from Grant to Pacific, 500 block of Pacific Street, and Dubbs Street, from Bleakley Avenue to end.
- Paving & Curbing: Bleakley Avenue, from Erie to Dubbs Streets

The recommendation was to accept the bid from Shields Asphalt Paving, the low bidder, in the amount of \$86,508.79, which falls within the budgeted amount. The project will be funded out of the City's FY-2015 Community Development Block Grant.

Mrs. Fletcher so moved. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 108

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

- August 20, 2017 • Bandstand Park • Christ & First U.M. Churches • Worship in the Park
- August 26, 2017 • Fountain Park • Jones Party Magic • Back to School Bash
- September 10, 2017 (Rain Date: September 11, 2017) • Bandstand Park • FFAC & City of Franklin • 9/11 Memorial Concert

- September 15, 2017 • Various Downtown Streets • Oil Region River Celebrate Recovery • Recovery Walk
- October 14, 2017 • Bandstand Park • Kyle Ward • Wedding
- June 16-17, 2018 • Bandstand 7 Fountain Parks & 12th Street Island • Doug Volmrich • Blues & BBQ Festival

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Manager

- Reported the CDBG application is due on November 3. She is hoping to bring suggested projects for consideration to the September meeting. She also reported there will be \$269,615 monies available and plans to suggest street paving, sidewalk repairs and demolition, in targeted neighborhoods, to have more of an impact. Mrs. Fletcher ascertained that the only eligible playgrounds would be Oak Hill and 14th Street and they have recently been updated.
- Reported Gurney Road, from 15th Street to Evergreen Drive, Big Oak Drive, and one block of Wendy Way has been paved with reclaimed millings as part of the Agility Program with Penn DOT. The cost was approximately \$13-14,000 as opposed to the \$150,000 it would normally have cost. She reported that the roads have been swept off twice and with the additional rain, it should be a pretty good road for quite awhile. She hopes to have it slurry sealed next year, which will help to further stabilize the roadway. She plans to have this bid out early so tht it can be scheduled for next year.
- Will need an executive session to seek legal advice from the solicitor.

Solicitor

- **Resolution No. 109** - Advised that Mr. Gibbons, in answer to a complaint from Pizza Hut, had issued a Property Maintenance enforcement letter to Franklin Service and Supply for a water run-off problem. Franklin Service and Supply has appealed the decision; therefore, a hearing needs to be scheduled within 20 days from the date of the appeal. Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to schedule an Appeal Hearing for Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 7 PM. Motion passed unanimously. If both parties are unable to attend, they will schedule a continuance.
- Will need to discuss three items during executive session.

Mayor • Appointments

- Mr. Spaid was asked if Mr. Dulaney could remain a member of the Redevelopment Authority and the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Spaid advised that he would have to resign from the Planning & Zoning Commission but he will need to check on the Redevelopment Authority.
- **Resolution No. 110** - Mayor Baker moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Jane Dlugos as the Third Councilmanic District representative. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution No. 111** - Mr. Spaid reminded the Council they would have 45 days to appoint someone to this position, which will run until January 1, 2018. Mayor Baker then moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to accept letters of interest for the Third Councilmanic District until Wednesday, September 6 @ 4 PM. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 112** - Mayor Baker moved to appoint Ryan Rudegear to the Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Baker

- Congratulated the City on another successful Taste of Talent Competition.
- Announced the City received the Pennsylvania APA Great Places in Pennsylvania designation for Bandstand & Fountain Parks award. Mrs. Jamieson commended Ms. Boughner, who wrote the application.

Mr. Johnson

- Noted that Dollar General is in the process of opening a store in Sandycreek Township.
- Advised he has been invited by Sandycreek Township to attend the August 17 COG meeting.

Mr. Dulaney - no report.

Appointments:

Resolution No. 113 - Mayor Baker moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Dulaney to the Police & Fire Pension Boards.

Resolution No. 114 - Mayor Baker expressed an interest in representing the City on the Council of Governments (COG). Mayor Baker so moved. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Baker plans to wait to fill Mrs. Dlugos' position on the Library Board.

Mr. Marshall - no report.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Reported over 1300 votes had been cast at the Taste of Talent Finals on Sunday night.
- Mr. Volmrich reported that Taste of Franklin had a very good year. Mrs. Fletcher asked that he make arrangements to request the Festival Ahead sign from the City prior to next year to help slow down traffic on Liberty Street.

Mr. Lyons

- Reported he had a great time at this year's Taste of Franklin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 115

Mr. Lyons moved to enter into executive session at 7:42 PM to discuss personnel, litigation and certain legal questions. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:14 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary