

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
August 21, 2023

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

Members Excused: Todd Zahner
Ryan Rudegeair

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
James Wetzel, Fire Chief
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Alex Spaid, Dale, Woodard, Gent, McFate
Tim and Barb Matthews, Liberty Street Antiques
Gavin Fish, EYT Media
Melissa Ditzenberger and David Ballard, 233 Outlook Drive
Cindy Renninger, 701 12th Street
Mike and Jen Krzmarzick, 948 Liberty Street

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Resolution No. 112

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Lyons. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRST READING – BILL NO. 8 – LIMITED EXCEPTION AMENDMENT TO OPEN CONTAINER ACT – Resolution No. 113

Mr. Spaid read Bill No. 8, “Limited Exception Amendment to Open Container Act,” in its entirety into the record.

Mayor Baker noted Section 703.04(c)(iii) states only the easterly side of 13th Street between Liberty and Otter Streets falls within the designated area. It was his understanding that both sides would be included so businesses on the westerly side, particularly Vino and Vibes, could participate. Mr. Marshall requested to amend the ordinance to include both sides of 13th Street between Liberty and Otter Streets.

Mr. Marshall motioned to pass on First Reading of Bill No. 8, as amended. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER TO MILLER PARK STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – Resolution No. 114

Mrs. Jamieson presented a Change Order for the Miller Park Stormwater Project that will include adding 225 lineal feet of storm pipe along Plumer Avenue between Wiley Avenue and Sibley Avenue, installation of three (3) new inlets, and street restoration at a cost of about \$40,810. She explained the additional work is needed to manage stormwater that comes down Plumer Avenue from the hillside and washes out an area near the Wiley Avenue Bridge. It was earlier thought that a storm manhole existed, but it did not, so this work was necessitated.

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the Change Order as presented. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIRD STREET DAM PERMIT TRANSFER – Resolution No. 115

Mrs. Jamieson reminded Council of the abandoned dam that was once used to hold drinking water for a portion of the City. Since its abandonment in the early 1900's, the permit for the dam has remained in the name of Johnson and Company, which is no longer in existence. DEP is requesting that the permit be transferred and assumed by some entity. The Solicitor recommended it be held jointly between the City and the General Authority.

Mr. Johnson motioned and Mr. Lyons seconded to approve transferring the permit from Johnson and Company to the City of Franklin and the General Authority of the City of Franklin and to allow Mayor Baker to sign on the City's behalf. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR VENANGO COUNTY HOME GRANT APPLICATION

Mrs. Jamieson announced that the County has been advised to wait until 2024 to apply for the HOME Grant, so no action will need to be taken at this time.

ANY OTHER ACTION

- Mrs. Jamieson presented a request from Franklin Fine Arts Council to hold a tribute concert in memory of Ronnie Beith in Bandstand Park on August 31, 2023 at 7 P.M.
 - **Resolution No. 117** – Mrs. Fletcher motioned and Mr. Marshall seconded to approve the request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- The City received a notice from the Oil Region Alliance that it has not renewed its membership with the Oil Region Alliance. Mrs. Jamieson stated that the City could contribute \$1,000 to the organization, as it has done in the past, or up to \$5,000.
 - **Resolution No. 118** – Mrs. Fletcher motioned to approve the contribution of \$1,000 to the Oil Region Alliance. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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- Mike and Jen Krzmarzick, of 948 Liberty Street, asked if the crosswalk lines are going to be repainted soon and suggested installing a pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection of Liberty and 10th Streets. Mrs. Jamieson replied that the Street Department is working on painting crosswalks now that street paving is finished and that the City will look into adding some type of signage at the intersection mentioned.
- Cindy Renninger, of 701 12th Street, stated she submitted an online request for street light maintenance in the area last April, as there are several street lights that are either burnt out or go off at a certain time, but she never received a response. Mrs. Jamieson suggested calling the Street Department or City Hall. Ms. Renninger also requested making the intersection of 12th and Elm Streets a 3-way stop due to aggressive driving.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary