

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Oct. 5, 2020

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor  
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor  
James Johnson (via speakerphone)  
Samuel Lyons  
Christian Marshall  
Ryan Rudegeair

Members Excused: Fred Mays

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
Jim Wetzel, Fire Chief  
Deb Eckelberger, Development Director  
Sheila Boughner, Recording Secretary & Community Development  
Sarah Titley, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 115**

Mr. Rudegeair moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 116**

Ms. Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 14, 2020, as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 117**

Mr. Rudegeair moved to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS' INQUIRIES** – None.

**CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS** – None.

**FINAL APPROVAL OF FY-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS—Resolution No. 118**

Mr. Rudegeair moved to approve the City's submission of the FY-2020 CDBG application, including the following:

## STREET & CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS

### MILLING & PAVING

- |                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| • 1200 Block of Buffalo           | \$55,270.50 |
| • 14th – Buffalo to Liberty       | \$23,878.50 |
| • Elk Street -- 13th to W. Park   | \$35,745    |
| • Ninth Street – Elk to Liberty   | \$24,431    |
| • Otter Street – S. Park to 12th  | \$45,922.50 |
| • 13th Street – Eagle to Chestnut | \$33,565    |
| • 15th Street – Elk to End        | \$17,580.50 |

### SUBTOTAL

Associated Curb Ramps (If Funding Permits)

Delivery Costs

### TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

### ADMINISTRATION (18%)

**\$236,393**

\$12,000

\$951

**\$249,344**

**\$54,733**

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### TOTAL

**\$304,077**

Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### ESTABLISH 2021 MEETING DATES -- Resolution 119

Mr. Rudegear moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to approve the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. as the meeting dates for Franklin City Council meeting dates, with the following exceptions: July, September and November, when the meetings will be held the second Monday.

### PARADE AND PARK REQUESTS – None.

### REPORTS

#### Manager

- Indicated the City will be bringing back the remaining laid-off workers and will be back to full staff by November. However, a staff member in the finance department is departing, so City Hall will not be opening to the public until that part-time position is filled.
- Pointed to the downside of the pandemic-related lay-offs and dollar-stretching on the provision of City services, but observed that the belt-tightening may result in some funds remaining at the end of the year that could be put toward long-needed capital projects such as new parking meters/kiosks, City Hall upgrades, repairs to the salt bin, Miller Park road and drainage improvements and rehabilitation of the basketball and tennis courts at Riverfront Park. She suggested three parameters for Council to consider when making decisions about what to fund: will the project save the City money in the future and what is the return on investment; is it dangerous or imperative that the work be done; can other funds be leveraged to assist with the project.
- Said the solar-powered radar speed signs were delivered, and City staff will get them up and running.

- Asked Ms. Boughner to share before and after photos of the recent CDBG paving on Otter Street.
- Indicated 13 vacant lots acquired by the City through the demolition process have been put out to bid, with the bid deadline set for Oct. 21. Recommendations on property awards should be available for Council's consideration at the November meeting.
- Advised she would need an executive session for discussion of negotiations.

**Solicitor**

- No reports.

**Mayor • Appointments** -- None.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Baker**

- Commended the staff for its hard work over the summer when many departments were short-handed.

**Mr. Marshall**

- Said he attended the West Park Block Party on Saturday, held in lieu of Applefest, and was pleased to see people downtown.

**Mrs. Fletcher**

- Verified that Light-Up Night has been cancelled. Ms. Jamieson said the Christmas Tree Extravaganza, a fund-raiser for the Barrow-Civic Theater, is planned instead.

**Mr. Lyons**

- Observed that it seems like fewer and fewer drivers are stopping at stop signs and he urged motorists to do so.

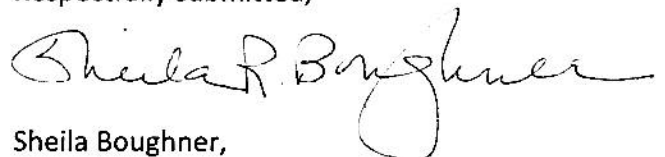
**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 120**

Mr. Rudegeair moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss negotiations. The executive session ended at 7:58 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila Boughner,  
Recording Secretary