

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Dec. 7, 2020

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

Members Excused: Ryan Rudegear

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement Officer
Sheila Boughner, Recording Secretary & Community Development
Sarah Titley, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

The meeting was held virtually due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the county. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 141

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 142

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 9, 2020, as presented. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 143

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

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES – None.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS – Resolution No. 144

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Mays seconded a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for paint and a new door with sidelights and transom at 305 13th Street, per HARB's recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fletcher moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new sign and paint at 1020 Liberty Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

HISTORIC BUILDING GRANT REQUEST – Resolution No. 145

Ms. Jamieson presented an application for a Historic Building Preservation Program grant of up to \$5,000 from Deep Harbour Properties for historic restoration to the exterior of Deep Harbour’s building at 305 13th Street in Franklin and recommended approval of the grant. Mr. Johnson so moved and Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINAL READING – Bill No. 1 of 2020 -- Budget 2021 – Resolution No. 146

Mr. Spaid referred to the changes to the ancillary funds detailed by Ms. Jamieson in the public hearing on the budget and recorded in the Minutes of that hearing, indicating that those steps should be sufficient to satisfy the requirements for the second reading of Bill No. 1, with amendments.

He then read the title of Bill No. 1, “Budget,” into the record. Ms. Fletcher moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to adopt on final reading, Bill No. 1, “Budget 2021.” Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING – Bill No. 2 of 2020 – Real Estate Tax 2021 – Resolution No. 147

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 2, “Real Estate Tax,” into the record. Mr. Lyons moved to adopt on final reading Bill No. 2, “Real Estate Tax.” Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINAL READING – Bill No. 3 of 2020 – Earned Income Tax 2021 – Resolution No. 148

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 3, “Earned Income Tax,” into the record. Mr. Johnson moved and Ms. Fletcher seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bill No. 3, “Earned Income Tax.” Motion passed unanimously.

FINAL READING – Bill No. 4 of 2020 -- Personnel Ordinance Revision – Resolution No. 149

Mr. Spaid read the title of Bill No. 4, “Personnel Ordinance,” into the record. Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Marshall seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bill No. 4, “Personnel Ordinance Revision.” Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE AND PARK REQUESTS – None.

REPORTS

Manager – None.

Solicitor – None.

Mayor • Appointments

Resolution No. 150 – Mayor Baker moved to appoint or reappoint the following individuals to boards and commissions:

- Adrian Kuzma to Commission to Remember Our Heroes
- Roger McCauley and Bob Barber to the Franklin Industrial & Commercial Development Authority

- Bessie Rankin to the Franklin Housing Authority
- Pamela Sibley to the Planning & Zoning Commission
- Hope Bittner and Dianne Hall to the Shade Tree Commission
- Jason Peterson and Jeffrey Romanowski to the Zoning Hearing Board
- Jarold Hatch to the Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board

Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Mays

- Praised the City for Santa's visit to the neighborhoods on a Franklin fire truck

Mr. Marshall

- Said he is thrilled to see that someone purchased the former Franklin Club.
- Asked about posting signs prohibiting parking next to the entrance to the apartment complex parking lot at Elk and 15th streets. Mr. Spaid indicated an ordinance would be required to make the "No Parking Here to Corner" signs enforceable.
- Asked about placing speed limit signs on 14th Street to help slow the traffic as it approaches Liberty Street from Franklin Avenue. Ms. Jamieson indicated the speed limit could be posted on that stretch.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila Boughner,
Recording Secretary