

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 3, 2020

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

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
James Wetzel, Deputy City Manager  
Deb Eckelberger, Franklin Development Director  
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Coordinator  
Harmony Motter, Finance Director  
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary  
Emily Auble, 210 - 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jerry Hanna, 1329 Buffalo Street  
Brad Lena, 620 Elk Street  
Christian and Theresa Marshall, 1517 Elk Street  
Bev Hart, 1333 Elk Street  
Travis Hicks, Soma Enterprises  
Ashley Smith, 1346 Elk Street  
Dillon Provenza, The Derrick  
Sarah Titley, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 14**

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

**SELECTION/OATH OF OFFICE: AT-LARGE COUNCILMAN - Resolution No. 15**

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to appoint Christian Marshall to the unexpired term of Michael Dulaney. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Spaid then administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Marshall, who proceeded to take his seat at the Council table.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 16**

Mrs. Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2020, as presented. Mr. Rudegeair seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 17**

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

**CITIZENS' INQUIRIES** - none.**AWARD COMMERCIAL CLEANING CONTRACT - PROFESSIONAL BUILDING - Resolution No. 18**

Three proposals were received to provide routine cleaning and janitorial services to the common areas of the Franklin Professional Building. Upon reviewing the proposals, Mrs. Jamieson recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, Soma Enterprises, LLC, Franklin, PA, in the estimated amount of \$14,622.48. She explained this would be a 1-year contract with the ability to renew for another two years at a negotiated price. Mr. Rudegear then moved to award the 1-year contract to Soma Enterprises, LLC, in the estimated amount of \$14,622.48. Mr. Mays seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PROPERTY DISPOSITION REQUEST - Resolution No. 19**

Mrs. Jamieson requested permission to approve disposing of the following Street Department equipment: a Voich Bro. salt spreader, Beuthling B200T roller, 12 GEO Vac gutter brooms and 1 main broom, through the electronic Municibid system. Mr. Johnson moved to approve the request. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 20**

Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to approve the following parade & park requests:

- March 13, 2020: Venango County Courthouse steps • "Prayer Vigil Against Gun Violence" • St. John's Episcopal Church
- May 16, 2020: Fountain & Bandstand Parks • "Hometown Pride" • Girl Scouts of Western PA
- June 7, 2020: Bandstand Park • "Commencement" • Franklin High School
- June 26; July 10 & 24; August 14: Bandstand Park • "Movies in the Park" • City of Franklin

Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS****Manager**

- Reported that the City's 2019 CDBG application was approved and commended Ms. Boughner for a job well done. She noted there was a \$1 error in the math so the minutes need to reflect the project amounts as follows: Street Improvements - \$210,000; Demolition - \$34,774; Administration - \$53,730; for a Total of \$298,504.

- Reminded the Council that the process for requesting a PLCB noise exemption request will begin next month in order for the City to enforce its own noise regulations in the Downtown District for another year.
- Will need an executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel.

**Solicitor** - no report.

**Mayor • Appointments - Resolution No. 21**

Mayor Baker moved to appoint Duane Ruland to the Franklin General Authority. Mr. Rudegear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Baker**

- Informed the Council that he will no longer serve as an officer on the Northwest District of the Pennsylvania Municipal League as he has been appointed to the organization's legislative committee, which is an executive post.
- Reminded the public that this weekend is Franklin On Ice.

**Mr. Johnson**

- Reported that, as a board member of the Oil Region Alliance (ORA), he had attended a meeting at the First Baptist Church, concerning churches and their role in the community. He noted it was well-attended by local ministers and politicians.

**Mr. Marshall**

- Thanked the Council for his appointment, noting he hoped to serve the Council and the citizens well.

**Mr. Rudegear**

- Reported residents of the Elk & 14<sup>th</sup> Street area would like to see a discussion of stop signs for this location placed on the agenda. Mayor Baker advised Mr. Rudegear that any member of Council may request an agenda item be added.

**Mrs. Fletcher**

- Hoped for a successful Franklin On Ice festival.

**Mr. Lyons**

- Welcomed Mr. Marshall to the Council.

**Mr. Mays**

- Reported he had attended the benefit for Oil City Police Lieutenant Steven Rembold, who has lung cancer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 22**

Mr. Rudegear moved to enter into executive session at 7:16 PM to discuss personnel and negotiations. Mr. Mays seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 7:51 PM.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 23** - Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to appoint Ryan Rudegear to both the Police and Fire Pension Boards. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 24** - Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Rudegear seconded a motion to authorize the purchase and acquisition of 1327 Eagle Street from the County Tax Claim Bureau for demolition.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary