

City Council Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 6:10 p.m.; Council convened at their regular City Council Meeting with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Diane Bernardo, James Aughenbaugh (phone), Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: City Controller, David Volpe

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Prior to the City Council Meeting, the DuBois/Sandy Joint Board Meeting was held at 6 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2022

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2022

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.


Approval of Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$536,957.15 and the Check Register by Check ID dated March 30, 2022 in the amount of \$45,970.68 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

None

DuBois Memorial Park Improvements DCNR Resolution

	RESOLUTION PAGE	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania www.dcnr.state.pa.us/grants
DCNR-C2P2 Applicant Information (* indicates required information)		
Applicant/Grantee Legal Name: CITY OF DUBOIS		Web Application ID: 2005170
Project Title: DuBois Memorial Park Improvements		

WHEREAS, CITY OF DUBOIS ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project, "DuBois Memorial Park Improvements" ("Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "John Suplizio" who, at the time of signing, has a TITLE of "City Manager" and the email address of "hermsuplizio@hotmail.com".
2. If this Official signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the "TITLE" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the

DuBois City Council
(Identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)
of this applicant, this 4th day of April, 2022.
(signature of the governing body)

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DuBois Memorial Park Improvements DCNR Resolution (Cont’d.)

Authority Director Mitchell stated that this is a grant for basketball and volleyball courts and skate park improvements. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve Resolution DCNR-C2P2 – DuBois Memorial Park Improvements as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilwoman – Shannon Gabriel

She wanted to stress the importance of the Drug Task Force in the City of DuBois. Mayor Walsh asked if Chief Clark had any numbers. City Manager Suplizio stated that our Finance Officer would put the numbers together.

Councilman – Shane Dietz

Wanted to piggyback on to Gabriel’s comment: He wanted to know what the process is for people (individuals working with drugs) who are rounded up. Chief Clark stated that the individuals are charged and any money that is found on them is used for processing, if there is more money than the cost of processing after the case is settled the police ask the DA for the money to be released back to them. Gabriel mentioned the new Vent Hood the police had recently acquired. Clark stated it cost \$10,000 and was purchased from some of the funds relinquished by the DA’s office. The Vent Hood will allow them to test substances safely without having to send it away for processing. Prior to the Hood it would take up to four months to get the results back; 4 months with the individual free to walk the streets.

Councilwoman – Diane Bernardo

Mentioned the new Tasers available – a lasso? Clark doesn’t feel the lasso took off like they thought it would. Bernardo asked if Clark is considering purchasing one; Clark wants to see further testing on them before he would commit.

City Solicitor - Toni Cherry

Bankruptcy - We receive several bankruptcy letters for chain stores that are not located in the City limits. At one time these stores were located at the DuBois Mall. She wanted Council to be aware that even when a store goes into bankruptcy it does not alleviate paying taxes.

Councilman – Jim Aughenbaugh

- Eastside Building? – City Manager Suplizio said he would call Mr. Kepple.
- Pool Project – when is it to begin? – City Manager Suplizio said not until after the season.

City Manager – John “Herm” Suplizio

- Top of the Embankment at the end of the boulevard – Summer project hoping to be finished by Community Days in June. Councilman Aughenbaugh asked if a picture could be put on the Website. Suplizio confirmed it would be.
- Work will be restarting on Maple Avenue through the end of summer; we should be getting a letter out to residents. Currently, they are doing drainage.

Councilwoman – Shannon Gabriel

Addressed some comments she had seen recently on Facebook concerning potholes. She wanted people to know they can call into the office and report potholes. She also wanted them to be aware that not all roads in the City of DuBois are City roads. Route 255 and 219 are state roads so people would need to report those to Penn DOT.

Adjourn

There being no further business to transact; the motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council adjourn. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST:



Approved:

