

City Council Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, August 1, 2022 @ 6 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, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; Assistant City Solicitor, Paula Cherry; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: David Volpe, City Controller

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

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2022

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2022

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, 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 July 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1,293,275.85 and the Check Register by Check ID dated July 28, 2022 in the amount of \$11,376.67 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Request from Assistant City Solicitor Cherry to add an item to the Agenda under business arising with 24-hours prior to the meeting; we did not get the specifics from PennVEST until this morning and due to time constrictions we need to get moving on the process: 1st Reading of Council Bill No. 1967 – Debt Ordinance for New Sewage Treatment Plant.

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council allow the item “1st Reading of Council Bill No. 1967 – Debt Ordinance for New Sewage Treatment Plant” added to the agenda. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments: None

1st Reading of Council Bill No. 1967 - Debt Ordinance for New Sewage Treatment Plant

Nasuti stated that PennVEST said the issue will be a bond not a note. Cherry informed Council and the audience that S & T Bank will be the depository.

An Ordinance authorizing the incurring on Nonelectoral debt by the City of DuBois Through the issuance of a general obligation bond in the aggregate principal amount of not more than Eight Six Million One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$86,117.897.00) for the cost of the construction of a new 5.4 MGD AADF Water Resource Recovery Facility, consisting of a new influent pump station, septage receiving, screening, grit removal, SBR biological treatment, tertiary filtration, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection, aerobic digestion, sludge dewatering, administrative building, as well as a new access road and bridge to the site; together with the replacement of 8,000 feet of sanitary sewer and 4,500 feet of sewer interceptor with the ultimate demolition of the existing waste water facility; covenanting to pay, and pledging unlimited taxing power for the payment of, the bond; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, interest rates, maturity redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; accepting a proposal for the purchase of the bond; authorizing a filing of required documents with the department of community and economic development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bond was presented for first reading by Assistant City Solicitor Cherry.

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1st Reading of Council Bill No. 1967 - Debt Ordinance for New Sewage Treatment Plant (Cont'd.)

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the first reading of Council Bill No. 1967 – Debt Ordinance for New Sewage Treatment Plant as presented by Assistant City Solicitor, Paula Cherry. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

City Manager to Approach Sandy Township Manager for Help with Extension

Mayor Walsh stated during previous conversations, Township Manager, Shawn Arbaugh, said that he knew someone at DEP that he could contact for us to talk about a possible extension on the Sewage Treatment Plant. Is that still an option? Nasuti stated he is welcome to try any additional time would be welcome. City Manager Suplizio asked Council if he could contact Township Manager Arbaugh to ask if he would check to see if there are any avenues for an extension. Nasuti stated we would need to know by the 15th. The motion as made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council authorize Manager Suplizio to approach Township Manager Arbaugh requesting any help he could give in attaining an extension. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Request for Public Hearings on August 15 and September 19, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. for 2022 CDBG

Mayor Walsh asked Redevelopment Director Mitchell to speak on this item. Mitchell stated that he is laying out the time frame for the 2020 CDBG application submittal. During the Public Hearing of August 15, 2022 we will be accepting ideas for the use of the funds; on September 19, 2022 we will be discussing the ideas we have received.

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the request for a Public Hearing on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. concerning 2022 CDBG. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the request for a Public Hearing on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. concerning 2022 CDBG. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Recommendation – 2022 Street Paving

City Engineer/Public Works Director Nasuti requested that this item be tabled for two weeks and be put on the agenda from Monday, August 15th. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council table this item until August 15th. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walsh asked Public Works Superintendent Farrell about the reservoir. Farrell state that it is currently 8" down; not bad for this time of year.

Police Chief – Blaine Clark

Chief Clark stated that he heard a lot of positive input from the public concerning the Little League Championships. Mayor Walsh felt it made a great impact on the entire Community. Chief Clark stated there were no incidents in the park during the tournament.

City Councilwoman – Diane Bernardo

Stated that Mr. Skraba last Thursday at Musicfest informed the audience that the City of DuBois presents Musicfest and everyone should thank a Council person. Bernardo stated that a few of her neighbors thank her. Mayor Walsh asked when Council was cooking hot dogs, the City Manager stated Thursday, August 25th.

City Manager – John “Herm” Suplizio

- Asked Nasuti to update everyone on Maple Avenue. Nasuti stated that by the end of August both sides of Maple Avenue should be paved to Tenth Street; by the end of September up to Thirteenth Street; and the side streets by the end of October.
- Suplizio stated that flood control started today.
- East DuBois Avenue Embankment is coming along well – concrete should be finished tomorrow and the lights next week.

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City Manager – John “Herm” Suplizio (Cont'd.)

- Two weeks ago the consultants gave us an 11 item memo of things that had to be decided by November, tonight you have our answers in your packet. We will be going over this at some point.

Mayor – Edward L. Walsh

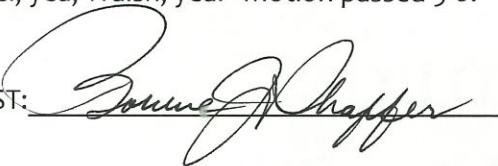
It's been a great couple of weeks; did anyone see the green grass coming up on the embankment?

Councilwoman Bernardo asked if we can talk about parking. She went on to say that people are driving down the one-way at the park and a lot of people parking in the grass. City Manager Suplizio said it is a tough situation when we have concerts and ballgames all going on at the same time. Mayor Walsh said it is a good problem to have. The City Manager said we do have a police officer in the park on Thursday evenings, sometimes two. Chief Clark said he will take a look at it. Walsh said now all the tournaments will be on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays so that should help. Bernardo is afraid that once they have went the wrong way on a one way, they will continue to do it.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:



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