

Work Session Meeting Minutes - August 19, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, August 19, 2021 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh, Diane Bernardo, Shannon Gabriel; and City Controller, David Volpe. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; IT Director, James Tokarcik; Finance/Water Clerk, Dayna Bowley; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: Councilman Shane Dietz and City Controller, David Volpe

Approval of Minutes
Review for Monday

Approval of Registry of Invoices
Review for Monday

CommUnity for Unity request for permission to use the DuBois City Park on Thursday, October 21 - Sunday, October 24, 2021 for the Lord of the Harvest Revival. (Tent large enough for 300 people.)

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the request with the following stipulations: The organization must submit a Certificate of Liability Insurance, make a PA One call, place the tent in the grass in front of the stage; and understand that the water in the park may be shut off (thus no restrooms) due to colder temperatures. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Request for authorization to bid out Aggregates
The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the request to bid out Aggregates. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Recommendation from the Watershed Committee that Council proceed with apply herbicide treatment to 100 acres in Compartment 5 in 2021 prior to the end of October and the first front.

City Manager Suplizio stated that things are a little different this year; he would like to meet with Joe Wilson before we approve applying herbicide. We usually spray when we do a timber cut, but this time there will be no timber cut so we would have to bid the spraying out. This item was put on hold until a later meeting and City Manager Suplizio meets with Mr. Wilson.

Request from Falls Creek Borough for one sewer EDU for Dollar General Store
Review for Monday

Tabulation - Maple Avenue Turnback

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TABULATION OF BIDS
For
MAPLE AVENUE TURN BACK

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID</u>
Dave Roman Excavating, Inc. 1135 Reynoldsville Sykesville Rd Reynoldsville, PA 15851	\$3,421,486.45

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Tabulation - Maple Avenue Turnback

Francis J. Palo, Inc. PO Box 368 309 S. 4 th Ave Clarion, PA 16214	\$3,743,013.00
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Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. 627 Rich Highway DuBois, PA 15801	\$3,225,000.00
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HRI, Inc. 1750 W. College Avenue State College, PA 16801	\$3,924,493.00
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Recommendation Monday

Jason Gray - Consolidation Study

Mr. Gray attended Sandy Townships meeting last Monday to let them know that his foundation has contacted the Pennsylvania Economy League about having one more public meeting before the vote on consolidation. He would now like to attend our Council Meeting on Monday evening to update Council on what has transpired. He believes the meeting will be held sometime in October and the foundation will be paying PEL to come.

Police Chief - Blaine Clark

Mayor Walsh asked him about the standoff at the Township building. Chief Clark stated that earlier in the day the suspect had been in an accident and had shot out the windows of this vehicle to get out. The police confiscated the gun and the suspect wanted it back. He showed up at the police stations with an AK demanding they return his weapon. Clark stated that the suspect had served in Afghanistan and feels that with all the upheaval in that region right now he's a vet that snapped.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer - Zac Lawhead

Updated Council on house numbers; he stated that they got through all the house numbers and now he is sending out second notices with violations.

Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Updated Council on her program concerning Police suicide. She stated that she gave them some resources, gave them the number for a cop line, and did the QPR Training (1/2 hr. training online). She stated that the QPR Training gives you procedures to follow to help deescalate the situation; it is believed to be 90% effective. Mayor Walsh stated that our officers are excited that the City is concerned about their mental state and have implemented a program. Mayor Walsh asked that Gabriel continue to update Council on this project.

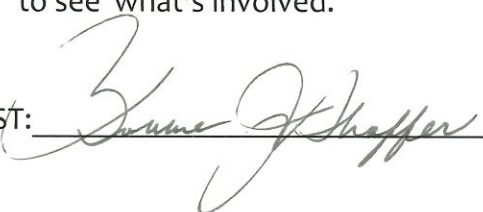
Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

- Asked Councilwoman Gabriel if she has any information for middle school kids; Gabriel is going to get some pamphlets for Bernardo.
- Habitat for Humanity is not just for new homes they also help families with small critical repair projects, Bernardo received a letter that stated the following: "we've discovered a need in our community that is sadly going unmet. We have discovered a large population of people, living in subpar conditions yet unable to afford a typical Habitat home. With this challenge before us, we began working to lay plans for a tiny house initiative..." Bernardo said, wouldn't this be perfect for our

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substandard lots that we have all over the City? She gave Nancy Moore, Planning Commission Chairwoman, a copy of the letter and will give one to the City Solicitor. She's going to ask Mr. Farr for an application for the small critical repair projects, just to see what's involved.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

