

City Council Meeting Minutes -December 13, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 7 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, Shannon Gabriel; and City Controller, David Volpe. 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; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Prior to the Council Meeting at 6:45 p.m. a Public Hearing was held concerning the 2022 Budget and Tax Levy.

Approval of Minutes

Public Hearing - Liquor License Transfer - November 22, 2021

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the Public Hearing - Liquor License Transfer Minutes of November 22, 2021 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.

City Council Meeting Minutes - November 22, 2021

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2021 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 - December 9, 2021

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2021 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 Deitz and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated December 9, 2021 in the amount of \$1,592,196.56 and the Check Register by Check ID dated December 8, 2021 in the amount of \$26,254.68 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.

Public Comments - No public comments.

Second Reading of Council Bill No. 1964 - Amended Ord. No. 1824 Industrial Sewer Use Ordinance

City Solicitor Cherry addressed Council and stated that this is an amendment to Ordinance 1824 updating the language and bringing it back into compliance with current standards of the Environmental Protection Agency. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council accept the second and final reading of Council Bill No 1964 as presented and it become Ordinance No. 1865 in the Code of Ordinance for the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 -0.

Request Public Hearing on December 27 @ 6:55 p.m. concerning the 2022 Budget and Tax Levy

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the request for a Public Hearing on December 27, 2021 @ 6:55 p.m. concerning the 2022 Budget and Tax Levy. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 -0.

Joint Municipal Meeting between the City of DuBois and Sandy Township - Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 6 p.m. - City Building/Council Chambers

City Manager Suplizio stated that now that Consolidation has passed, we need to bring the two governing bodies together to set up committees. He believes that it is very important that everyone be in attendance. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Joint Municipal Meeting between the City of DuBois and Sandy Township on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 6 p.m. at the City Building in Council Chambers. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 -0.

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Permit Parking - Increase Fee (Currently \$25 Monthly; \$225 Annually)

City Manager Suplizio stated that it is that time of year when we need to decide whether we increase the Parking Permit price or keep it the same. Councilwoman Bernardo reminded everyone that it is currently \$25 a month (less than \$1 a day) and if you pay for a year you get three months free. She feels parking is very cheap in the City of DuBois. In the meantime, costs for maintenance have increased and she's not talking about just painting the lines; its paving and plowing, etc. The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel to increase the monthly fee to \$30 (\$1 a day) monthly and \$270 annually which would still give them three months free. Mayor Walsh asked for any questions on the vote when Jennifer Jackson Torrell interrupted with her objections. She stated in a year of pandemic when many businesses have been lost, how could they even think of raising the price. She went on to ask why they had not discussed it with the business owners first. Mayor Walsh told her she was out of order, but she persisted. Finally, after she had finished speaking, Council continued with their vote. Councilman Aughenbaugh asked if there were residents that also purchased Permits; City Secretary Shaffer confirmed there are. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 -0.

Recommendation - Hoover & W. Washington Avenue Waterline Replacement Project

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and award the contract to Dave Roman Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$178,415. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 -0.

Reorganizational Meeting for Monday, January 3, 2022 @ 11 a.m. (Change of time from normal; Judge Cherry requested the change.)

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Reorganizational meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 11 a.m. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 -0.

Councilwoman Gabriel stated she would not be at our December 27th Public Hearing or City Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Bernardo had a shout out for birthdays.

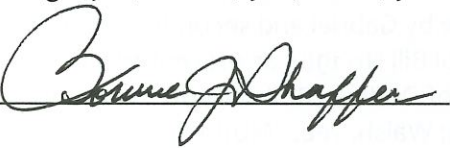
City Manager Suplizio informed Council we will be having a Luncheon for the employees on Tuesday, December 21 @ Noon and will be inviting Sandy Township to join us; all of Council is invited.

City Manager Suplizio called for an Executive Session for a Personnel Issue.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:



Approved:

