

Work Session Meeting Minutes – December 28, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 @ 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, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; City Engineer/Public Work Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; IT Director, Matt Johnson; Deputy Treasurer, Tom Nowak; City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: Councilman Shane Dietz

Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1971 – Debt Ordinance

An Ordinance authorizing the incurrence of debt by the City of DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, through the issuance of a guaranteed revenue bond in the maximum principal amount of \$83,883,897.00 for purposes of upgrading and expanding the City’s Wastewater Treatment Facilities and refunding certain outstanding debt; fixing the form, dates, interest, and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the bond; providing for the filing of the required documentation with the Department of Community and Economic Development to incur and exclude additional debt of the governmental unit; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the bond; providing for the authorized signatories and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof was presented for second and final reading. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the second and final reading of Council Bill No. 1971 – Debt Ordinance and it become Ordinance No. 1872 in the Code of Ordinances for the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution of Condolence – Steven G. Swope

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of DuBois was saddened to learn of the death of our former Public Works Superintendent and exemplary citizen, **STEVEN G. SWOPE**, on December 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, STEVEN G. SWOPE served in various positions from June 16, 1986 until his retirement on June 26, 2015; filling these important positions with distinction and advantage to the taxpayers of the City of DuBois; always conscientious to the highest degree in these positions of trust and moved only by the best interests of his fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body in Council assembled this 28th day of December, 2022, that it express its deepest regret and sorrow at the loss of friend and colleague, **STEVEN G. SWOPE**, and hereby officially extend an expression of profound sympathy to his family for their personal loss.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the family of **STEVEN G. SWOPE**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the DuBois City Council at a regular meeting held on December 28, 2022, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we set our hands and cause the Official seal of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, to be affixed this 28th day of December, 2022.

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the Resolution of Condolence for Steven G. Swope and express their condolences to his family. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

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Mayor Walsh thanked all of the City Employees (Public Works, Administrative Building and Police) for the good turnout for Steve Swope's viewing. He noted how dedicated the entire staff is to each other. He was very proud and counts it a privilege to work with these individuals.

Final Approval STMP Program – Eckert Seaman

Mayor Walsh stated that this item is to approve the final report on the STMP Program. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo and that Council accept the final report for Eckert Seaman concerning the STMP Program. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

CDBG Consultant Selection

Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell recommends the award for consulting services go to Urban Design Venture, LLC for the fiscal years 2023-2027. Mitchell noted that the RFP was reviewed and agreed upon by Sandy Township. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the recommendation of Mitchell and award the contract to Urban Design Ventures, LLC for fiscal years 2023-2027 as proposed. Councilwoman Bernardo had a question on the motion: Has the City ever reached out to a consultant before? Mitchell stated that in the 12 years he's been with the City, we have had several. When he first arrived we had Stiffler McGraw and have had two since then. The consultants are responsible for filing out the application and doing the environmental reviews; Mitchell takes care of the administration. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Deputy Treasurer, Tom Nowak

Happy Healthy New Year to Everyone.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Kudos to the City Crew who were out on Christmas Day working on a waterline break in arctic weather. It seems these things always happen on a weekend or a holiday when I'm sure they would much rather be with their families. I appreciate the fact that not only did they take care of the waterline break they also took care of the roads under extreme conditions.

Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

Happy New Year!

City Manager – John "Herm" Suplizio

Thanked Attorney Anthony Ditka for taking the time to come up. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Planning Commission Chairwoman – Nancy Moore

Expressed her appreciation of the City Crew for helping Rotor Rooter over the holiday weekend at her house.

Mayor Edward Walsh

2022 was a good year for the City of DuBois and he's looking for an even better year in 2023. He will be on Connect FM 95.9 at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

