

City Council Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, December 5, 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; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: City Controller, David Volpe

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

Approval of Minutes

- City Council Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2022
The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 21, 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 – December 1, 2022
The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, abstain (due to absence); Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated December 1, 2022 in the amount of \$1,489,811.52 and the Check Register by Check ID dated December 1, 2022 in the amount of \$22,486.41 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

None

PennVEST LGUDA

City Engineer Nasuti stated that we don't have anything for this tonight; just wanted to make Council aware that we are still working on it.

Sewer H2O Grant

Director Mitchell stated that we are apply for a grant with help from HRG for a portion of the Sewer Plant, he will need approvals at the next meeting.

Authorization for Timber Sale (Across from Christian Ridge Road)

City Manager Suplizio stated we are just looking for authorization today; Ken doesn't plan to advertise until the price of lumber goes back up. Councilman Aughenbaugh asked if Council would be notified when we do advertise. Suplizio confirmed that they would be. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council authorize a Timber Sale for the property across from Christian Ridge Road. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Works Superintendent – Scott Farrell

Still working on the waterline break across the road from the Coke Plant in the meadow.

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Councilman Shane Dietz

- Stated that the lighting around the City is amazing...good job to the workers that put them up.
- Good job to all individuals working on the waterline break for getting right on it and ensuring that people got their water back as quickly as possible.

Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Ditto to what Councilman Dietz said.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

- Asked Police Chief Clark if the Police Department's Meet and Greet is scheduled for Thursday, December 15th. Clark confirmed it is.
- Mentioned the Memorial Benches for the top of the boulevard. City Manager Suplizio stated that currently they are \$3,500 each.

Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

- A lot of compliments from people, the City looks nice.
- Good job everyone on the waterline break.

City Manager John "Herm" Suplizio

- Update on Santa....he was down for a while due to high winds. It's not recommended to have him up in high winds. So, he will go back to the North Pole during high winds and be back up and visible when it's nice.
- Chief Clark and Corporal Prosper went over to Central Catholic to discuss having an officer in the school. The City is working with Sandy Township to try and help Central out. Currently we are working on policy for the officer...will he be able to wear his uniform in the school? The school superintendent and DuBois and Sandy Police Departments are meeting together on this.

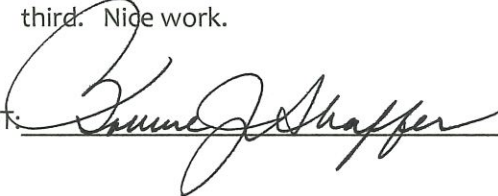
City Solicitor, Toni Cherry

Asked for clarification, Central Catholic approached us, we did not approach them. Suplizio confirmed.

Mayor Edward L. Walsh

- The City Manager had the kids mesmerized as he read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at Brighten the Night on Friday evening.
- When the office was closed on Monday, our City Manager was here in the office, on his day off, trying to bring three tournaments to the City next summer. He closed two and is working on the third. Nice work.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

