

## City Council Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 6 p.m.; Council convened at their regular City Council Meeting with Vice President of Council, Diane Bernardo, in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Edward L. Walsh (Phone), James Aughenbaugh (Phone), Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. 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; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Bernardo.

### Excuse Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council excuse Councilman Aughenbaugh from the evenings proceedings. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Approval of Minutes

#### City Council Meeting – January 23, 2023

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Work Session Meeting – February 9, 2023

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated February 9, 2023 in the amount of \$834,994.37 and the Check Register by Check ID dated February 9, 2023 in the amount of \$69,137.24 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Public Comments

#### Alice Daly – 21 S. State ST

Mrs. Daly’s concern is safety in crossing the streets in the City of DuBois. She likes to walk and finds it dangerous at times trying to cross the crosswalks; she feels it’s easier and safer to cross in the middle of the street but knows insurance would never cover an accident. The intersection she is concerned about this evening is Main ST and Long Avenue; her son was recently clipped trying to cross at the crosswalk. She believes people need more time to cross. Vice President Bernardo stated that she has discussed the problem with Sergeant McCleary and he will get the number of people hit in the Central Business District (Main Street).

City Solicitor Cherry asked if anyone has noticed people rushing to make right turns; you are to yield to the person walking.

Engineer Nasuti said he would check with PennDOT and see if a safe light (like on Brady and Long) could be put on Main Street; all lights would be red for a period of time giving the walker time to cross.

#### Mary Brown – Annual Suicide Prevention Walk

Ms. Brown stated that this is the 14<sup>th</sup> year for the walk. She is requesting use of the park on September 8-10<sup>th</sup> for the annual Suicide Prevention Walk. All money raised at the event stays here. The motion was made but then struck as the item was not on the agenda and the dates had to be checked for use of the park. Will be on the Work Session Agenda for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Aaron Beatty – WPAL – DuBois Mental Health Festival

Miscommunication on time; rescheduling for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Councilman Aughenbaugh has now jointed the meeting by phone.

### First Reading of Council Bill No. 1972 – General Obligation Note, Series 2023

An Ordinance authorizing the incurring of Nonelectoral debt by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000.00); covenanting to pay, and pledging unlimited taxing power for the payment of, the note; fixing the form, interest rate, maturity, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof;

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### First Reading of Council Bill No. 1972 – General Obligation Note, Series 2023 (Cont'd.)

authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for the purchase of the note; 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 note was presented for first reading. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the first reading of Council Bill No. 1972 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Reminders:

- Need Solicitors Letter for Auditors to finish 2021's Audit.
- Info on Skunk Control. Mr. Brocius charges \$100 to set the trap and \$50 to dispose of any animal caught. Will re-address at a later meeting.

#### Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel, Mayor Edward Walsh, and Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

All announced they will be running for a two-year term and will passing petitions starting tomorrow.

#### Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Recently she heard an individual say that there is nothing to do in this town. That's not true:

- Went to a play at DuBois Area Central Catholic; it was beautifully performed, such talent.
- There is currently a play at Reitz Theater.
- Saturday there is a fundraiser at the DuBois Country Club for the YMCA

There is lots to do in this town, you just have to look around.

#### 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: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

*Shannon Gabriel*

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Edward Walsh*