

City Council Meeting Minutes - February 21, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, February 21, 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 Sergeant, Shawn McCleary; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Guest: Dick Whitaker, Chairman for the DuBois/Sandy Consolidation Committee

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 of February 7, 2022

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2022

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Registry of Invoices

City Manager Suplizio requested that a bill for EnviroScience, Inc. in the amount of \$4,964 be added for approval. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$219,640.17 with the addition of an invoice from EnviroScience, Inc. in the amount of \$4,964, and the Check Register by Check ID dated February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$1,734 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments: No Public Comments

Recommendations:

2022 Concrete Curb, Roadway & Sidewalk Repair

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council award the contract for a two-year contract for Concrete Curb, Roadway & Sidewalk Repair to Clear Run Construction & Concrete in the amount of \$781.28 per cubic yard. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

2022 Bituminous Patching Repair

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council award the two-year contract for Bituminous Patching Repair to BK Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$67 per square yard. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Signal Replacement /ADA Improvement Project

City Engineer/Public Work Director Nasuti stated they thought they would have everything reviewed in time for a recommendation but they are not quite ready. He requests the item be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Shane Dietz

Asked for an update on the existing Sewage Treatment Plant. Superintendent Farrell stated that they had to by-pass 943,000 gallons due to the heavy rain, snow melt, and being down a pump. Farrell went on to say, that it looks like we have a lot more rain coming.

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City Solicitor Toni Cherry

Informed Council that they had a letter in their packets concerning an Agreement of Sale for 248 S. Brady ST which was mailed out to the prospective buyer. She went on to say that she has heard that this individual has done good work rehabilitating blighted properties.

City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio

- In the next couple weeks, you will be seeing trees being cut down on First Street between Foxes Pizza and the Fire Hall; the snowplow hits them when they are plowing. He believes five will be cut down. Arbor Pro will be doing the cutting.
- Political Signs - He would ask that people be a little more tasteful in what they put out; vulgarity is not needed. Please tone it down. Solicitor Cherry felt he could make that request if the sign is placed in the City right of way, but if it is in someone's yard that is a First Amendment Issue.

Mayor Edward L. Walsh

Thanked Pastor Whitaker for chairing the Consolidation Committee he feels it's a big undertaking for a great leader. He also announced that Dan Kohlhepp was name Co-Chairman.

Dick Whitaker - Chairman of the Consolidation Committee

Stated he appreciates all the hard work the sub-committees are putting in.

City Manager Suplizio called an Executive Session for a Land Sale.

ATTEST:

 APPROVE: 