

City Council Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, February 22, 2021 @ 7 p.m.; Council convened at their regular City Council Meeting with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: James Aughenbaugh, Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz (by telephone), Shannon Gabriel; City Treasurer, Lisa LaBrasca Becker; and City Controller, David Volpe. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; 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.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2021

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh yea. Motion passed 4 -0. Bernardo was not present for the vote.

Work Session Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh yea. Motion passed 4 -0. Bernardo was not present for the vote.

Approval of Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated February 18, 2021 in the amount of \$241,495.80 and the Autodraft Check Register by Check ID dated February 18, 2021 in the amount of \$2,204.74 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh yea. Motion passed 4 -0. Bernardo was not present for the vote.

Public Comments: None

First Reading of Council Bill No. 1946 – DROP Plan Ordinance

An Ordinance of the City of DuBois amending Chapter 48 of the Code of Ordinances establishing and maintaining a police pension fund to amend certain provisions of the pension plan or program to adopt the provisions of a deferred retirement option plan as agreed to by the City of DuBois and the police officers and to adopt the same in accordance with the agreement reached January 1, 2019, retroactive to the date of said agreement and to reinstate and re-enact in its entirety all sections of Chapter 48 not in conflict herewith was presented for first reading.

Solicitor Cherry reminded Council that they have already approved this ordinance in resolution form in December of 2019; but, these type of amendments require an ordinance. This provision was agreed upon in the contract between the City of DuBois and the Police Department in their agreement of January 1, 2019 and will be retroactive.

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the first reading of Council Bill No. 1946 –DROP Plan Ordinance as presented by City Solicitor Cherry. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh yea. Motion passed 4 -0. Voting had already commenced when Bernardo entered Chambers.

First Reading of Council Bill No. 1960 – House/Building Numbers

An Ordinance of the City of DuBois amending Chapter 149 of the Code of Ordinances establishing the requirement that buildings within the City of DuBois be numbered and amending the requirements for such numbering of buildings and structures within the City of DuBois and amending the minimum and maximum penalties for violation of the provisions of Chapter 149 was presented for first reading.

City Solicitor Cherry referred to the original ordinance which was passed in 1895; she stated that much of the existing ordinance had to do with setting up streets. She reviewed the pertinent

changes to the Ordinance and stated we don't need a public hearing but we will have to advertise as the penalties have increased. Councilwoman Bernardo asked Mr. McDole from Gant Daily if he understood why we are passing this ordinance. Mr. McDole said to help emergency services find homes and buildings easier. Police Chief Clark asked if the buildings such as duplexes will be clearly marked; such as an arrow showing how to find A, B, C. City Solicitor Cherry stated that the owner must indicate how to find multiple units on the front of the building.

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the first reading of Council Bill No. 1960 – House/Building Numbers as presented by City Solicitor Cherry. Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Railroad Sales Agreement

City Manager Suplizio thanked City Engineer Nasuti and City Solicitor Cherry for all their help on this matter. Solicitor Cherry has reviewed the document and has recommended that Council approve the agreement with the stipulation that City Manager Suplizio, City Engineer Nasuti and City Solicitor Cherry are authorized to negotiate the price. City Solicitor Cherry stated that this would give them time to look back in the archives and determine if there are any assignments on the property. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council accept the recommendation of the City Solicitor and the approve the Railroad Sales Agreement with the stipulation that City Manager Suplizio, City Engineer Nasuti and City Solicitor Cherry have authorization to negotiate the price. Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Recommendation – Maple Avenue Waterline Replacement Project



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Mr. Chris Nasuti, P.E.
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Re: Recommendation of Award
Maple Avenue Waterline Replacement Project
Contract No. 2021-01
City of DuBois

Dear Mr. Nasuti:

We have reviewed the bids for the above captioned project which were received on February 17, 2021. All of the bids appear to be in order and with no irregularities found. The low bidder is a reputable and qualified contractor.

We recommend that City Council award this contract to Dave Roman Excavating for a unit price bid amount of \$1,688,502.00, subject to receipt of acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds. We also recommend authorizing the issuance of Notice of Intent to Award to Dave Roman Excavating transmitting the Agreement and Bonds for execution.

We are returning a certified bid tabulation for your files.

Sincerely,

HERBERT, ROWLAND & GRUBIC, INC.


Jeffrey R. Garigan, P.E.
Assistant Vice President

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Enclosure

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council accept the recommendation of HRG and award the Maple Avenue Waterline Replacement Project to Dave Roman Excavating for a unit price bid of \$1,688,502 subject to receipt of acceptance performance

and payment bonds. Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh yea. Motion passed 5-0.

City Engineer/Public Works Director - Chris Nasuti

Nasuti stated that in the next couple weeks they should be beginning the Maple Avenue Waterline Replacement Project. We will be advirting for the Maple Avenue Streetscape project this next week and the Sidewalk the following week.

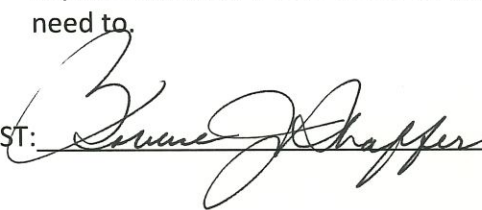
Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Explained that she was at a Downtown DuBois Meeting prior to the Council Meeting; things are moving along.

City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio

- Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Lawhead has requested that the press mention that with all the snow fall and ice we've been having, it is very important for residents to clear their sidewalks as soon as possible.
- Someone asked when the City will be clearing the snow out of the downtown. City Manager Suplizio said that it is to warm up this coming week, we'll see how much melts and if we need to.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

