

## Work Session Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, February 23, 2023 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: 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; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Police Corporal, Lanny Prosper; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; and Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd.

### Approval of Minutes

*Review for Monday*

### Approval of Registry of Invoices

*Review for Monday*

### **Aaron Beatty & Dan Cable – WPAL; and Connor from the DASD Hope Squad – Concerning a Mental Health & Wellness Festival**

Mr. Beatty stated that they would like to have a festival in the DuBois City Park on June 24<sup>th</sup> concerning Mental Health & Wellness. They have been discussing the festival with kids, asking them what would help. The goal is to have the kids run the event. There will be food trucks and musicians; the event would be free.

Councilwoman Bernardo asked if Mr. Beatty had spoken with Ms. Shaffer and picked up the necessary forms. She went on to say that once Council had received the necessary paperwork they would be happy to approve the event.

### **Request from Clearfield Jefferson Suicide Prevention Team for use of the City Park September 8 – 10, 2023 for the annual Suicide Prevention & Awareness Walk.** (will need updated insurance closer to the event)

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the request from the Clearfield Jefferson Suicide Prevention Team for use of the City Park September 8 – 10, 2023 for the annual Suicide Prevention & Awareness Walk. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Pedestrian Crossings Main/Hospital and Main/Long – PennDOT will look into.**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Nasuti contacted PennDOT concerning Main and Long requesting \*\*\*protected crossings for pedestrians before cars get green light. Councilwoman Bernardo stated she would contact Ms. Daly.

\*\*\*Went into effect morning of February 24, 2023

### **Pool Rates**

Did we ask Mr. Gressler his opinion on rates and pool party rates? Councilwoman Gabriel would like to increase the rates due to the economy, so she is asking Council to come back with a number in mind on Monday. Councilwoman Bernardo was in agreement; she also believes they should be raised.

### **Keystone Communities Grant Resolution**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-0363**

**The City of DuBois, Clearfield COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) FOR THE FIRE APPARATUS REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, The City of DuBois, Clearfield County, desires to undertake the Fire Apparatus Replacement project; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of DuBois, Clearfield County, recognizes that the Fire Apparatus Replacement would be a community asset to The City of DuBois; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of DuBois, Clearfield County, desires to apply to and requests funding from the DCED Keystone Communities Program for a grant for the purpose of completing this project; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The City of DuBois, Clearfield County, Board of Supervisors hereby approves this project and authorizes application to the DCED Keystone Communities Program in the amount of \$400,000, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, if the application is granted, The City of DuBois, Clearfield County, Mayor and Council authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to execute any and all agreements necessary to administer this grant.

**RESOLVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2023.

Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell, stated we will be replacing Engine 75. If he gets approval today, he can apply tomorrow. The cost of the Truck was \$568,000; if we ordered this Truck today it would be well over \$700,000. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve Resolution No. 2023-0363 – Keystone Communities Grant Resolution as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 3-0.

**Animal Control**

Manager Suplizio talked with the Game Commission concerning skunk removal; we may take care of this in-house. We would have to purchase traps and have a few people licensed.

**Water Lines Coke Hill**

Council was presented with an estimate of how much it would cost to replace the waterlines in all the places we have replaced the sewer lines on Coke Hill. We would have to raise the water rates to pay for the project. Before we pave the road, Chris would like Council to think about the project and let him know what they want to do. Councilwoman Gabriel would like to know what the increase would be. City Manager Suplizio asked Nasuti to figure out what the rate increase would be. Councilwoman Bernardo wanted to know how much we have spent on waterline breaks up there. Finance Officer Shepherd stated it depends on the leak and when it happens.

**Police Chief Blaine Clark**

Accolades to the Officers that were out doing their jobs, like they should be, and were at the right place at the right time.

**Councilwoman Diane Bernardo**

Congrats on the drug bust Chief Clark; he doesn't know how much in street value; estimated \$50,000 drugs off the street.

**Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel**

Joe Morrison should be commended for his part in stopping what could have been much worse. Next week they are re-opening and she wishes them luck.

Councilwoman Gabriel called an Executive Session for a land matter and personnel issue.

ATTEST:  APPROVED: 