

Work Session Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, February 4, 2021 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh, Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, Shannon Gabriel; and City Controller, David Volpe. 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; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; and Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd.

Approval of Minutes

Review for Monday

Approval of Registry of Invoices

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Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1959 – Treasurer's Salary

An Ordinance determining and fixing the salary of the City Treasurer of the City of DuBois for the City Treasurer's duties as Treasurer and Tax Collector for the four-year term commencing on the first (1st) Monday of January 2022 and continuing through the year 2025; beginning at the rate of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) for year 2022 and increasing by 3% each year for the remainder of the four-year term was presented for Second and Final Reading. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approved the second and final reading of Council Bill No. 1959 and it become Ordinance No. 1859 in the Code of Ordinances for the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Planning Commission Recommendation

- a. Ryan/Kelly Ferut – 501 Orient Avenue – Rezoning Request
City Manager Suplizio informed Council of Planning Commission's denial of the request from Ryan & Kelly Ferut and why. He informed them, that to grant the request would be spot rezoning, which is highly illegal.

Staff to look into Areas to Rezone

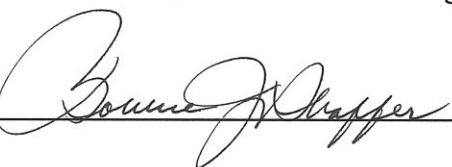
City Councilwoman Bernardo is asking Council's support in asking the very capable staff of the City to look at areas in the City that could be rezoned to help the City thrive. Councilman Aughenbaugh said he remembers several problem areas in the City that could be rezoned to help bring business. Mayor Walsh stated that he agrees with Councilwoman Bernardo's request but in the case of the Ferut request it would have been spot zoning. Councilwoman Bernardo said she understands that, but there are areas in the City that would not be considered spot zoning that could be rezoned. The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council request the staff (Lawhead, Mitchell and Nasuti) look at areas that could be rezoned to help the City grow and thrive. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Councilman Shane Dietz

Stated that there is a manhole cover on Main Street between West Washington and West Weber that is really low.

An Executive Session was called concerning Land Issues.

ATTEST:



APPROVE:

