

## City Council Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 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; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; 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 Mayor Walsh.

### Approval of Minutes

#### Reorganizational Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2023

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Reorganizational Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

#### City Council Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2023

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

#### Work Session Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2023

The motion as made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

### Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated January 19, 2023 in the amount of \$625,381.93 and the Check Register by Check ID dated January 18, 2023 in the amount of \$20,459.11 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.

### Watershed Recommendations:

#### A. Spray entire Watershed in mid- May for Gypsy Moths

City Manager Suplizio felt the timber cut would pay for the spraying. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the recommendation of the Watershed Committee and authorize spraying the entire Watershed in mid-May for Gypsy Moths. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

#### B. Continue with the DMAP Program

Mayor Walsh stated that this is the program that gives out a coupon for an additional doe tag; helps cut the population on the Watershed. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council accept the recommendation of the Watershed Committee and continue the DMAP Program. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

### Annual Request for Use of the Stage/Park

The following is a list of requests for use of the Park to date in 2023: (Most of these events need prior approval, so they can book vendors, artists, etc.) Currently we may not have all documentation; such as, the deposit and insurance which will need updated prior to the event; but, we will have all documentation prior to the event.



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### Annual Request for Use of the Stage/Park (Cont'd.)

- **June 3, 2023** – 7 Mountains Media (Bigfoot Country); Julie Felix – Use of Pavilion B for annual Bigfoot Big Backyard Radio Promo
- **July 21 – 23, 2023** – Relay for Life; Eva McKee – Use of the Park
- **August 5, 2023** – Wheels of Yesteryear; Doug Smith – Use of Stage and Grass Area in Front
- **August 19, 2023** – Charged Ministries; Ty Maines – Use of Stage and Park for annual Christian concert
- **September 22 – 24, 2023** – Car Cruz In; Eva McKee – Use of Stage and Grass Area in Front

Councilwoman Bernardo confirmed that these organizations have always been in compliance in the past and were reliable to get us the proper paperwork. Shaffer confirmed they are reliable. The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the list of annual requests for use of the Stage/Park as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

### Request from Franklin Boyer for handicapped parking space in front of or across from 228 S. Highland Street

Mayor Walsh confirmed with Public Works Director/City Engineer Nasuti that there was no problem with the request. Nasuti confirmed there is no problem. Manager Suplizio stated that this individual was in the office today and is in need of this space. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the request from Mr. Boyer for a handicapped parking space in front of or across from 228 S. Highland Street. Mayor Walsh asked if we still send out a letter every year confirming the spaces are still needed. Manager Suplizio confirmed we do. Councilman Dietz wanted to make sure that Mr. Boyer was aware that it will be designated as handicapped but anyone with a placard can park in that space. Manager Suplizio confirmed that information is included in the letter Mr. Boyer will be receiving. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

### Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

- Gave a shout out concerning the memo requesting authorization for the Annual Requests for Use of the Park.
- Complimented Mayor Walsh on his television interview concerning the Eastern Regional tournaments.

### Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

Asked if there was a date for the next 10 Person Joint Board Meeting. Mayor Walsh felt we would schedule one in February or March.

### Mayor Edward L. Walsh

It's a great day for DuBois with the tournaments coming in. It will be a great economic boost for the entire area.

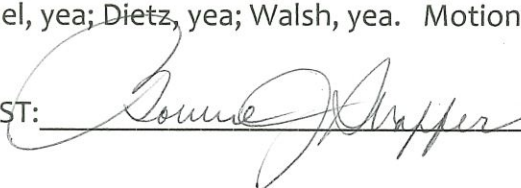
### City Solicitor – Toni Cherry

It's wonderful that the individuals responsible for putting this together had the foresight to recognize the economic impact this will have on our shops, hotels, and restaurants. It goes beyond the economic impact; individuals in our local community that have never had the chance to go to a tournament will be able to attend.

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

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

