

Work Session Meeting Minutes -July 22, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, 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; Police Chief, Blaine Clark (was called out for backup); IT Director, James Tokarcik; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh and City Controller, David Volpe

Approval of Minutes

Review for Monday

Approval of Registry of Invoices

Review for Monday

Resolution No. 2021-0336 - Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant - \$121,436



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AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2021-0336

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of DuBois hereby request a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$121,436 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be used for Maple Avenue Streetscape Phase 2

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Edward Walsh, Mayor and John Suplizio, City Manager as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of DuBois and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Bobbie Shaffer, duly qualified Secretary of the City of DuBois, Clearfield County, PA. hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the City of DuBois at a public meeting held July 22, 2021 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of DuBois and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of City of DuBois,
This 22nd day of July, 2021.

City of DuBois

Name of Applicant

Clearfield County

County

Secretary

Redevelopment Authority Director Mitchell stated that this is a DCED grant which will be used to finish the streetscape between 7th and 10th Streets on Maple Avenue. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve Resolution No. 2021-0336 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Request from Matthew Reed to close W. Park Avenue from Brady Street to the intersection at North Jared Street on Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for the Spooky Season Spectacular with proceeds going to First Class Children's Foundation for supply/book boxes for children at Juniata Elementary School.

Mayor Walsh asked if this event would interfere with Octoberfest. Councilwoman Bernardo confirmed it would not. Mayor Walsh asked if it would interfere with the businesses along that street. The City Manager stated that as it is a Sunday the businesses would be closed, so it shouldn't be a problem. Councilwoman Bernardo asked if he was the gentlemen that did the car shows in the past. The City Manager confirmed he was. Bernardo asked if he had insurance in the past; the City

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Secretary stated she didn't believe he did. The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the request from Mr. Reed to close W. Park Avenue from Brady Street to the intersection at North Jared Street on Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for Spooky Season Spectacular contingent on Mr. Reed providing a Certificate of Liability Insurance. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Update on Eastside Sports Bar

Starting to work on cleanup today. We were hoping to get the road back opened up tomorrow but there were some unforeseen complications. When they were cleaning up the loose bricks they noticed a crack across the entire front of the building. The insurance company is sending engineers tomorrow to decided what to do. We are making progress.

Mayor Walsh asked where we stand with the trees. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Lawhead stated that the man is on vacation but will be back tomorrow. But he wasn't very optimistic that they would get right on it.

Concerning the garage: The owner is working with her insurance company and checking into demolition contractors. Should be moving forward.

The City Manager asked to go back to the sports bar; we still can't open the road?

Lawhead said they can't finish cleaning up the side of the building until they can figure out what to do with the front; they feel part of the pile may be holding up the front.

City Engineer Nasuti stated that if there are loose bricks on the front, one lane on Rt. 219 may have to be closed.

Mayor Walsh said that it really affects all the businesses on that corner.

Update on 42 W. Long Avenue

City Engineer Nasuti stated that the building is completely down and they are filling in the hole. We will open the sidewalk once the fill is up to grade. Nasuti stated that we really made out well on the demolition, we were only billed \$10,000 and they were able to use the fill from Maple Avenue.

Update on Maple Avenue

City Engineer Nasuti told Council that the road project on the one-way road that is now going to be a two-way road has been paved. It's going very well.

The sidewalk is going as well as can be expected.

The waterline, there have been some issues.

They will be paving the lane coming into town from Beaver Meadow Creamery to 9th Street; followed by 9th to Oklahoma Salem Road and finally Beaver Meadow Creamery to Sheetz.

City Engineer/Public Works Director - Chris Nasuti

Nasuti stated that our Water Treatment Plant was hit by lightning and Redevelopment Authority Director Mitchell was instrumental in getting it back up and running. Mayor Walsh asked if insurance will cover the damage. Nasuti believes it should but he hasn't talked to an adjuster yet.

They were doing some work out at the reservoir and moved the intake valve; now the water is a yellow color due to the high level of manganese in the water. They have stopped construction and moved the intake back hoping the water will clear; should take a few days.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer - Zac Lawhead

Talked to the owner of the property where the chickens live, he will talk to his tenant about getting rid of them. The Mayor explained they were running on to Main Street and it was causing a traffic hazard.

Councilman Shane Dietz

- Good job Water Department for getting the plant up and operational

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- What are we going to do if they can't open the street at the Eastside Sports Bar up in a timely manner? City Manager Suplizio wondered if we could get in touch with Mr. Kepple and have the area fenced in. Engineer Nasuti stated that as long as the building is unsafe we cannot open the street. He's not sure if we have the authority to make Mr. Kepple fence the area in. We may have to talk with the City Solicitor about that. Code Enforcer Lawhead suggested we use the same tactics that we did with Mr. Shuttleworth and charge him per day. He believes Mr. Kepple has been pretty much cut out of any decision making ...he believes the insurance company is contacting Hallstrom Construction directly.

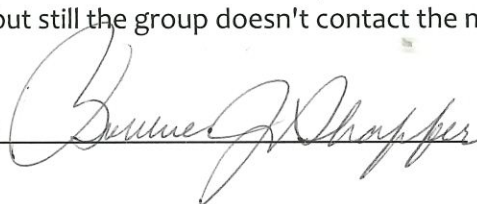
Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

- She noticed that they have started cleaning up the Spring Avenue fire property.
- Question about pool construction: How long after the pool has been put in until a fence must be installed? She stated the property is located at the top of Spring and Love and one side of the pool is level with the ground. Dangerous for children.
- Thanked the City Engineer for the water explanation.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

- Asked if the pool was permitted. Lawhead confirmed it was; he'll take a look and check out any reference to the fence.
- Julie's building downtown: Did anyone talk to her? Lawhead confirmed he did and the ball is rolling. She has actual plans from Chuck Meier.
- Mike's Lock Shop Building - Any update? No one had a recent update. Lawhead hasn't seen any activity around there for a while.
- Article in the newspaper: Mayor Walsh went to the meeting with Bernardo. Walsh stated there is a lack of communication; it's terrible. They told Mary Jo Yebertsky they needed a Certificate of Liability insurance in February; she finally admitted she dropped the ball. They discussed the negativity of the website. Downtown DuBois feels that the City is taking the pictures the wrong way. Walsh still feels it is not appropriate for them to have those pictures on their site. Josiah from Clearfield County Tourism was at the meeting, he appreciated Mayor Walsh attending. We need better communications between the City and the Downtown DuBois, Inc. organization. Councilwoman Bernardo has very strong feels about the organization and would like to see Oktoberfest moved to the park. She stated that she told them that downtown promotions should include the merchants from the downtown; but still the group doesn't contact the merchants or ask them to participate. Frustrating.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

