

## Work Session Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, June 16, 2022 @ 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, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; K-9 Officer, Zayne Rhed; K-9, Ace; Police Corporal, Lanny Prosper and Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd.

Absent: Councilman Shane Dietz; City Controller, David Volpe

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Review for Monday*

### **Approval of Registry of Invoices**

*Review for Monday*

### **Certificate of Recognition – Staff of Metzger's**

Earlier this year K-9 Ace had a serious medical emergency. Due to his knowledge of the medical complication and fast action of his handler, K-9 Officer, Zayne Rhed, Ace's life was spared. Rhed transported Ace to Metzger's of State College where a critical operation was performed saving his life. Because of the actions of these individuals Metzger's Staff was presented with the follow certificate:

## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

*Presented to:*

DR. ANNE GRANITE

In the course of human history there are those rare events that try the spirit and heart of each of us. These events often distinguish and declare the fabric of our character to those who witness our actions. The medical emergency that occurred to our K-9 on April 18, 2022 was one of those events.

On that day, through your immediate response and courageous actions the life of K-9 Ace was saved. Your courage and expertise has left an indelible impression on K-9 Officer Rhed, the City of DuBois, and the City of DuBois Police Department that will never be forgotten.

It is our honor, the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and the Chief of Police to recognize your compassion, bravery, and expertise.

In recognition of these services rendered, this certificate is presented this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

Following the Certificate presentation, Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel read a statement and presented K-9 Officer Rhed with a plaque.

### **Conditional Use Hearings Requests:**

- Applicant: Vicki Lumley – 415 Turtle Alley #1 – Occupation Therapy  
The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council turn this item over to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.
- Applicant: Tom & Stacey Frank – 501 Orient Avenue – Student Housing  
The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council turn this item over to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

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### Radar Bill 606

Councilwoman Bernardo addressed Council asking them to sign the letter she had written to Representative Armanini concerning the radar bill. She went on to say it has been seven years since we first began this process. In the meantime, 49 states have already passed a similar radar bill. She encouraged Council to get online and send Representative Armanini a personal message. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council show their support by signing the letter to Armanini. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – Zac Lawhead

Lawhead stated that the house on Rumbarger has been torn down and the East Sherman house should begin demolition tomorrow. He is also working on having two or three houses on Jared Street taken down.

### Police Chief – Blaine Clark

Stated the police really didn't have any issues during Community Days and the Parade.

### Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell

- Mitchell loved Community Days, he felt that everything went well; believes it was the smoothest year they have ever had.
- The Fire Department is gaining support from other departments before voicing their complaint about the 911 center in the form of a letter.

### Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Checked with the Chief of Police to see what the Drug Task Force will need. She was informed they would need two computers and four monitors. IT Director Johnson will be getting quotes.

### Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Tannery Dam is beautiful. She recommends we have a picture put in the paper showing Mitchell, Nasuti, Suplizio and the Mayor at the top of the boulevard embankment.

### Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

Asked if the left side of the embankment would be out to bid soon? Suplizio confirmed it will be, but unfortunately the project won't be done until fall.

### City Manager – John "Herm" Suplizio

Concerning the Ambulance RFP voted on at the DuBois/Sandy Joint Board Meeting on the June 6<sup>th</sup>; this item will be put back on the Joint Board's agenda next meeting.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

