

City Council Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 6:40 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; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: City Controller, David Volpe

The DuBois/Sandy Joint Board Meeting was held prior to the meeting at 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6.40 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2022

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2022

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated March 17, 2022 in that amount of \$365,807.19 and the Check Register by Check ID dated March 15, 2022 in the amount of \$13,546.53 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Dick Whitaker – 9 Person Consolidation Committee Chairman
Things are going well.

Police Chief – Blaine Clark

Thanked everyone for their texts and prayers while they were down at the scene. He was amazed how well behaved everyone was at the scene. Went on to say they had a lot of support and it was very much appreciated.

Councilwoman – Shannon Gabriel

It is nice that we don't deal with this sort of crime very often in this area; but it was good to see the officers were well trained and able to handle the situation.

Mayor Walsh - Off duty officers came in to assist.

Chief Clark - When Officer Tracy left his house to come in, the State Police had the suspect pulled over right by his house.

Councilwoman – Diane Bernardo

Thanked the witnesses for coming forward and giving information. We live in a rural area; in big City's you don't have that cooperation, everyone just does their own thing no one comes forward. Chief Clark said that is true, in this case they had a name within 5 minutes.

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Councilman – Jim Aughenbaugh

Good job to the Police Department and all the departments that came to help.

City Solicitor – Toni Cherry

To the Police Chief, you did an extraordinary job, you could tell you were in charge and quite comfortable coordinating all entities involved. You clearly had a plan. Looking at the consolidation, you are truly up to the task of leading a larger department. Congratulations on a job well done sir.

City Manager – John “Herm” Suplizio

- Carbon Credits – Should have more information in the next three months. There is currently an issue with the federal government, but it is in a good way. The longer the trees grow the better. We have been talking to Jamie Phillips to get information, but currently have not signed on with anyone.
- To Chief Clark
 1. We need to start looking at Brady ST and E. Long Avenue, people are starting to come out the wrong way. It is pretty well marked, so keep an eye on it, maybe a few tickets would help the situation.
 2. People going to the hospital have started parking on Munroe Street. See if this is disrupting traffic.
- The 12” water line on Hoover Avenue will be tied in to the rest of the line on Saturday morning.
- Kudos to the Police Department, both DuBois and Sandy, within 35 to 40 minutes they had the whole incident wrapped up. Excellent work.

Councilwoman - Diane Bernardo

Asked Police Chief Clark about the snake charmer in the City Park. Asked Solicitor Cherry if there is anything on our books about exotic animals. Chief Clark stated that Code Enforcer Lawhead told the individuals only dogs on a leash are allowed in the park and the people left. Bernardo asked about feeding deer. Lawhead referred the individuals to the Game Commission is there anything in our Ordinances. Solicitor Cherry stated that any Ordinance the City of DuBois would have concerning hunting animals would be pre-empted by the Game Commission. The City can regulate nuisance animals such as mice, rats, pigeons, etc.

Mayor Edward Walsh

Last year it was people feeding foxes on the walkway; the Game Commission stated they are not allowed to feed the foxes. He suggested that we reach out to the Game Commission and ask them to come in and talk to Council. People should not be feeding the deer.

Adjourn

There being no further business to transact; the motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council adjourn. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST:

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