

City Council Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 6:45 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, Shannon Gabriel; and City Treasurer, Lisa LaBrasca Becker. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: City Controller, David Volpe

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

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

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2022

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0

Work Session Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2022

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, 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 3, 2022 in the amount of \$453,719.38 and the Check Register by Check ID dated March 3, 2022 in the amount of \$29,771.76 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0

Public Comments

Dick Whitaker – 9 Person Consolidation Committee Chairman

The guys on the 9 Person Consolidation Committee are great to work with. No animosity; better than I expected.

Recommendation:

Signal Replacement/ADA Improvements

City Manager Suplizio stated that we have a grant for this. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the recommendation of City Engineer and award the contract to low bidder M and B Services, LLC in the amount of \$377,354.06. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0

East DuBois Avenue Sidewalk Project

City Manager Suplizio stated that we will be using our 2022 CDBG Funds on this project. He believes this is the main focal point for the City of DuBois and we should make it stand out. He went on to say that this will not complete the entire project, we will have to cut some items out but there will be more to come once we acquire the grants. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and award the contract to low bidder Dave Roman Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,183,495. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0

Tabulation & Recommendation: Heindl Field – Outfield Bleachers

**Heindl Field Bleachers
Bid Opening
February 1, 2022 @ 11 a.m.**

Dave Roman Excavating, Inc.
1135 Reyn-Sykes Rd
Reynoldsville, PA 15851

\$529,254

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Tabulation & Recommendation: Heindl Field – Outfield Bleachers (Cont’d.)

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the recommendation of City Engineer Nasuti to award the contract to low bidder Dave Roman Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$529,254. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0

Recommendation: Ferguson/Kutsel – Ridge ST – Modification, Subdivision & Lot Consolidation

City Solicitor Cherry stated that this item was presented to Planning as a Subdivision/Land Consolidation request; the property line runs through the home. Planning was unable to grant the request without a modification request, which we now have. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant the request for Modification, Subdivision and Land Development. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0

City Solicitor Cherry stated that we have a lot of substandard lots in the City of DuBois, we may want to think about modification as a way to make them buildable and put them back on the tax roll.

Resolution No. 2021-0348 – DCED Local Share Account – WTP Filter Grant



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Resolution No. 2021-0348

Appendix I – Authorized Official Resolution

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of DuBois of Clearfield County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Water Treatment Plant Filtration.

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 Commonwealth Financing Authority 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 regular meeting held March 7, 2022 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 the City of DuBois, this 7th day of March, 2022.

City of DuBois
Name of Applicant

Clearfield
County


Secretary

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded Bernardo that Council accept Resolution No. 2021-0348 and designate Mayor Edward Walsh and City Manager John Suplizio to execute all documents and agreements between the City of DuBois and Commonwealth Financing Authority. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Bobbie J. Shaffer be authorized to sign Resolution No. 2021-0348 for the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0

Attorney Chris Gabriel

Very surprised that the Committees are ahead of schedule and that things are going so well.

Treasurer, Lisa LaBrasca Becker

Everything is going well in the Treasury, people are paying their taxes and water bills. She hasn't heard anything negative about Consolidation, let's stay positive.

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Councilman, Jim Aughenbaugh

Ask the City Manager Suplizio about the Wells- Filtering System they were looking at; Suplizio said currently they aren't looking at any system just seeing if they can secure the grant to move forward.

Councilwoman Bernardo

She had changed seats due to the prior Joint Board Meeting and likes the view from her new seat better.

Councilman Shane Dietz

Stated that our well water is good, it's just not up to our usual standard.

Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Wanted to know what the 1.1 gets us; Manager Suplizio stated we will still get the fountain but the pavilion is out. The 1.1 is only getting us about half of what we wanted. We are moving forward with another grant.

Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

Questioned the Penelec lights still on Maple Avenue. Suplizio stated we were waiting to make sure our lights worked, we can write a letter and try to get them pulled this summer.


City Solicitor Toni Cherry

Talked about a repeat Right to Know that she will take care of answering.

City Manager – John "Herm" Suplizio

- Stated that the work will be beginning again on Maple Avenue – we will try to send out another letter next week.
- Asked Public Works Superintendent Farrell to get the stop signs up on Chestnut Avenue as traffic will divert again.
- Thanked Mr. Whitaker and Attorney Gabriel. Went on to say that bringing different personalities together make for very trying times. To repeat what Councilwoman Bernardo said Mr. Whitaker is the right person, at the right time, in the right place. We have to get through it, we have no other choice. Appreciates all the sub-committees and all their hard work.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

