

Work Session Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, May 12, 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, Shane Dietz (Phone), and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; IT Director, Matt Johnson; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: David Volpe, City Controller

Approval of Minutes

Review for Monday

Approval of Registry of Invoices

Review for Monday

Grant Letter

City Manager Suplizio stated that it was a good meeting with Rick Vilello from DCED. They discussed grants and the consolidation. Township Manager Arbaugh and City Manager Suplizio have written a letter to DCED requesting three grants; there is no guarantee but can't hurt to ask. The grants cover three building projects: Municipal Building renovations; Construction of new Fire Station on Maple Avenue; and Construction of new Fire Station on Route 255. Suplizio went on to say, that the letter will be on the 10 Person Joint Board agenda for Monday. They are looking for support from the 10 Person Joint Board.

Correspondence from the City Engineer

Memo

To: DuBois City Council
From: Chris Nasuti
Date: 5/10/2022
Re: Water Resource and Recovery Facility (sewer Plant)

Water Resource and Recovery Facility (Sewer Plant)

- Bids for all six projects were opened on April 14, 2022.
 1. General Plant Construction
 2. Plant Electrical
 3. Plant Plumbing
 4. Plant HVAC
 5. Access Road and Sewer Interceptor Replacement
 6. Coke Hill Collection System Replacement
- A meeting was held with PENNVEST on April 19, 2022 to discuss the funding options available. We are working with HRG to analyze and develop the recommendations for moving forward based on options discussed at the April 19th meeting.
- During our May 2, 2022 meeting with PENNVEST, we discussed the need for additional funding as a result of the actual bid prices. PENNVEST indicated that they would most likely be able to amend the offer; however, the amended offer would not be announced until their July 20, 2022 meeting.
- Due to the delay in funding, we are recommending that the bids for Contracts 1 through 5 be rejected, revised and rebid. Contract 6 is not contingent on the other Contracts; therefore, we will be recommending that Contract 6 be awarded to the current low bidder following the July 20, 2022 PENNVEST meeting.
- The revised Contracts will include:
 1. Combining Contracts 1 and 5 to permit the general contractor to have more control over access to the work site.
 2. The durations for Contract 1 through 4 will be extended from 545 days to 760 days to allow for construction of the bridge and access road.

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Correspondence from the City Engineer (Cont'd.)

City Manager Suplizio stated that we are going to go back to PennVEST for more money and more years. Having more time may not be a bad thing, if we can get the same person to build the bridge that is building the plant, we may get a better price. He went on to say that Council can vote on the City Engineer's recommendation tonight or they can mull it over until Monday. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council accept the recommendation of Engineer Nasuti and reject bids one through five and award number six to the low bidder after the July 20, 2022 PennVEST meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Blue Mass – May 22nd @ Noon – St. Catherine's Church

City Manager Suplizio announced this service for First Responders; he went on to say that last year it was in Clearfield. He thinks the communities are taking turns.

Councilwoman – Diane Bernardo

- Asked IT Director Johnson about Channel 19. Johnson stated that he has reached out for a replacement device. City Manager Suplizio stated that the invoice is in the list of bills. Johnson went on to say that currently the Channel is up and down.
- Blue Mass – She believes that Sgt. Longoria would like to attend. Who would he contact? City Manager Suplizio stated D.A. Ryan Sayers.

Councilwoman – Shannon Gabriel

- Two people have expressed concerns with the exit from Sheetz onto Brady Street. She would like to know if we can do anything. City Manager Suplizio stated that the City has talked to the state several times, there is nothing to be done. He suggests Gabriel have those individuals call the state themselves.
- She is working with K-9 Officer Rhed concerning the certificate presentation for Metzger's. Metzger's is unable to come on a Monday due to their work schedules but they believe a Thursday Work Session may work.

Councilman – Shane Dietz

Since we are making another softball field in the park, what happens to the basketball courts. City Manager Suplizio stated we will find a new location for them.

ATTEST:



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