

City Council Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 7:45 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 (Phone), Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2022

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes – May 12 2022

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, 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 May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$661,504.43 and the Check Register by Check ID dated May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$14,588.60 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Public Comments

Dick Whitaker – Very impressed with the Home Run Derby and the Small College World Series. Nice job. Mayor Walsh announced that a person from Penn State – DuBois won the Home Run Derby.

Proclamation: Memorial Day

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Deitz that Council proclaim Monday, May 30, 2022, Memorial Day in the City of DuBois and all citizens observe it with the appropriate ceremonies. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Blue Mass – May 29th @ Noon - St. Catherine's Church

City Manager Suplizio stated that this is for First Responders, asked that everyone stop by if they can; there will be a luncheon following.

Small College World Series

City Manager Suplizio stated that it is going very well. The eateries are really busy, he saw a bus load @ Charlie's yesterday and the hotels are full. Mayor Walsh stated he talked to a business man and his sales are up \$50,000 - \$75,000 over normal sales.

Zac Lawhead – Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer

Grass is growing, please let him know if anyone sees anything.

Councilman – Shane Deitz

Exciting to see businesses filling up and all the activity at the park.

Councilwoman – Diane Bernardo

Shoutout to the Media: Sonia Fetterhoff & Eliane Haskins for stirring up trouble with the Drug Task Force article and news feed. The City of DuBois has made sacrifices to be able to bring on additional officers for this force, apparently we are better at budgeting.

City Solicitor – Toni Cherry

Proud to be a taxpayer in the City of DuBois

Councilwoman – Shannon Gabriel

Asked Chief Clark to give an update on the new force. Last weekend we gave two (written & physical) of the three-part Civil Service test to four applicants. Three out of four passed. Next week we will give the oral part of the test. Asked for a letter of intent from any current officers interested on being on the Task Force.

City Manager – John “Herm” Suplizio

We were asked at the last meeting what we are going to do with the football field when we put in the new softball field. We are looking at behind the former DuBois Diner at 3rd Ward make it into a soccer/football field. Councilwoman Bernardo asked if we own the field to the Juniata School. Suplizio said no only from 3rd Ward Parking Lot to the gas well and First Street to the creek. Juniata School owns the ball field.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Asked when Sandy joins the City does their officers have to take the Civil Service test. Mayor Walsh stated that is what the Consultants are trying to figure out. Not sure, they may be grandfathered in. Solicitor Cherry feels they will have to take the test because it is required for a 3rd Class City.

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

ATTEST:



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