

City Council Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 8:05 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; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: David Volpe, City Controller

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2022

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 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 – April 28, 2022

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of April 28, 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 Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated April 28, 2022 in the amount of \$473,278.11 and the Check Register by Check ID dated April 28, 2022 in the amount of \$36,624.69 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

None

Request authorization to bid out 2nd Phase of Liberty Boulevard Project

Phase 1 was from the middle of the top of the boulevard to the right; Phase 2 will be from the middle to the left. Phase 2 will consist mostly of the sidewalks, parking lot, and trees. Mayor Walsh is requesting Cherry trees. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council authorize advertising for bids for the 2nd Phase of the Liberty Boulevard Project. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Updates from DuBois City Manager Recap

- Sewer Plant was reviewed at the prior meeting – bids came in at \$27,000,000 higher than projected.
- Drug Task Force was discussed at the prior meeting – Chief Clark would like to higher two to three officers to make up a designated Narcotics division under Corporal Randy Young.
- Flushing – Finishing tonight or tomorrow.
- Gate House – Moving Forward – completing two to three valves.

New Ball Field –Requesting authorization to bid out the Softball Field.

City Manager Suplizio stated that we had received a grant previously for the park. He doesn't feel this project will take place until later in the year. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council authorize advertising for bids for the Softball Field in the park. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

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- \$900,000 Grant – Designated for one new Fire House; the fire sub-committee will discuss.
- 2nd Phase of Liberty Boulevard – Just received authorization to bid out.
- Maple Avenue Update – Construction is once again in full swing. Hopefully will be completed late summer.
- Small College World Series – May 15 -19
- PSUAC Tournament – Takes place with weekend.
- PIAA District Finals and PIAA State Games – Heindl & Showers Field Memorial Day Weekend.

Police Chief –Blaine Clark

Thanked Council for their support of the Drug Task Force. He believes it will make a huge impact to the Community. He thanked the young people for coming to the meeting. Councilwoman Gabriel asked about drug dog Ace. Clark stated that he is 90% better, just waiting for the stitches to be removed.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

She wonders how the City of DuBois, being a small community, can afford to implement a Drug Task Force and Sandy cannot even add an officer to the force. She went on to say that the City of DuBois sits and discusses these things, Sandy officials wouldn't even engage in the conversation.

Mayor Edward Walsh

Agreed wholeheartedly with Councilwoman Bernardo.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Stated all is in shock at the passing of Marcie; everyone has nothing but praise for the life she led. She accomplished more in 38 years than someone twice her age. We were all lucky to have known her. Condolences to her family.

Mayor Edward Walsh

Stated that Marcie was a very persuasive person; she could get money from any organization. She will be sadly missed.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

