

## Work Session Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, May 20, 2021 @ 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, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; City Engineer/Public Work Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; IT Director, James Tokarcik; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

**Absent:** City Controller, David Volpe

A Public Hearing concerning the Comcast Contract was held prior to the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Review for Monday

### Approval of Registry of Invoices

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### Becky McTavish - DuBois Public Library

Thanked Council for their support of the library; this is her 12<sup>th</sup> year as Director. She told Council that due to COVID the library was shut down for three months in 2020; but they are currently up and running. She announced that the summer reading program will be beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup>. She has several requests:

- Summer Reading - In case of inclement weather, request use of two to three parking spaces under the building for two hours or less.  
The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the request for use of two to three parking spaces for two hours for the Summer Reading program. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.
- Request for use of four parking spaces under the building from May 25 through May 28 for book/bake sale.  
The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the request for use of four parking spaces under the building from May 25 to May 28<sup>th</sup> for the annual book/bake sale. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.
- Request for use of the Walkway the evening of Monday, June 7 for a Story Walk. (Theme - Animals)  
Councilman Walsh asked which walkway she was requesting; the one in the Park or the one in the meadow? City Manager Suplizio stated we cannot shut the walkway down, it has to remain open to the public during the event. Ms. McTavish doesn't want it closed, the more traffic the better. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the request to use the walkway in the meadow the evening of Monday, June 7 for a Story Walk. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.
- Request to block off alley beside the library every Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. for nine weeks beginning June 9 for Story Time outdoor green area time.  
Ms. McTavish said she would like to use a snow fence at the side of the library and parking lot that borders with the alley. Councilwoman Bernardo asked if the alley

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should be blocked off. Ms. McTavish felt that was preferable. Mayor Walsh asked how that would affect the Torrell development. Engineer Nasuti stated it shouldn't be a problem as they can find another way in. City Manager Suplizio said the Public Works department can deliver the horses and the library can take care of putting them up and taking them down. It was determined that no snow fence is needed if they block off the alley and it should be safer for the children if they do. The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the request to block off the alley beside the library every Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for nine weeks beginning June 9<sup>th</sup> for Story Time outdoor green area time. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Ms. McTavish has one additional request but it was felt it didn't need voted on. Apparently there is a cigarette butt container close the parking spaces under the building. Ms. McTavish would like to have it moved or removed. She said, they have been cleaning up a large amount of butts and don't believe it is coming from their clients. Public Works Superintendent Farrell will have it removed on Friday.

### Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1962

*Review for Monday*

#### Proclamations:

##### Memorial Day - May 31, 2021

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council proclaim Monday, May 31, 2021 as Memorial Day in the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

##### EMS Week - May 16 - 22, 2021

Mayor Walsh explained that he and the City Manager had previously signed this proclamation as it was presented between meetings. The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council proclaim May 16 to May 22<sup>nd</sup> EMS Week in the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

#### Chris Nasuti, City Engineer and Public Works Director

- Announced East Park Avenue from North Brady Street (Liberty Boulevard) to North Church Street will be closed Tuesday, May 25, 2021 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. for the waterline construction project.
- Tearing down the house at Church and Park (Councilman Aughenbaugh was questioning whether or not we need to move the Volunteer Fire Company ladder truck.)

#### Joe Mitchell, Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent

- Good week for economics in the City of DuBois. Everyone is out and enjoying the sunshine and making purchases.
- Officer Daugherty threw out the first pitch for the Small College World Series; earlier this week he was named Officer of the Year for Clearfield County.

#### James Tokarcik, IT Director

Stated we had a few hiccups at the Small College World Series but they were fixed before they became a real problem. Mayor Walsh informed him that people were very impressed with his abilities at the fields.

#### Zac Lawhead, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

- Grass is growing; going to be knocking on doors the first of next week.
- Very busy with building permits.

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- Mayor Walsh congratulated him on the cleanup that has begun at the corner of North Jared and West Long. Lawhead stated he doesn't know who purchased it but he hopes to find out next week.

#### Shane Dietz, Councilman

It was great to see all the people out enjoying the games.

#### Jim Aughenbaugh, Councilman

- Talked to a lot of people out and about town and they loved the tournament.
- The detour around construction on Maple Avenue, has traffic taking Chestnut Avenue; people are really flying through there. City Manager Suplizio stated that we are trying for more police presence in that area. Engineer Nasuti stated that the detour would be changing to 8<sup>th</sup> Street on Friday.

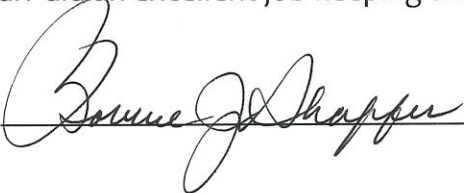
#### Shannon Gabriel, Councilwoman

Encouraged everyone to attend the Challenger League games at Heindl Field.

#### Edward L. Walsh, Mayor

Great week in the City of DuBois; a little rain would have been nice so people could see how fast our fields drain, but prefect weather. Hats off to Suplizio, Mitchell, Nasuti and Tokarcik; they put on a great event. Unfortunately, Mr. Sim's is retiring but his assistant is taking over; hopefully it will be held here for many many more years. Also, Denny Haag and Kenny Carr did an excellent job keeping the fields cleaned.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

