

City Council Meeting Minutes - November 22, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 7 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; City Treasurer, Lisa LaBrasca Becker; and City Controller, David Volpe. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

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

City Manager Suplizio stated that an Executive Session was held at 6:15 p.m. for an Information Meeting with DECD concerning Consolidation - No action was taken.

Public Hearing was held at 6:45 p.m. concerning a Liquor License transfer from Sandy Township (Allegheny Oven, Inc.) to City of DuBois (Invictus Defense, LLC)

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2021

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2021

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, abstain due to absence; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$1,127,861.84 and the Check Register by Check ID dated November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$19,951.08 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments - No Public Comments

First Reading of Council Bill No. 1964 - Amended Ord. No. 1824 Industrial Sewer Use Ordinance

This Ordinance sets forth uniform requirements for direct and indirect contributors of industrial wastes into the wastewater and collection system owned and operated by the City, and enables the City to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws required by the Clean Water Act of 1977 and the General Pretreatment Regulations (40CFR, Part 403). City Solicitor Cherry reviewed the language changes made to the original ordinance and recommended it be approved for first reading. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council accept the first reading of Council Bill No. 1964 as presented by City Solicitor Cherry. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

First Reading of Council Bill No. 1965 - 2022 Budget

An Ordinance of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, County of Clearfield and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the City Government hereinafter set forth, during the year 2022. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council accept the first reading of Council Bill No. 1965 - 2022 Budget as read in its entirety by City Solicitor Cherry. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

First Reading of Council Bill No. 1966 - 2022 Tax Levy

An Ordinance levying and assessing the taxes of the City of DuBois for the year 2022 for General (City) Fund purposes, the Bond Sinking Fund, for the maintenance of the DuBois Public Library and for the DuBois Recreation Fund. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the first reading of Council Bill No. 1966 -2022 Tax Levy as read in its entirety by City

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Solicitor Cherry. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 2021-0345 - Fee Schedule for Abandon & Blighted Properties

THE CITY OF DUBOIS CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0345

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS, BEING A THIRD CLASS CITY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ENACTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF DUBOIS.

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2021, the City Council of the City of DuBois unanimously enacted Ordinance No. 1863 amending Chapter 310 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of DuBois entitled "Property Maintenance" to add the requirement for the registration, maintenance and security of abandoned, vacant or foreclosed upon real property by the lenders, mortgagees and/or owners of the same; establishing a registration fee schedule upon resolution of City Council; and providing for enforcement and imposing of penalties for violations thereof upon conviction; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Ordinance No. 1863 declared that any person or entity that violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense, plus the costs of prosecution with each day that a violation of the Ordinance occurs or continues to be considered a separate offense; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of said Ordinance provided for the adoption by City Council of a registration fee with the amount to be set by Resolution of the Council of the City of DuBois for the registration of any abandoned and blighted properties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of DuBois hereby imposes the following Fee Schedule for all abandoned and blighted properties located within the City of DuBois:

Description	Annual Fee
Vacant buildings that are abandoned less than one year	\$.00
Buildings that have been vacant at least one year but less than two years that are also considered to be abandoned and blighted by the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of DuBois	\$ 500.00
Buildings that have been vacant at least two years but less than three years that are also declared to be abandoned and blighted by the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of DuBois	\$1,000.00

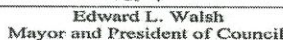
Description	Annual Fee
Buildings that have been vacant for at least three years but less than five years and have been declared abandoned and blighted by the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of DuBois	\$2,000.00
Buildings that have been vacant for at least five years but less than ten years and have been declared abandoned and blighted by the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of DuBois	\$3,500.00
Buildings that have been vacant for at least ten years and have been declared abandoned and blighted by the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of DuBois	\$5,000.00 for the first ten years plus \$500.00 for each year in excess of ten years

Duly adopted, this 22nd day of November, 2021, by the Council of the City of DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:


John F. Suplizio
City Manager

By


Edward L. Walsh
Mayor and President of Council

Members of DuBois City Council:


Diane Bernardo, Vice President of Council


James Aughenbaugh


Shane Dietz


Shannon Gabriel

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Resolution No. 2021-0345 - Fee Schedule for Abandon & Blighted Properties (Cont'd.)

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve Resolution No. 2021-0345 - Fee Schedule for Abandon & Blighted Properties as presented by the City Solicitor. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 2021-0346 - Liquor License Transfer from Sandy Twp. to City of DuBois

THE CITY OF DUBOIS CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0346

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS, BEING A THIRD CLASS CITY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE NO. R-21074 INTO THE CITY OF DUBOIS FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDY, CLEARFIELD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Act 141 of 2000, as amended ("the Act") authorizes the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to approve, in certain instances, the transfer of restaurant liquor licenses across municipal boundaries within the same county regardless of the quota limitations provided for in Section 461 of the Liquor Code if, as in the City of DuBois, sales of liquor and malt or brewed beverages are legal in the municipality receiving the license; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the applicant to obtain from the receiving municipality a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of the liquor license prior to an applicant's submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Liquor Code stipulates that, prior to adoption of a resolution by the receiving municipality, at least one hearing be held for the purpose of permitting individuals residing within the municipality to make comments and recommendations regarding the applicant's intent to transfer a liquor license into the receiving municipality; and

WHEREAS, an application for transfer filed under the Act must contain a copy of the resolution adopted by the municipality approving the transfer of a liquor license into the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that INVICTUS DEFENSE, LLC has requested the approval of the City of DuBois Council for the proposed transfer of P.L.C.B. Restaurant Liquor License R-21074, License I.D. No. 32281 (acquired by Invictus Defense, LLC from Allegheny Owens, Inc. pending final approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board) from the Township of Sandy, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, to the facility operated by Invictus Defense, LLC located at 650 DuBois Street, DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania 15801, with the understanding that said transfer must be approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

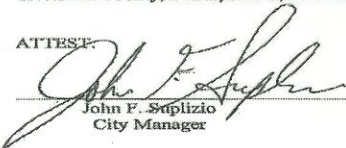
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of DuBois Council has held a properly advertised public hearing pursuant to the notice provisions of Section 102 of the Liquor Code to receive comments on the proposed liquor license transfer; and

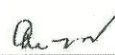
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of DuBois approves, by adoption of this Resolution, the proposed inter-municipal transfer of P.L.C.B. Restaurant Liquor License R-21074, License I.D. No. 32281 into the City of DuBois by Invictus Defense, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that transfers, designations and assignments of licenses hereunder are subject to approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and that the City of DuBois does support such approval.

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ATTEST:


John F. Stupizio
City Manager

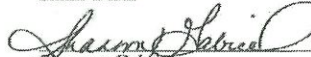
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Members of DuBois City Council:


Diane Bernardo, Vice President of Council


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The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve Resolution No. 2021-0346 Liquor License Transfer from Sandy Twp. to City of DuBois as presented by City Solicitor

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Resolution No. 2021-0346 - Liquor License Transfer from Sandy Twp. to City of DuBois (Cont'd.)
Cherry. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Comcast Contract

City Solicitor Cherry requested this item be tabled until the next meeting as she would like to talk to the Cohen Law Firm. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council table this item until the next Council Meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Extension of Public Works Contract to December 2025

SEIU Local 668
City of Du Bois
employees

Memo

To: Herm Suplizio
From: SEIU local 668 City of DuBois stewards
Date: 10/05/2021
Re: Contract

The SEIU Local 668 represented employees of the City of Du Bois would like to propose a contract extension or, essentially a repeat of the current contract that spans from 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2022. We propose keeping the contract exactly the same, changing only the years to 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2027. For example pay increase percentages would match for 2018 and 2023, for 2019 and 2024, etc...

We believe the current contract, while not perfect, was a fair contract. With the uncertainty of possible consolidation between Du Bois and Sandy Township we believe it's in everyone's best interests to work towards a settled contract.

Sincerely,

SEIU Local 668 stewards

In an attempt to get our Public Works Department and Sandy Townships Public Works Department's contract to coincide; the union has agreed to an extension until December of 2025. The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Dietz that Council approve a public works contract extension until December 2025. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Nick Hoffman, Courier Express, pointed out we did not set a public hearing date for the budget.

Request for Public Hearing, Monday, December 13 @ 6:45 p.m.

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve a Public Hearing on Monday, December 13 @ 6:45 p.m. concerning the 2020 Budget. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief of Police - Blaine Clark

It's the holiday, lots of traffic, lots of drinking; everyone be careful out there on the streets.

Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Congratulations to Mr. Morrison on the Liquor License Transfer. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

Congratulations and Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Thanked Mr. Morrison for sitting his business up in the City limits.

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City Solicitor Toni Cherry

- Thinks it's an interesting business for the City of DuBois.
- She feels that the Redevelopment Authority purchasing these properties is an important step for the City. We get to go in and actually see what kind of condition the building is in and if it can even be brought up to code prior to an individual purchasing it as an investment. Great idea, we can make sure that the person who purchases has the means to maintain or repair it prior to purchase. She applauds the Redevelopment Authority and Mr. Mitchell. Wise move.

City Engineer/Public Works Director - Chris Nasuti - Update on Maple & Park Avenue



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News Release

To: «Owner_Name»
«Property_Location»
DuBois, PA 15801

From: John "Herm" Suplizio
City Manager

RE: Maple Avenue and East Park Avenue Construction

Date: November 22, 2021

Work on the Maple Avenue and Park Avenue construction projects will be ending for the 2021 construction season on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. It is anticipated that the contractors will resume construction activities in March 2022, weather permitting.

During the 2021 construction season we successfully replaced the over 7,200 feet of the city's main water transmission lines and over 170 water service lines, including many lead service lines, on Maple Avenue, East Park Avenue, North Church Street, North Stockdale Street and East Scribner Avenue. We were also able to replace more than 6,000 feet of concrete sidewalks on these streets, with pedestrian lighting being installed on the Maple Avenue section of the project.

The 2021 construction season also included the full reconstruction of portions of South Sixth Street, Griesemer Street, Geranium Street, Sunflower Drive, East Park Avenue, North Stockdale Street and East Scribner Avenue.

In 2022 we will be completing the paving and curb installation on East Park Avenue from Brady Street to Maple Avenue. Additionally, we will be replacing the drainage system, curb and pavement section on Maple Avenue from East Park Avenue to Oklahoma-Salem Road.

Similar to this year, temporary traffic patterns will be put into place to allow for the reconstruction of these roadways. It is anticipated that projects will be fully complete no later than August 15, 2022.

City residents are encouraged to contact myself or the City Engineer, Chris Nasuti, at 814-371-2000 if they have any specific questions or concerns regarding these project. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this project in order to maintain our infrastructure and transportation systems.

Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell

City of DuBois

Memo

To: City Council

From: Joe Mitchell,
Executive Director
DuBois Redevelopment authority

Date: 11/22/2021

Re: RDA Property Acquisitions

I would like to make council aware that recently the DuBois Redevelopment Authority has made two major property acquisitions. The first being the old Mohny Yargar Funeral Home on West Long Avenue. The second being the old Tommy D's restaurant building on South Brady Street. These purchases were made because of our commitment to bettering the DuBois Area and will hopefully generate a new growth through the utilization of old buildings.

At this time, we are being told that the old Cosmetology School should be on the judicial sale in January. If that is the case, we will attempt to purchase that building as well. The RDA is excited to undertake these projects within the community and hope to continue promoting business development.

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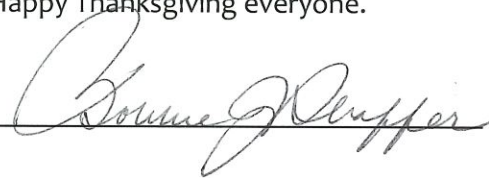
City Manager - John "Herm" Suplizio

- Everyone is invited to the DuBois Public Library's 100th Anniversary - Tuesday, December 7 from 2 - 6 p.m.
- Maple Avenue - We're just trying to keep people updated. If you don't call in to tell us there is a problem, we can't fix it. We received 4 or 5 calls last week, and I'm happy to report they have all been taken care of.
- No Tax Increase - Thank You Council for sticking with us. Thank you Joe, Chris and Scott for holding the line. These guys take their jobs very seriously. We have a lot going on; laid 7,200 ft. of waterline which had been in the ground for 100+ years. We always try to do what is best for the community.
- To Mr. Morrison, I'm glad you brought your business to the City of DuBois.

Mayor Edward L. Walsh

- Echo what City Manager Suplizio says with the exception he forgot to mention the brains behind the finances, DeLean Shepherd.
- Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

