

City Council Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, November 7, 2022 @ 6:20 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; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; 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 6:20 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2022

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2022 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 3, 2022

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2022 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.

Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated November 3, 2022 in the amount of \$1,779,237.46 and the Check Register by Check ID dated November 3, 2022 in the amount of \$53,509.32 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

Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1968

An ordinance increasing the indebtedness of the city of DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and amending the provisions of Ordinance No. 1868 requiring the issuance of a General Obligation Bond to require instead the issuance of a Guaranteed Revenue Bond in the maximum principal amount of eighty-six million, one hundred seventeen thousand, eight hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$86,117,897.00) for the purposes of the construction of a new 5.4 MGD AADF water resource recovery facility, consisting of a new influent pump station, septage receiving, screening, grit removal, SBR biological treatment, tertiary filtration, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection, aerobic digestion, sludge dewatering, administrative building, as well as a new access road and bridge to the site; together with the replacement of 8,000 feet of sanitary sewer and 4,500 feet of sewer interceptor and the rehabilitation of 1,600 feet of sewer interceptor with the ultimate demolition of the existing waste water facility; fixing the form, dates, interest, and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required documentation with the department of community and economic development to incur and exclude additional debt of the governmental unit; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the bond; providing for the authorized signatories and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof was presented for second and final reading. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council accept the second and final reading of Council Bill No. 1968 and it become Ordinance No. 1869 in the Code of Ordinances for the City of DuBois. Roll call vote

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Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1968 (Cont'd.)

was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

City Solicitor Cherry explained the difference between a General Obligation Bond and a Guaranteed Revenue Bond. Basically, they want to ensure they will get their money.

No Parking Sign Recommendations: 119 – 123 North Main ST

These are the parking spaces in front of Charlie's and the Nelson House. Councilman Dietz has suggested they make it motorcycle parking instead of totally getting rid of parking. Councilwoman Bernard liked Councilman Dietz's suggesting. She hates to see all the parking taken away when parking is at such a premium here in the City. Motorcycles can park in the front and cars in the side lot. She asked the City Manager how much space would have to be reserved. Suplizio said none it would just say Motorcycle Parking Only. He also asked the Chief if he would talk to the owners prior to the sign being put up. Clark confirmed he would. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that the parking spaces between 119 and 123 North Main Street would be designated for Motorcycle Parking Only. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Items for the City Solicitor

City Manager Suplizio stated he has already gone over this list with the City Solicitor.

- **PLCB – Noise Ordinance**
Suplizio asked if we can you believe two years have already passed; Cherry corrected him and stated three years. Cherry stated she will request to file a petition to have a hearing to have our Ordinance reviewed and approved.
- **Right to Know – Concerns a juvenile, Cherry will handle.**
- **Lawsuit – Liberty Boulevard – A lady tried to cross all five lanes of traffic with a stroller and was hit. She did not use any of the crosswalks but feels the City is responsible because a cross walk should have been installed between the car wash and the VFW where she crossed.**
- **LGUDA Proceedings**
Has to do with PennVEST and the Debt Ordinance; Nasuti feels all is on track.
- **Draft Ordinance vacating grass alleyway between 6 & 10 Tenth ST**
Nasuti stated this is a never opened, dead end alley which only goes as far as the property line of these two pieces of property; it's his recommendation that the alley be vacated. City Solicitor Cherry stated that she cannot vacate an alley because it is requested by a resident; however, she can if Council has reviewed the matter and feels this is in the best interest of the City and will put more land on the tax rolls. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council, in the City's best interest, accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and vacate this alleyway. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Recommendations:

Spring Avenue Waterline Replacement Project

Nasuti stated that this was part of the project list in the loan a year ago.

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council accept the recommendation of Jeffrey Garrigan of HRG and our City Engineer and award the Spring Avenue Waterline Replacement Project to low bidder Dave Roman Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$320,410. Mayor Walsh had a question, he asked how many bids we received in total. Engineer Nasuti stated that we had 6 to 8 bids and Roman was the low bidder. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

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Recommendations: (Cont'd.)

West Weber Avenue Waterline Replacement

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the recommendation of Jeffry Garrigan of HRG and our City Engineer and award the West Weber Avenue Waterline Replacement Project to low bidder Dave Roman Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$241,470. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Stated she was excited to be a part of the Joint Board and sign the Consolidation Agreement. She thanked Dana Smith for being in the audience and even though he will be an alternate on the Transition Committee it is a very important job. The Transition Committee has a huge job making sure that everything in the Consolidation Agreement will be accomplished according to the timeline.

Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

It is exciting to get this going; it's been a long year. Thank you everyone who was involved.

City Manager – John “Herm” Suplizio

It truly is a monumental moment; a lot of work went into getting the Consolidation Agreement together. Thank you to Attorney Gabriel for all the going between the two entities and helping to find compromise. It certainly wasn't as easy as it sounded tonight. Thank you Dana for stepping up and for all your work on the Fire Sub-Committee. Jason Runyon is here tonight, he will be the next Department Chief for Sandy Township, he also serves on the Fire Sub-Committee. Really looking forward to working with him.

Councilwoman Gabriel asked Suplizio to talk about the Fire Sub-Committee.

Suplizio said the Fire Sub-Committee:

- Has a lot to do, the fire department is very large.
- Working on Box Alarms, don't want to spring them on everyone on January 1, 2026.
- Working on By-Laws; 9 Fire Halls with all different By-Laws.
- What to do with the older members from the Fire Departments of both Municipalities
- Fire School/Fire Training

Gabriel feels that it will be imperative going forward that we send multiple responses to a scene. Sandy Township itself is very large and sending one engine just won't cut it.

Suplizio went on to say that currently we have 300 – 400 firefighters, we don't want to lose any of them. It's a very delicate balancing act trying to retain members while decreasing fire houses and moving facilities.

Dana, John, Joe thank you.

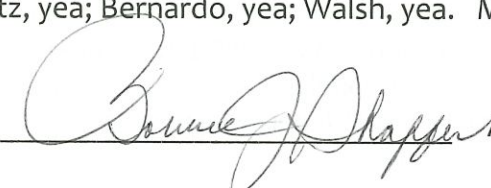
Mayor Ed Walsh

It's been a long year, thankfully we have completed the task.

Adjourn

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: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST:

 APPROVED: 