

City Council Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular City Council Meeting with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: 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; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: Councilwoman Diane Bernardo; City Controller, David Volpe

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2021

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2021

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

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 October 7, 2021 in the amount of \$1,033,370.16 and the Autodraft Check Register by Check ID dated October 7, 2021 in the amount of \$27,854.10 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comments - No Public Comments

Update on Leak Detector Loggers



Memo

To: DuBois City Council
From: Chris Nasuti, City Engineer
Date: 10/8/2021
Re: Zonescan Leak Detection Loggers

The Zonescan loggers have been in-place and working for approximately 11 months now. In that time, the loggers have helped us identify the following leaks:

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| Total Number of Leaks: | 28 |
| Main line leaks: | 19 |
| Service leaks: | 9 |

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| Estimated total of leaks: | 643 Gallons per minute |
| | 925,920 Gallons per day |

Unaccountable Water Loss is trending approximately 4% less than previous years.

The logger system also identified several leaks on or near Maple Avenue that were not individually repaired. Rather these leaks were eliminated with the installation of the new water line.

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Update on Leak Detector Loggers (Cont'd.)

City Engineer Nasuti put together some numbers for Council to see regarding the Zonescan Loggers. Mayor Walsh asked if all the leaks have been fixed; Engineer Nasuti confirmed that they have been. Mayor Walsh asked if this was treated water that had leaked; Engineer Nasuti confirmed it had been.

Nasuti went on to say that we used to bring in Aquatech to search for leaks. The man would come in the spring and fall, he would listen and we would dig where he thought he heard a leak. It was very costly; we no longer have that expense.

Update on Park, Maple, and Stockdale

Park Avenue - From Sheetz Store to Maple Avenue

Engineer Nasuti stated that Hawbaker's was working on an inlet today, and will be working on drains from now until the end of October. On October 26th and 27th we will begin closing one lane on East Park Avenue from the Sheetz store to Maple Avenue. Dave Roman Excavating is working on the sidewalks and they still need to do the seeding. This project should be finished by Thanksgiving. Mayor Walsh asked if the lights are on yet; Nasuti said not yet as they are not all up.

Maple Avenue

Still working on restoration, seeding and driveways. The main road has been fixed; it's much better but not perfect. Dave Roman Excavating should have all restoration finished next week. Mayor Walsh stated that he has drove on it and it was much better.

Stockdale

They will be working on the East Scribner water line in Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; it should be filled with water by the end of the week. Roadway, Curb, and Sidewalk should all be completed by November 19th.

Church, Park, Scribner and Stockdale will all be paved at the same time.

Pavers will be milling on Monday and Tuesday and pave after that.

Terri Hess asked if the City of DuBois is working with the School District to move bus stops while they are working on the project. Nasuti confirmed we are working with Andrew Ender at the School District.

Excuse Councilwoman Diane Bernardo from this evenings meeting.

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council excuse Councilwoman Bernardo from this evenings proceedings. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Shane Dietz

Councilman Dietz is happy that the roads are being fixed. He asked about the New Life Bookstore sight. Nasuti stated that the land has been stabilized and we are bouncing around a streetscape which would make it much easier to access the Scribner Packing lot.

Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

A paving company had her blocked in; but put no signs up, and no alerts. No one was aware that there was going to be work done. Wondered if it was the gas company or a subcontractor for the gas company. It was on Cemetery Avenue and State Street behind the apartments on Cemetery. Nasuti stated that most pavers let us know before they begin working in the area. City Solicitor Cherry's concern is when they don't give notice, the City cannot address whether they are legit or not when people call.

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Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

Thank you for the updates on Church, Park, Scribner, and Maple.

City Solicitor Toni Cherry

Thanked Council for the reappointment for another four (4) year contract. She went on to say that it has been a privilege to serve Council. She believes that each person on Council brings something unique to the table. She also likes the fact that not one individual on Council is out for themselves, but are all about giving back.

Concerning business, she has a few right to knows but nothing major; Council will be getting a copy of her response to National Fuel's right to know. She stated she will not allow us to be pulled into a lawsuit but National Fuel needs to be regulated. We need to be able to answer resident's questions.

City Manager - John "Herm" Suplizio

Ask Ms. Hess if the letters are helping. Ms. Hess said better than nothing. She believes right from the first, people misunderstood the project. Traffic control has been a huge problem during the project. With people now receiving letters updating them on progress, they have a better understanding. She asked if the City works in conjunction with Sandy Township on updating people on this project. City Manager Suplizio stated we only contact people who received City of DuBois water.

There being no further business to transact; the motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council adjourn. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

