

City Council Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, October 17, 2022 @ 6:35 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 Work 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 6:35 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2022

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2022

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated October 13, 2022 in the amount of \$881,553.72 and the Check Register by Check ID dated October 13, 2022 in the amount of \$11,604.59 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments: No Public Comments

Request from Sandy Township for Sewage Planning for Fountains at DuBois, LLC for (Personal Care Home – 28 Residents Anticipated) vacant lot off of Developac Road estimated 2,160 gallons per day.

On the agenda an error was made on the name it was recorded as Inc. instead of the correct LLC. Councilwoman Bernardo wanted to know if this made a difference. City Solicitor Cherry stated it does not, it just reflects how the company pays taxes. Engineer Nasuti requested a stipulation, that they pay before they are allowed to proceed, be included in the motion and the letter. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the sewage planning for Fountains at DuBois, LLC for a proposed Personal Care Home with approximately 28 residents using 2,160 gallons a day with the stipulation that they pay the entire Tap Fee prior to proceeding. Tap Fee: \$16,394.40 Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Add to Agenda: First Reading of Council Bill No. 1968 – Debt Ordinance

City Solicitor Cherry requested adding an item to the agenda; she stated there is some emergence to the matter. She spoke with PennVEST today and discovered there was an error in the original ordinance; therefore, we will need to redo it. As the project has already been bid out we need to get the revised ordinance to PennVest as soon as possible. Item title: First Reading of Council Bill No. 1968 – Debt Ordinance The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve adding: First Reading of Council Bill No. 1968 – Debt Ordinance to the evenings agenda as to not delay moving forward with PennVEST Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

First Reading of Council Bill No. 1968 – Debt Ordinance

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 were 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 read by the City Solicitor. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council accept the first reading of Council Bill No. 1968 – Debt Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Police Chief – Blaine Clark

Unfortunately, the November 3rd date will not work for the Police Department’s Meet and Greet; he has approximately six guys unavailable. We’ll have to find another date.

Councilman – Shane Dietz

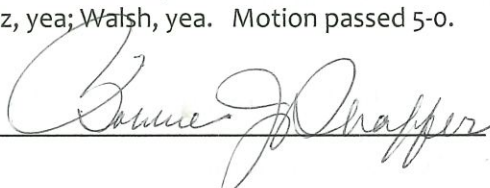
Asked when street paving would begin. Engineer Nasuti stated they will start on Wednesday, couldn’t start today as the equipment broke down.

Councilwoman – Diane Bernardo

Asked Police Chief if the department was doing anything this year for Halloween. Clark stated they were participating in the parade, attending a trunk or treat, and passing out goodie bags. Bernardo requested he not forget hers and Councilwoman Gabriel’s goodie bags as they are judges for the parade.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:  APPROVED: 