# Work Session Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, October 7, 2021 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh (Phone), Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz (Phone), 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; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; IT Director, James Tokarcik; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: City Controller, David Volpe

**Approval of Minutes** 

Review for Monday

**Approval of Registry of Invoices** 

Review for Monday

Reappointing Gleason Cherry & Cherry's to a four (4) year contract ending October 7, 2025 paying \$1,600 bi-monthly

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council reappoint Gleason Cherry & Cherry to a four (4) year contract ending October 7, 2025 paying \$1,600 bi - monthly. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Proclamations:**

DuBois Sr. Little League PA State Champions

2021 Pennsylvania State Baseball Champions DuBois Senior Little League

WHEREAS, the DuBois Senior Little League has had a long and successful history of producing competitive teams; and

WHEREAS, the DuBois Senior Little League faced numerous challenges to the season because of a worldwide pandemic.

WHEREAS, Manager Evan Snowberger, Coach Adam Fox, Coach Tj Wingard, provided leadership, mentoring and outstanding coaching throughout the season, and

WHEREAS, the DuBois Senior Little League battled and struck down Hanover, Upper Moreland, Loyalsock; and

WHEREAS, ball players Matt Pyne, Tyler Chamberlin, Kaden Clark, Kaden Brezenski, Carter Hickman, Brayden Fox, Brock Smith, Cartar Kosko, Andrew Green, Neel Gupta, Davey Aughenbaugh, Aiden Snowberger, Garrett Frantz, and Trey Wingard will forever be bound together having vanquished all challenges and challengers in this epic 2021 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of DuBois, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim DuBois Senior Little League the 2021 Pennsylvania Senior Little League Baseball Champions and urge all citizens to congratulate all individuals involved in this incredible achievement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Official Seal of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, to be affixed this 7th day of October, 2021.

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council proclaim the DuBois Senior Little League the 2021 Pennsylvania Senior Little League Baseball Champions and urge all citizens to congratulate them. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Change Clock/Change Battery - November 7, 2021

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council proclaim November 7, 2021 as Change the Clock/Change the Battery day in the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

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Veteran's Day - November 11, 2021

### "VETERAN'S DAY" November 11, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America have made major contributions toward the preservation of the freedom of this Nation and her people; and

**WHEREAS**, the services performed by these millions of gallant Americans have demonstrated the willingness of our Nation to meet the challenge of those forces wishing to subjugate individual determination through armed conflict; and

**WHEREAS,** the Congress of the United States of America has designated the eleventh day of November of each year as Veteran's Day; and

**WHEREAS,** Veteran's Day has become a significant part of our national heritage as we recognize the important contributions of the millions of our citizens whose military service has had a profound effect on history; and

**WHEREAS**, Veteran's Day offers the Nation an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to Abraham Lincoln's call to Congress and the American People to "care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation and the free world are eternally grateful for the contributions of American Veterans – men and women – to the advancement of the cause of an honorable world peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, on behalf of George D. Montgomery American Legion Post 17, the James J. Patterson V.F.W. Post 813 and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 65, do hereby call upon all citizens to observe **WEDNESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 11, 2021**, as **"VETERAN'S DAY"**, and ask that the day be observed with appropriate ceremonies in honor of those who have served the national purpose to preserve the principles of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have set our hands and caused the Official Seal of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, to be affixed this 7th day of October, in our year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council proclaim November 11, 2021, Veteran's Day in the City of DuBois and that all citizens observe the day with appropriate ceremonies honoring those who have served. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

City of DuBois Employee Flu Shots will be given October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the City Building if anyone on Council is interested they are to contact the Administrative Secretary.

Reminder - DuBois City Council Meeting regularly scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. has been changed to Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 4 p.m.

### Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer - Zac Lawhead

- A lot of grass is being blown onto the road; especially Robinson ST. It's a bad time of year for leaves and grass, when it rains they can make the street very slick. Do not blow grass or leaves into the street.
- Residents need to pick up after their dogs.

### IT Director - James Tokarcik

- Stated everything is going very well and Herm's the best boss he's ever worked for.
- He was asked about Shower's Field Stated that something is tripping the breakers.

### Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

Will be in within the next 15 mins. to sign the proclamations and he will not be able to make Tuesdays meeting; however, he should be able to call in.

## **Councilman Shane Dietz**

He is sorry he couldn't make it, his meeting ran long. He also will stop in to sign the proclamations.

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### Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Councilwoman Bernardo had many people she wanted to thank for help on Downtown DuBois' Octoberfest: James Tokarcik for advertising on Channel 19 and going with her to garage to go through traffic signs.; Bobbie Shaffer for advertisement on the Park Sign; Chief of Police, Blaine Clark, for helping with the traffic safety plan; the Street Department, especially Ken Carr, who came early and set up the horses and cleaned up after; First United Methodist Church for running the children's train rides and serving affordable food; and Wheels of Yesteryear Car Club, especially Doug & Marge Smith, for bring their vehicles for a Cruise-In. Outstanding job.

## City Manager - John "Herm" Suplizio

Took the opportunity to thank everyone for a great job during Octoberfest and especially the Downtown Group, Inc. for another outstanding event.

### Mayor Edward L. Walsh

Thanked the DuBois Downtown Group for all their work in bringing people to the downtown for another successful Octoberfest. He then went on to announce that he will be out of the state on October 21<sup>st</sup>, so he will be unable to make the Work Session that day.

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APPROVED: