

City Council Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 @ 6 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 (Phone), and Shannon Gabriel. 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 Deputy Treasurer, Tom Nowak.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Absent: Councilman, Shane Dietz; City Controller, David Volpe

Excuse Councilman Dietz from the evenings proceedings.

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

Resolution of Condolence for former City Secretary - Francis (Fran) Lias

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of DuBois was saddened to learn of the death of our former Administrative Secretary and exemplary citizen, **FRANCES (FRAN) L. LIAS**, on August 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, FRANCES (FRAN) L. LIAS served as Administrative Secretary from March 20, 1974 until May 3, 2010; filling this important position with distinction and advantage to the taxpayers of the City of DuBois; always conscientious to the highest degree in this position of trust and moved only by the best interests of her fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body in Council assembled this 1st day of September, 2022, that it express its deepest regret and sorrow at the loss of **FRANCES (FRAN) L. LIAS** and hereby officially extend an expression of profound sympathy to her family for their personal loss.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the family of **FRANCES (FRAN) L. LIAS**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the DuBois City Council at a regular meeting held on September 1, 2022, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we set our hands and cause the Official seal of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, to be affixed this 1st day of September, 2022.

City Solicitor Cherry read the resolution of condolence in its entirety to all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2022

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

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Work Session Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2022

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2022 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated September 1, 2022 in the amount of \$690,157.82 and the Check Register by Check ID dated September 1, 2022 in the amount of \$29,634.64 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comments: None

2nd Public Hearing - Debt Ordinance

City Solicitor Cherry felt this item was added in error that it should have stated Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1967. Engineer Nasuti stated that as Cherry was on vacation last week we were unclear as to whether or not a date for a 2nd Public Hearing for the Debt Ordinance needed to be set. Cherry stated that no second hearing is needed, but after the Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1967 she will have to re-advertise.

Due to time restrictions a request was made to add Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1967 to this evenings agenda.

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve adding the Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1967 to the evenings agenda. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1967

An Ordinance authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the City of DuBois through the issuance of a General Obligation Bond in the aggregate principal amount of not more than eighty-six million one hundred seventeen thousand eight hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$86,117,897.00) for the cost 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; covenanting to pay, and pledging unlimited taxing power for the payment of, the bond; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, interest rates, maturity, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; accepting a proposal for the purchase of the bond; authorizing a filing of required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bond was presented for second and final reading. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1967 as presented by City Solicitor Toni Cherry and it become Ordinance No. 1868 in the Code of Ordinance for the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

Update:

Reservoir – Currently 11" down

Police Chief, Blaine Clark

Wanted Council to know that they may be seeing multiple handlers training their dogs in the area on September 12th and 13th.

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Councilwoman, Diane Bernardo

- Happy 50th B-Day to Sonya Fetterhoff – Sunny 106
- To Carl: Told a funny story about working Codes with Fran. There just isn't an adjective to describe Fran, but the world need more like her.

Councilman, Jim Aughenbaugh

Working with Fran was very fun and enjoyable.

Councilwoman, Shannon Gabriel

Thanked Carl for all of his Mother's work for the City.

City Solicitor, Toni Cherry

Told a story about when she was in college and how Fran was very supportive. She credits Fran with teaching her about City business. She was truly dedicated to the City. Cherry feels she owes her a great debt.

City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio

Stated he had known Fran for a long time; she's hard to replace. Can't say enough about her or her family.

Mayor, Edward L. Walsh

Talked about the Christmas morning Fran surprised him and talked him in to going to the Casino with the Korb's and herself.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:  APPROVED: 