

## City Council Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 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, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel and City Controller, David Volpe. Also present were: Toni Cherry; Interim City Manager/City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Corporal Randy Young; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and Administrative Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

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

### Approval of Minutes

#### City Council Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2023

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the minutes of April 10, 2023, as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

#### Work Session Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023

Councilwoman Gabriel asked that this item be tabled as the title was the wrong description. She requested the title be corrected and the item be put on the next Council Meeting agenda.

### Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated April 20, 2023, in the amount of \$4,316,669.56; the Check Register by Check ID dated April 20, 2023, in the amount \$2,650.44; and the Check Register by Check Date (Sewer Plant Pennvest Account) dated April 20, 2023, in the amount of \$2,979,693.51 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### Public Comments

Dennis Raybuck – Born and Raised in DuBois – Various businesses in DuBois since 1979  
Stated he had a comment, he does not usually speak out as he's not a political person, but he feels he has a unique perspective on what's going on. He wanted to express his empathy for the Council as well as all others involved in the business with the City of DuBois for the situation you are currently facing in regard to the allegations made against Herm Suplizio and by extension against all of you. Twenty years ago, I would have read the allegations in the indictment against Herm and said to myself, "Wow someone must have been caught in the cookie jar." That was a time when I had much more respect and confidence in our federal agencies. The confidence ended about 18 years ago when myself and my company, International Custom Products, was falsely accused by US Customs and Border Protection for the numerous felony acts including fraud and smuggling of improper goods into the United States. At that time some of the same local people who have been commenting on our current situation were gleefully spreading those allegations around our area stating that my company would be out of business and I would be in jail. The problem was, none of the charges were true and the government lost in court where the Department of Justice normally loses 98% of their court cases. We were successful in all seven cases. It cost my family both financially and emotionally and took 12 years for us to prevail. Given the experience, I want to encourage everyone to take a breath and allow the process here to play out however uncomfortable it may be. I have read statements from Community members in the paper that have been spoken here in Council Chambers. In the spirit of taking a breath, let us review a couple of them. "Council members should be ashamed and should all resign." I hope you gave this statement no thought at all as it is ridiculous. At this time these are just allegations and will remain so if and until they can be proven in a court of law. People want to "restore the integrity of DuBois government." Really? So far, none of the integrity has been lost; allegations don't do much of anything. You should not make statements regarding the situation either in support of or against Mr. Suplizio. I think this is also ridiculous as I mentioned previously that by exemption or insinuation you are all involved in the situation. You all have been instrumental in Design, Finance, Planning, Construction, and I have followed your achievements over the past year. You should all be proud of those accomplishments. (The audience started to protest that Mr. Raybuck was taking over 3 minutes. Mayor Walsh showed the audience he was keeping track of time on his phone.) Was it smart to give Herm Suplizio a



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### Public Comments (Cont'd.)

Dennis Raybuck – Born and Raised in DuBois – Various businesses in DuBois since 1979 (Cont'd.)  
10 year contract back in 2015? I think the proper scale to judge this would be, is the City of DuBois better off because of ..... (At this point Mr. Raybuck was cut off as his time was up.)

Councilwoman Bernardo asked Mr. Raybuck to come back again to finish his statement. (The crowd started to object.) Bernardo told them to wait and let us be civil to each other. "Mr. Raybuck took the time to make a statement just like you had taken the time and he has not had a chance to finish it." "An invitation for someone to come back is only the polite thing to do." "Mr. Raybuck anytime you want to come back, come back." Mr. Raybuck asked if he should keep going...the crowd said no.

### Jennifer Jackson Torrell – 42 N. Brady St.

I already know the answer to this question I'm about to ask, I want to give the City Council and the Solicitor the opportunity to tell the truth to the taxpayers of DuBois. Has the City paid with taxpayer money upwards of \$250,000 to the private defense of our former City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio. City Solicitor Cherry stated that Ms. Jackson would have to file a Right-to-Know to get that information. You don't get to ask questions; you get to make comments. Do a Right-to-Know.

### Ron Tryzna -120 South Avenue

I did a Right-to-Know on April 13, 2023, I was at the same Council Chambers to preview a Right-to-Know documents relating the City of DuBois' relationship with Allegheny Strategy Partners. The request was to see all documents, the agreement, and all contracts with Allegheny Strategic Partners and the DuBois City Council Minutes relating to the approval of said agreements and contracts. Of course, the City of DuBois was not able to produce the original signed document or a signed copy of the original dated January 1, 2021. I was told the original signed document was at the PA Attorney General's Office and it is hard to believe that a signed copy would not be on the premises of the City of DuBois. I know in the past, there would be multiple signed copies in the file in the City of DuBois. Also, at that time, I was informed by the Interim City Manager that no City Council Minutes existed pertaining to the approval by Council of said agreement. I had requested the City Council Minutes relating to approval of said agreement contract and those minutes were not given to me even though I requested them. The agreement with Allegheny Strategy Partners began January 1, 2021, with a monthly \$5,000 retainer and expenses required. I would like an answer confirming if this is true. It is my understanding that the City is still under contract with Allegheny Strategy Partners; if you go on Pennsylvania Department of State website and search lobbying directory you will find the City of DuBois is one of five cities that pays lobbying firms. Has anyone on Council ever questioned the \$5,000 monthly payments when they were reviewing payments? Especially, as no agreement was ever approved. I would think the Council members, especially the ones that were past Controllers would really be interested in these payments. The interesting point in the agreement is all communications between the City of DuBois and Allegheny Strategy Partners would go through our United Postal Service or an email using [hermsuplizo@hotmail.com](mailto:hermsuplizo@hotmail.com), a private email address instead of the City of DuBois' official email address @duboispa.gov. How can that be? My question to taxpayers is do we ask the City Council Members to do their duty to read and review and question all future agreements, contracts, and payments pertaining to all City business. Again... provide oversight.

### City Solicitor Cherry stated she was going to respond now:

Mr. Suplizio has the powers in his contract, according to the Administrative Code, to do contracts. The purpose of that was to have this lobbying firm lobby for grant money. In response to that contract, the City received \$4,000,000 in grants and the Council is aware of that. So, was it productive? The math tells me yes it was.

Tryzna stated, at his time talking to Chris Nasuti, he asked what they had received, and he had said he didn't know.

Solicitor Cherry stated he may not know but I know it was \$4,000,000.

Tryzna thanked the Solicitor.

Solicitor Cherry stated that I'm telling you, but you don't want to hear it. Tryzna asked if the documents shouldn't have been here. Cherry stated, here's the problem; am I happy that the AG's office came in and confiscated documents that they should not have confiscated and that they took



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things that they shouldn't have taken, and that they took things that were not in their subpoenas? I am most unhappy about that and that is why we are trying to gather documents back and trying to reconstruct it. I am also unhappy that they allege that there is money missing from the United Way when I have the documents that indicate that there is no money missing from the United Way. Am I unhappy that the AG called our auditors and told them they were not to begin the 2021 audit until September of 2022 and that they told those auditors that they were not to tell Council. Am I happy about that, no sir I am not. I consider that official oppression, the only reason the Council found that out is they asked them why they were late this year. Their comment was we were told by the AG not to do it and were told not to tell you. When we asked them to put that in writing, they said they were too afraid. So, there we are, we weren't supposed to have told you. Does that answer your question? There are a lot of things I am not happy about with this AG's investigation. I can tell you this, those of us who have been lawyers for a long time and have worked with the AG are concerned, but not surprised. That's all I have to tell you.

### **Forensic Financial Analysis**

Interim Manager Nasuti stated we had interest from four different firms, two ultimately submitted proposals. We are reviewing those with DCED. I talked with DCED today and they thought that would be a two-week process before we could get approval. They requested that we get Council to authorize and execute the grant amendment and the agreement with the DCED selected consultants if that agreement is within the \$200,000 grant budget.

Councilwoman Gabriel stated that she wants to make it very clear to the people who were not here Thursday night. DCED will choose the auditor, we do not get to choose the auditor. They will let us know who they are going to choose. It is an approximate 9 – 12-month process for the Forensic Audit and every single account within the City of DuBois that uses the City of DuBois tax ID (because the comment has been made on social media – make sure all accounts are included) every account that used the city tax ID will be included in that forensic audit. I assure you; it will be included.

Nasuti stated that DCED will make their decision with our input, they are not going to ignore our input. We're checking references, going through proposals, talking with DCED as time goes on but they will have the ultimate say of who gets hired.

### **Request for Council to authorize and execute the grant amendment and the agreement with DCED selected consultants for not more than \$200,000.**

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council authorize executing the grant amendment with DCED and the agreement with selected consultants. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### **10 Person DuBois/Sandy Joint Board Meeting – May 22, 2023 @ 6 p.m.**

Interim Manager Nasuti stated that Sandy Township voted on this on Monday so it's on your plate to see if you would like to have a meeting as well. They would like to have a meeting on May 22, 2023, at 6 p.m. here in Council Chambers and they wish to suspend all activity until that time. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that the Council approve the DuBois/Sandy Joint Board Meeting on May 22, 2023, at 6 p.m. All consolidation meetings will be suspended until that time. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, nay. Motion passed 4-1.

Mayor Walsh stated he voted no as he doesn't feel that the meetings should be suspended.

### **New Dumpster Hours begin Wednesday, May 4, 2023 – 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. @ City Garage Informational**

### **CDBG Consultant Contract**

This was a contract that we put out a couple months ago, we did it jointly with Sandy Township, so we have the same consultant going into the consolidation. We have met and both selected Urban Design Ventures as our consultant. This will be an optional yearly renewal for up to five years. Mayor Walsh asked if Sandy had already voted on this. Mitchell confirmed that they have. Roll call



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### CDBG Consultant Contract (Cont'd.)

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

### Resolution No. 2023-0365 – PennDOT – Sidewalk Maintenance – Maple Avenue

Phase II of the Maple Avenue Project. Sandy is the lead on this. The new resolution states that we will enforce our ordinance. Our ordinance makes the property owner responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk. We just need to affirm that in our resolution.



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### CITY OF DUBOIS Clearfield County, Pennsylvania

### Resolution No. 2023-0365

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, AFFIRMING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 385, ARTICLE III, SECTION 385-11 OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS.**

**WHEREAS**, Maple Avenue is a roadway under the jurisdiction of the City of DuBois; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandy Township proposes to construct approximately 2,000 LF of sidewalk within the DuBois City municipal boundary along Maple Avenue.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of DuBois that the proposed sidewalks along Maple Avenue, within the DuBois City municipal boundary, will be maintained by enforcement of Chapter 385, Article III, Section 385-11 of the City of DuBois Code of Ordinances, which requires owners of property abutting on any street, including state highways, to construct, pave, repave and repair the sidewalk, curb and gutter along such property at such grades and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the City Engineer.

**RESOLVED**, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:

  
Bobbie J. Shaffer, Secretary

CITY OF DUBOIS

  
Edward L. Walsh – Mayor & President of Council

**CERTIFIED** true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2023-0365 adopted April 24, 2023, by the City Council of the City of DuBois.

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve Resolution No. 2023-0365 – PennDOT – Sidewalk Maintenance – Maple Avenue as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### Request to reappoint Nancy Moore, Diane Bernardo, and Joe Becker to the DuBois Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025.

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council re-appoint Nancy Moore, Diane Bernardo, and Joe Becker to the Planning Commission with their term ending on December 31, 2025. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, nay; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-1

### Request from Joe Mitchell, Redevelopment Authority Director, to reappoint Pat Reasinger to the City of DuBois Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term ending May 4, 2028.

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the request from Joe Mitchell and re-appoint Pat Reasinger to the City of DuBois Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term ending May 4, 2028. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### Civil Service Test

Interim Manager Nasuti stated that we have a retirement this year and we would like to institute the Civil Service Test to make a list of potential hires in that department. Gabriel asked when the



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### Civil Service Test (Cont'd.)

retiree is leaving. Clark stated that there is not an official day, but July is when we expect him to start using his time and he will be gone by the end of the year. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council authorize Clark and Nasuti to plan and advertise for a Civil Service Test. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### Community Days Update

I believe when Chief Federici came and asked for the approval to have Community Days, we also promised that we would continue updating periodically. We have, just to clear the air on some things, reviewed the items within the affidavit. We have invoices that we believe are acceptable for all the expenses that were in that affidavit. We understand that we will be having a part in the Financial Analysis when it happens, so we look forward to participating in that and cooperating wholeheartedly with it when it does happen. We have a mailing coming out very soon that solicits donations like we have in the past with the reminder that all money we raise goes back into the Community to put on a great event with as many free items as we possibly can for the City of DuBois. We have already booked some of the entertainment for this year. I can't drop any big names yet as they haven't been signed out. As an extra layer of added protection, we did contract with a third party to handle all the donations and provide us with all the paperwork, vet all of our contracts, and provide 1099s at the end of the year. It's something we have been doing, but we want to make sure we have the utmost confidence in us from the Community while we pull the event off this year. Thank you, ahead of time, for your support and your donations this year. We look forward to a great year.

### Council Comments

#### Police Chief – Blaine Clark

Ms. Bernardo had asked a while back about pedestrians being struck on Brady Street as well as Main Street and I solicited Corporal McCleary to help me with this. We came up with since April 27, 2021, we had five pedestrians struck. 2 – Long & Brady; 1 – Boulevard & Park; 1 Scribner & Brady; 1 – Long & Main. All were people making left hand turns. Our conclusion was they are not afforded time to cross the street. He went on to say it doesn't sound like a lot, but it is for all the foot traffic we have.

#### Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Many of us turn on the faucet and we get clean water, and we take it for granted, but I want to tell you, I been a tireless advocate for our DuBois water assets. She showed everyone her private file, she stated she has testified before the US EPA and the PA DEP four different times. I have had a ton of meetings with state officials and Matt Gabler took my material and his aids put it into a form that could be presented in Harrisburg. Matt was able to get it, but not into committee because the US EPA came out and rubber stamped this. Of course, as soon as they rubber stamp then DEP follows suit. Right now this injection well is proposed for less than three miles from our water wells. Our water wells are under threat from the permitted class 2 deep injection well. What does that mean class 2? They can take up to 30,000 gallons of fracked water and pump it into the ground a day. Now, one might say, "Hey, what's the big deal even though it's close to your water wells." When you study what was underneath the City of DuBois and our area you will find shafts 1 and 2 coal mines that have not ever been inspected since they were shut down about 50 years ago. They are filled with acid mine drainage water from the mines. We sit right on a major Appalachian fault line with fissures all over the place that they can't even figure out where these fissures are going. They had a leak at their deep injection well on the other end of the county. It went a while before it was discovered. If we go awhile, that could be our water wells. I need every one of you here to get as angry as I am about it. This is your water. We have done everything we can to make it safe and this Council has worked right along with me, and they have signed any letter that I have asked them to try to get this issue in front of legislators. They have always signed them, they have been at meetings with me, they have been advocates as well. As a matter of fact, I can't remember the date must have been around 2012 – 2013 when we adopted a Water Protection Plan. That Water Protection Plan included data loggers. Those data loggers are put into the head waters that feed into our reservoir and monitor any contaminants that come from above ground, below ground or off Interstate 80. I will continue to fight this and anyone who wants to get a hold of me, I will share my information. I have all my testimonies, I have everything; you can take parts and use them. If we don't get something done, an accident is going to happen, and data loggers aren't going to help us



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### Council Comments (Cont'd.)

#### Councilwoman Diane Bernardo – (Cont'd.)

because we can't cover all the water that comes into our reservoir. You can tell I'm angry about it because EPA and the US government should have better oversight when it comes to the waterways of the United States of America. I'm mad at DEP because as a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection they knew what was under our ground, yet they rubber stamped it because it was one more thing off the shelf. We are still under threat, never take for granted that that injection well won't happen because they are permitted. We have been able to slow it down since 2010 when this whole battle started. Even though there's no Marcellus going on in Pennsylvania, there is still risk to bring their frack water to us because it's called interstate commerce. Interstate Commerce. Fracked water and poison can go into while someone else will line his pockets. Again, we take for granted that there is going to be that clean water for us. I lived in a community where the reservoir was contaminated, it was my first teaching job, it was horrible. We had to bring port-a-potties into the schools, the kids couldn't get a hot lunch which, to some kids, is their only hot lunch. They couldn't get a hot lunch; they got peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The restaurants in our community could not operate, we had to have bottled water brought in. This went on for almost a whole year, I left that community because I had gotten engaged, and I moved to be with my fiancée. I'm not sure how long it took these poor people to get out of that situation. I want you to know that I introduced Council Bill No. 1892 and I thank Ms. Cherry for being a great help with that construction because it prohibits the construction of disposal injection wells, seismic graphic surveying or seismic testing and that commercial extraction of natural gas in all residential, office commercial and transitional zoning district, districts within the corporate boundaries in the City of DuBois. Now we had to give them someplace to go, because if we can't have them go someplace then they can sue us. So, we have a little piece of Industrial property that really is not appropriate. In essence, I don't want this to be taken as anti-drilling, this is about safety. That's the bottom line. When you drill then be safe about it. Tim Keister, Pro Chem Tech, (corporate headquarters is in Colorado) positioned in Brockway, Pennsylvania, at the old Brockway Glass Headquarters building. He has a patent on taking fracked water, taking out the salts, etc. Treating it to the point it can be put back into a sewage treatment plant and treated for us to drink. What do we need a Class 2 Deep Injection Well for when we have somebody right here in the state of Pennsylvania seven miles down the road with a permit to take our most precious and most valuable resource...water and give it back to us without polluting it. I see we have Sam Mollica here, any other Sandy Township Supervisors? I'm going to read this because this is for all of us on Council, all of us. A few months ago, all of us sitting here voted no to form a water authority. Sandy Township has a water authority. I'll tell you why I have a big question mark on it because state law says that it is appointed officials. Sam, it is appointed officials on the board, not elected and that is what you have on your board. (Sam tried to interject.) The reason we voted no for water authority is by owning our water, we control our destiny. Think about that when you own your home, you control your destiny. (Sam tried to interject again.) I'm telling people why we voted no. We voted no because number one, an Authority does not have to answer to any taxpayer in this room. They can sell off our water assets, they can sell off part of them, they can sell off all of it. Hey Treasure Lake has Aqua, why not sell it to Aqua. Not only can an Authority raise rates, maintenance fees, come up with construction plans and they don't have to get approval from any municipal government whether it is Sandy Township, DuBois, or the combination between the two. The only course of action that we citizens would have if we formed a water authority is we would have to go to court and in Clearfield County we would have to go to the Clearfield County Court of Common Pleas. So, when you hear this thrown around about water authority and let's do a water authority and the next Council let's do a water authority, please think about what I said. If there is anything you take away from today, do not let a water authority happen because we have got to control the water that we have because this is just too important to our area.

#### Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Clarified that we voted to keep our water system the same way that it is and allow the new Council to make the decision as to whether or not they want an authority, or the City continue to maintain the water as we currently do. So, it was a yes or no vote either way it was just to maintain as we currently operate the way we are through the end of this time. Then let the new Council vote.



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Council Comments (Cont'd.)

City Solicitor Toni Cherry

We have been advised by Clearfield County Commissioners that they are not going to give the City of DuBois a \$200,000 grant that was previously promised to the City of DuBois for use in constructing and repairing infrastructure. She went on to make it clear to all of you, aside from the fact that it was pretty disingenuous because I would think they would have to know this, but maybe they don't; if the City of DuBois were to accept that \$200,000 grant, first of all it is matching so we would then have to come up with another \$200,000 or try to use our own facility as part of that. But why we would not accept it anyway and that is what I would hope that the Commissioners all realize is because when we did the \$83,000,000+ loan for the improvement and construction of a Wastewater Plant and all of the lines, we also received which is excellent news, a principal loan forgiveness and it is actually a grant in the amount of over \$4,000,000 which doesn't have a match. To take the \$200,000 we would have to subtract from that \$4,000,000 grant \$200,000. So, I want the citizens of DuBois to know this and to realize that you are not losing money. I'm glad my neighbors in Sandy Township are going to get that money because they need to finish that line so they can connect it to the City's Plant. I think we need to provide that service to them. But there is no loss to the City of DuBois. Not by dollars, not by grants, not by projects. None, just so you know that.

Interim City Manager – Chris Nasuti

Just a couple construction updates: Finished paving on Maple Avenue last week. They will start tomorrow both milling and paving the other streets in the City of DuBois and then line painting will start on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully by the second week in May, everything will be paved and painted.

Mayor Edward L. Walsh

The mayor stated he had a brief statement. Thank you for everyone coming again as usual. In light of everything that is going on, Ms. Cherry, our Attorney, last week, put an article in the paper that I stand behind 100%. This Council and myself have never been contacted by the Attorney General or the State Police to give a statement or to give any explanation, which I find appalling. How can they do what they have done without even getting our position? I know that one of the first things I had Mr. Nasuti do when he became the acting Manager was investigate one charge that was a \$3,000 check that was stolen from the city. It took them 10 to 15 minutes to find out there was no stolen check. It was a reimbursement which I believe we have already explained. The check was written out in November and wasn't cashed until late January or February. Attorney General said that our manager stole money; he did not. This City's financial position is in great shape, we are moving forward with all of our projects. There have been some messages out there on Facebook that we are not going to be doing the Sewage Treatment Plant and we're not going to finish the end of the boulevard, we're not going to do this or that. We are moving forward with everything, and I am very proud of the staff, Mr. Nasuti's job, and Council for everything they have done. We don't always agree, but we get things done. I will be your mayor for at least the next eight months, like it or hate it I'm going to be here. We are going to continue to move forward and finish our projects.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:  APPROVED: 