

City Council Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, June 12, 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, City Treasurer, Lisa LaBrasca Becker; and City Controller, David Volpe. Also present were: City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; Acting City Manager/City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; Assistant Police Chief, Dustin Roy; Sergeant, Shawn McCleary; Corporal, Matt Robertson; 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.

Resignation – Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the resignation of Shannon Gabriel from City Council. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2023

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023, as presented. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

Work Session Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2023

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2023, as presented. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

Registry of Invoices

City of DuBois

Memo

To: Council
From: DeLean Shepherd
Date: 06/12/2023
Re: Bill List Corrections

The changes to the bill list are as follows:

Coyne Chemical was entered as \$3,410.09 the actual invoice amount was \$3,627.99

Northern Safety Invoice was paid to Northern Equipment & Sales.

Petty Cash total was entered as 377.92 the actual reimbursement was \$474.90

Point Auto total was entered as \$1,187.96 but the actual due was \$1,364.21

Wex Bank total was entered as \$9,356.23, the actual due was \$9,364.23

We received a credit in the amount of \$15,143.37 from Glenn O Hawbaker after the bill list was completed, but we definitely wanted to take that credit now.

Mayor Walsh read the Memo from DeLean Shepherd concerning corrections to the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated June 8, 2023, a new revised list was issued to all of Council, Treasurer, Interim City Manager, and Controller.

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated June 12, 2023 with the corrections having been made from the June 8, 2023 list in the amount of \$2,215,543.98; PennVEST Check Register by Check ID dated June 5, 2023 in the amount of \$6,601.08; and the Check Register by Check ID dated June 8, 2023 in the amount of \$26,230.42 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

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Public Comments

Pat Reasinger – 206 E. Logan Ave, DuBois

Mr. Reasinger stated that he noticed over at the Tannery Dam there is one of those leave a book, take a book library; someone is putting concrete there, whoever thought of that great idea. He saw a mother and two kids taking books, leaving books whoever thought of that, great job. Nice town.

Interim Manager Nasuti stated that a few months previously we had the Girl Scouts here, they wanted to do a project over at the Tannery Dam. The girls were: Emma and Taylor Roy, Madison Ross, and Chole Sawyer. They did a very nice project, it looks great, and it is being used.

Reasinger then asked about the Sandy Township Lawsuit. He said, we wanted to know what is the state's part in defending the voters of DuBois and Sandy Township. What's the states' part, what do they do?

Solicitor Toni Cherry said that is a very interesting question. They were not a part of the lawsuit. I think at this point, that is something worth looking at. I think that instead of the citizens of DuBois having to pay me to defend the consolidation, it really should be paid for by the DCED.

Reasinger continued the citizens voted.

Cherry stated that the City's position is we must go to court to confirm the will of the voters. The will of the City's voters was, we are going to consolidate. Reasinger interjected, and Sandy's voters. Cherry stated she completely agrees with him. Although, she believes Sandy Township's position has always been, a small majority, the Board of Supervisors has never been in support of consolidation; in fact, actively working against it. I don't want to be in a position, I'm not ready to discuss it with you fully only because I am still thinking about it. I don't want to join the state as an additional defendant. I don't want to be in a situation where I'm saying, I think there is liability, and the City of DuBois has no liability; they are not defendants they never were defendants. What I would like to do is talk to the consultants and say look we are following your schedule, we don't think that Sandy can stay it, we think that we need to proceed and that it really isn't something that they have standards to do. If we take this position, will you pay? I think that we are defending the will of our taxpayers and upholding their schedule to get it all done within that period of time.

Reasinger said, it's two and a half years away.

Reasinger said that feelings add to the situation. The Forensic Audit won't be done for a year. Cherry said or less.

Cherry said we also have all the documentation from when the consultants went in and compiled the information to recommend consolidation. They looked at both communities on financial health, they have all those findings, they have all that information. Based on all of that, I'm sure you attended those sessions, they were all very public. I don't think this is the time to stay it. If you really don't want to consolidate (Sandy Township) what are you doing asking for a regional police force? Because in a situation like that, and that is something that is going to come out in the consolidation, is that the police officers in the City of DuBois are Civil Servants, the police officers in Sandy Township are not; it is a different fee schedule. It's a situation where we, the City of DuBois, will be paying officers overtime that benefits Sandy Township. These are things that can be solved through consolidation.

Reasinger clarified that the state will not defend the voters in this situation. Cherry stated that the state was not sued, the City of DuBois was sued.

Cherry stated that this has not happened in very many cities in Pennsylvania, the last time was in 1994 in St. Marys.

Reasinger said this situation is original.

Reasinger clarified with Sam Mollica that Sandy Township only has \$10,000 to \$15,000 for defense.

Cherry said \$10,000 to \$15,000 from an attorney out of Harrisburg? This should be settled. She doesn't believe it will get to litigation. She believes they will want to do discovery to determine how big of a deal it will be. She'll just have to wait until they get in front of the judge. She believes another judge would have to be appointed.

Reasinger finds it hard to believe that a judge would go against the voters.

Cherry stated she was not sure how the suit could be filed at all.

Sam Mollica stated that the thing is, this is just for a temporary stay not to eliminate consolidation.

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Pat Reasinger (Cont'd.)

Mollica believes that once the Forensic Audit gets done, maybe there will be no reason for the stay.

Reasinger clarified that Mollica is for consolidation. Mollica confirmed that he has always been for consolidation.

Mayor Walsh stepped in and ended the discussion.

William Jones - 618 Chestnut Ave, DuBois

Question regarding the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission and their act whatever they call it here: Ethics Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which starts out with section 1104. each public official of the Commonwealth will file a statement of financial interest with the commission, and it later follows with any other public employee or official shall file a statement of financial interest with governing authority or political subdivision from which he is employed and persons that are full time or part time solicitor for a political subdivision they are also required to file under this section. I am curious to know where we can see this information. If it is not filed with the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission, which I might point out, nobody here has filed, the only ones that have filed are Shannon Gabriel, John Suplizio, Mark Sullivan, Sam Mollica, and the Township Manager. Mayor Walsh interrupted; we fill one out every year. Mr. Jones said you may do but it is not filed with the state, is it? It is apparently filed local, so I want to know how...do we have to file a Right to Know form or something like that? The City Secretary stated we have them on file. Mayor Walsh said we fill them out on January 1st. Mr. Jones asked where they went after that. The City Secretary once again stated that they are held on file. Mr. Jones asked again if he needs to fill out a Right to Know request to review these things? That is what I would like to do; who do I do it with? Chris Nasuti the new Right to Know Officer? Nasuti stated, yes sir. Mr. Jones went on to say the last paragraph states that there is no official allowed to take the Oath of Office or enter or continue to enter into his duties without one. He leaned into Mr. Reasinger and said, so make sure you fill one out. Mr. Reasinger stated he already had. Solicitor Cherry clarified that the Financial Interest forms are due by May 1st.

Bev Kurts – 504 Rainbow Dr., DuBois

Stated as we were finishing up the meeting on Thursday, you said you were going to an Executive Session. Correct? One of the things you were going to discuss was replacing Shannon and how to do that. There are seven reasons why you can have an Executive Session. What would you say was your reason? Walsh said Personnel. Did you use names? Because if you are not, I think to be transparent, you could have done that right here. If you were just describing procedure that could have been done right here instead of in an Executive Session. That is what we did, we were discussing how we were going to... Ms. Kurt interrupted and asked, why didn't you do it? Solicitor Cherry stated because they also asked me law questions and how any statutes may have approached it. As long as they get advice from me, I am allowed to give that to them in private, they can discuss it, they can take no action on it. Ms. Kurts said it could have been answered in public, there was nothing personal about it. Cherry went on and said it is one of those times that I am allowed to consult with Council in private. Ms. Kurts believes they could have been more transparent. Mayor Walsh said, there is really nothing to be transparent about we are going to advertise, we are going to interview, and two weeks from tonight we are going to appoint a new Council member.

Jennifer Jackson – 42 N. Brady ST, DuBois

At Work Session I asked some questions:

1. Herm's pay why aren't we putting it into escrow, are we willing to answer that yet?
2. Is it true that he has almost two years of paid time also accrued coming to him? In the best interest of the City, wouldn't it be more fiscally responsible to put it into escrow at this point?

Interim Manager Nasuti stated he was hoping to have answers for Ms. Jackson today, but unfortunately, he got busy. He will definitely have a formal report for her at the next meeting. Jackson confirmed that was alright.

Back to the signs, I know I get hit with signs on property, I was just wondering what is the state of the signage that was discussed previously that is not, from what I read, where do we stand on that?

Nasuti stated that there were four questions from Thursday, he will have all of those. Mr. Tryzna had a question, you did, and Ms. Vida did.

The last thing, because you brought it up, I guess the voters spoke at the last election who they would like to see in here; so, I guess it is just kind of shocking that you are even going to, a select few, interview when the voters spoke who they would like to see in here. I'm really questioning the whole procedure and if it is the Controller that was stated, then maybe the Controller isn't....

Mayor Walsh said they didn't state it would be the Controller, that was what happened last time.

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Jennifer Jackson (Cont'd.)

Jackson said yes that's what you said happens. I mean you see how that works in this City, so I'm just wondering if they are not willing to devote to the Controller than maybe it is time that the citizens do a write in campaign for Controller. I'm just throwing that out there. But I'm just wondering, you know I just think that the voters spoke and wonder why this Council cannot do what the voters ask and only what this select few want. I'm mind blown by all of this. Literally...mind blown.

Elliot Gelfand – 1 S. Highland ST, DuBois

Jen kind of stole my thunder. Jen and I were recently elected by voters to serve on Council starting in January after the election and the voters spoke. There is a opening now, I don't see any reason why Jen and I should not be placed on Council at this time, why would we go through two separate transitions when we could just transition someone now going into consolidation, going into the issues we are facing ...Forensic Audits and things like that. I don't see a point in putting someone on Council for six months when you have two clear options that were selected by the voters to sit on City Council. He stated, he submitted his Letter of Interest to Chris along with his resume. I think the election was pretty much a good interview, I'm happy to interview as well and state my case. I feel I'm very qualified with a background in financing, and a legal background as an attorney; I just ask that you seek me or Jen as Council person for DuBois to fill the vacancy left behind by Shannon Gabriel's resignation.

Second, the audit revealed that the suspended City Manager was conducting some city business using his own personal email address. How is that being monitored for information that is privileged or city information that is in that email account that needs to be turned over? Is there continued information going back discussing city business that should not be going through the former City Manager. Is anyone monitoring, has access been restricted? Mayor Walsh stated it is his own personal account he can use it for whatever he wants to use it for. He is not conducting city business as of now at all. Gelfand asked if it is going to be searched for city business, any information turned over or destroyed? Anything to protect the information? Solicitor Cherry addressed Mr. Gelfand and stated she did not know if the AG's office was going to search his email, there is a case pending. They obviously have documents that we would like to have back, we have made some requests for those to be returned, certainly we would like to have the money they took returned, I don't think at this point we can say or do anything until this is resolved. It is not being used ... Gelfand interrupted and asked if there was any sensitive information concerning the city in the email. Cherry said the information that the city has, we keep hard copies of in the files. I don't know what there may be that would be sensitive that would be on his email. Obviously, police reports, police investigations, those are maintained very differently, and this is sensitive information.

Jennifer Jackson asked if there was a Right to Know filled on the email.

Solicitor Cherry confirmed there was, and our position was that we gave all the information we had concerning the agreement with Allegheny Strategy. That's all we have that we can supply. All the money that Allegheny Strategy's was paid and all the grant money that Allegheny Strategy pursued and secured. That was requested by two individuals.

Gelfand thanked Mayor Walsh for his kind words of congratulations.

William Jones requested to ask another question. Cell phones that are paid for by the city, do they in fact belong to the city, and can you request information from these cell phones. Calls made, text made, etc. Because they are owned by the city, I believe that the City Manager had one, Fire Chiefs each have one, there are people who have cell phones that are proposed to be DuBois Fire Department or City Manager phones. Interim Manager Nasuti stated that they are all personal cell phones. Jones asked, you are not paying the bills for them. So, you don't have access to them? Aughenbaugh said there is a reimbursement expense. Jones said, so the City is paying their bill, does the city have the right to ask for information. Solicitor Cherry said if you look at the contract, I think you are asking about Mr. Suplizio. Jones said no he is not. Cherry said then I don't know what to tell you. The city awards an allowance to individuals to reimburse them for their cost, then what they do with their own phone is their business. Mr. Jones asked to talk to the Solicitor after the meeting to discuss it a little bit further. Finance Officer Shepherd stated that there are certain people who get a cell phone allowance, just a monthly amount just to reimburse them for using their personal phone for business. We also have city phones, but they are not used for personal use. Working Foreman, Workers who are on Call, Parks guy has one, the police department has them, police chief has one, assistant chief has one; as you can see the Chief has two phones one is business, one is personal.

Kathleen Clements – 718 Chestnut Ave, DuBois

Few questions:

1. Will our city be able to recoup any of the legal fees paid for Herm Suplizio?
2. Could the City Council Meeting be on live TV? Obviously, this room doesn't accommodate to many people and as Director of the Senior Center I have a lot of seniors that would like to come, but if they don't get a chair they can't stand. Could that be done? I'm sure the city has an IT guy.

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Kathleen Clements (Cont'd.)

3. Is there any education requirement for a 3rd Class City City Manager?
4. How does the City sell property? Is it advertised, is it put out for bid if the City owns any property to be sold.

City Solicitor Cherry said, let's tackle the educational requirement. Because the reference is always for Third Class City and that is where the confusion lies. We are an Optional Form of Government. We have been an Optional Form of Government since the last 70's. That is what you look for and when you look at the code there is not a requirement for a particular educational background. Then there is also the city's own Administrative Code, it also does not have the educational requirement. I guess my answer is no there is not any requirement.

With regards to the city advertising for property that it owns to sell. The city routinely advertises for bids when we have properties that have been blighted, we always advertise for the highest bidder. We don't get big big offers on that. Ms. Clement asked if we advertise in the newspaper. Manager Nasuti said yes, it is advertised in the newspaper. Cherry continued, we do have one and usually if the property is in bad shape, we confer with Redevelopment Authority because what we want to be able to do in most situations is not necessarily a direct sale but place conditions for improvement that we include in some of the cities Deeds. We have gone to individuals, and we have set requirements: for instance, that they complete the repairs within two years. The one we have now that we are working on with Redevelopment is the sale of the property, we all refer to as Tommy D's. It is going to need a new roof and a lot of repairs, so we are trying to work on what requirements we want in the agreement when we convey it to the Redevelopment Authority and the Deed that will follow and outlive the agreement.

Nasuti stated we do have some parcels that are just pieces that we sold to Dr. Rice. That one we did not bid out because Dr. Rice, it's a hillside, needed it. Dr. Rice had been renting the property that is Dr. Doolittle's for approximately 20 years. He had been unable to pay the rent, so the City negotiated a resolution on about rent paid for a very favorable purchase price for this City. However, there was not enough land, the doctor decided he wanted to do other developments, he went to Sandy Township to get approval; he needed additional land in order to meet PLCB requirements and also to meet Sandy Townships parking requirement. Since it is the hillside that faces Dr. Doolittle's there wouldn't be anyone else who would want that property; so, Dr. Rice got an appraisal, the City approved that appraisal which was done by a very reputable appraiser out of Elk County. Had it not been that way, the doctor would not have been able to open Angry Goat. If you had followed the newspaper, you knew he had parking problems. She confirmed with Interim Manager Nasuti that that was the only property that was not bid out. He confirmed.

Clement asked about the empty property where the Dollar General burned. She went on to say that when Junkyard's Daughter was across the street, they said there were so many stipulations that because of the fire.... what's going to happen with that? Nasuti said, if someone would like to purchase it, they can. The grant monies used to demolish the building requires low to moderate income housing be replaced. We need a developer that would like to put in low to moderate income housing. We can't get that requirement lifted and that's what the property needs to rebuild.

Nasuti continued, we are working with the IT guy to find out how to get these meetings live streamed so people can watch.

Councilwoman Bernardo stated that it is more than just the housing requirement you must have a commercial business on the first floor. Nasuti said the grant does not require that, but the downtown ordinance requires that the first floor be commercial, and the other floors can be residential. The grant stipulation was just low to moderate income housing had to be part of that development. So, if someone wanted to buy it just to put a commercial building on there, they couldn't without the housing stipulation.

Bill Jones stated he can tell our IT guy how to do that for \$15 a month.

Kristen Vida – 929 Chestnut Avenue, DuBois

She asked Nasuti if he had talked with the City's insurance broker regarding whether or not elected officials are allowed to be on the policy. Nasuti confirmed he had, and they are allowed.

Jennifer Jackson asked what is the annual cost to taxpayers? Nasuti stated he didn't have that off the top of his head.

Proclamation – DuBois Firemen's Week – June 18 -24-2023

Mayor Walsh read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to Fire Department President, Joe Mitchell.

First Reading of Council Bill No. 1973 – Street Excavating & Openings

An Ordinance of the City of DuBois amending Chapter 385, Article IV entitled "Street Excavations and Openings", Section 385-23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of DuBois to exempt public utilities

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First Reading of Council Bill No. 1973 – Street Excavating & Openings (Cont'd.)

regulated by the Pennsylvania Utility Commission from any degradation fees which have or will be adopted or implemented by the City of DuBois before any permit shall be issued to open or excavate any street in the City of DuBois was presented for first reading. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the first reading of Council Bill No. 1973 as read in its entirety by City Solicitor Toni Cherry. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

Certificate of Recognition – Tre'Sean Wiggins

WBA/NABA Welterweight Boxing World Champion

Certificate of Recognition

presented to:


Tre'Sean Wiggins

WHEREAS, Tre'Sean Wiggins has overcoming vast adversity and is an inspiration and role model to the youth, young adults, and others throughout Pennsylvania. He is a testament to the fact that people can overcome adversity through hard work and dedication.

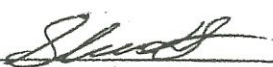
WHEREAS, he has show his unwavering support of the Army National Guard, their members and families, and his commitment to positive change throughout his community.

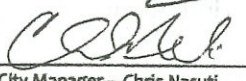
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by the Mayor and City Council, we do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to present this Certificate of Recognition to Tre'Sean Wiggins this 12th day of June, 2023.


Mayor & President of Council —Edward L. Walsh


Councilwoman & Vice President—Diane Bernardo


Councilman—James Aughenbaugh


Councilman—Shane Dietz


Interim City Manager—Chris Nasuti

Thank you from Downtown DuBois, Inc.

Ms. Stewart sent a letter to the Mayor and Council thanking them for help from Ken Carr from the maintenance crew who handled trash collection for our annual Spring Clean Up and the Fire Companies hosing down the sidewalks and streets throughout the downtown.

Loan Interest Rate Benchmark

This is the request from S & T Bank to replace the LIBOR interest rate benchmark with the SOFR interest rate benchmark. We currently have three loans with variable interest rates, the LIBOR interest rate is no longer available as of June 30. If we don't replace it, it automatically defaults to SOFR, but they would like us to formerly accept the SOFR interest rate benchmark. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that the Council accept the recommendation of S & T Bank and formerly accept the change from LIBOR to SOFR interest rate benchmark. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

Forensic Analysis

Nasuti stated we had a virtual kick-off meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, it went well. The initial request for information was delivered to us on Thursday from the auditors. There are 23 categories of information we will be providing for them. They requested information is due back to the auditors no later than June 30th. The goal is to be able to provide the auditors with enough information and remote access into are existing accounting system. They can get in there do what they need to do, see what they need to see without us actually being the middle person. Following a review of the initial digital data request they will be coming to have any onsite visit with us. So they will be digitally, then they will be here to go through our files to see what they can find in person. That being said, their firm schedule is earlier than we anticipated, right now they are looking at November for the final report.

Revised 2023 Budget

Joe and DeLean helped me out with this, despite the additional monies paid beyond the budget for legal fees we are still able to balance the budget for the remainder of 2023. This was able to be accomplished through an increase in revenue from Timber Sales, the land sold to Dr. Rice we discussed earlier, the deposit of administration fees from Waste Management, and elimination of the budgeted staff bonuses.

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Pfingstler Properties LLC – Waterline

We talked about this a little on Thursday. This is a proposed waterline to the Pfingstler property out on DuBois Rockton Road former Shaw Mack facilities. They are building the waterline, they are doing the engineering, construction, getting the easements, permitting through PennDOT (which was acquired on Friday) to get across the DuBois Rockton Road, and all the survey work. What we need Council to do is to direct the solicitor to draft an ordinance to accept the waterline once it is completed.

We will inspect it prior to making the tap into our system. It will be their line until we take it over.

Councilman Aughenbaugh asked Nasuti if he needed Council to direct the Solicitor now or once it's completed. Solicitor Cherry asked about the easements, Nasuti stated that Pfingstler's will take care of the easements. Nasuti would like to have it now as he has the survey and so that everything is in place once they have completed the line. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo

that Council direct City Solicitor Cherry to draft an ordinance for the City of DuBois to accept the Pfingstler waterline once it is completed by Pfingstler and inspected by the City of DuBois. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

Request from Justin Rothrock for use of the Skatepark July 22nd for an event to raise money for repair and build more skateparks for local communities.

Nasuti stated that all the paperwork is on file, and he recommends that Council approve the request. The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council accept the recommendation of Interim City Manager Nasuti and approve the request for use of the Skatepark on Saturday, July 22nd for a fundraising event. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

Sandy Township Lawsuit – Authorize Solicitor to Defend our position in Court

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council authorize City Solicitor Cherry to defend the City of DuBois' position in Court. Roll call was as follows: Aughenbaugh, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0

Police Chief – Blaine Clark

Reminded everyone it is Firemen's Week gonna get busy at the end of the week, be patient and vigilant.

Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent & President of the Fire Department - Joe Mitchell

Invited everyone to come out to the park on Friday and Saturday, as there will be a lot of good entertainment at Community Days. Fireworks are set to music on Saturday night, tune to Sunny 106 as you watch.

City Treasurer – Lisa LaBrasca Becker

Introduced herself and stated she wanted to address some comments made at the Thursday Work Session. First, why I don't attend the meetings very often, it is not required that I be here. Second, I am a businesswoman, for almost 40 years, in a very important business in this town for the youth. I do not have other employees, I am it. So, I am not able to be here. As I look around, which is great, I wish you had been here the last 12 years, we have sat here with no one interested in our city. I have run for office, no one has ever run against me. No one wants this job; it is a difficult job. Everyone that runs for office, it is difficult. Congratulations to the people who have run, you guys ran not only a campaign but a write in campaign. That is difficult. If you have never run for office, you need to do it one time. It's difficult. I ran for State Representative, you must have tough skin for that. My job here is the Treasurer, which I am very proud of, I will be consistent, I will be here. I am here in the morning; you can come see me. As a matter of fact, I have taken care of your water bill, mail ins, printed out your bills; you see me in there, I come out and talk to you. Pat, you have seen me, I have taken care of closings on houses. There is so much happening in that office, and it will stay positive and consistent. It will be stable. I am always there, if you need to see me, I'm available. Mr. Trzyna came to see me; I love to see the people. We are in this together, we need to get together and be the best we can be because it is very important for businesses to see our strength. This town is great. I just want you all to know that I am always available, I may not be at the meetings because I do own a gym and I teach at night. That's not my only business, I have a lot in common with Jenn; she's a businesswoman and has real estate; Pat, we're all in business and have real estate. The council knows that I have had differences with them, but we worked it out. I won one and lost another. We've had our talks. I love that you people ask questions, you can come and ask me questions, I'm available and I'll give you answers. I am glad to see so many people are getting involved. When I ran for state representative, I didn't win but it wasn't where I was supposed to be. I'm supposed to be here, where I am. I had a backup plan to give up my gym, but I think people need me. So, any time I'm usually in mornings, I come and go but my job is not only to be in this building, my job is to also to have a great repour with Clearfield. Clearfield County has had a lot of change over. Great reputation the city has with the other Treasurers over there, the Sheriff's Office; I must take tax work over. We must have communication between us. My job's not just in this building, I pick up the mail, we drive our own personal cars. We are a team here. I wish the new group all the luck. I would like to put out, as much as I would miss working with David, I do not have a vote, but I think he would do a great job as Councilman. I would like to extend an invitation to have anyone of you come into that office, I would like to sit down

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City Treasurer – Lisa LaBrasca Becker (Cont'd.)

with you and go over whatever your questions are. That is what we do. Come sit with me, we'll work together. Cheer – No more fight, let's unite..... It's not going to change it my office, it will be positive.

Councilman – Shane Dietz

Hope to see everyone this weekend at Community Days. Praying for beautiful weather.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Addressed Mr. Gelfand and stated he was not here on Thursday when she expressed her congratulations to Pat and Jen on a great campaign; it really was. I wish you the best of luck.

Addressed Pat Reasinger requesting an update on the tree project. Mr. Reasinger stated that they had sent out 59 letters. Of those letters, they had received 7 people saying yes to trees and 6 said no. Haven't heard from a lot of people. The state has some trees, I believe 20 trees that we are applying for. We are going to accommodate those people who wanted trees and try to talk to the other people to give them a chance to have trees also. Bernardo asked, if you do not mind since we have the press here, do you actually pick the trees, making sure they don't go into the water lines. Secondly, do you plant the trees? Reasinger stated that Penn State Extension is helping us. Reasinger said that he knows a lot about trees, but they know what the roots do, what tree to plant where based on the ground, water and where it is being planted. We must be very careful where we plant them, we don't want the gas company digging them up in 20 years, we don't want the electric company hacking them up in 20 years and you have to stay so far away from fire hydrants and from a driveway and phone poles. I asked someone from Penn State, Scott from Penn State Extension that has the expertise in that.

Interim City Manager – Chris Nasuti

Stated he just wanted to make it clear that a letter of interest for the vacant seat will be accepted here until Tuesday, June 20th, Council will evaluate those and make a recommendation on it and will appoint someone on June 26th. I think that Jen, Pat and Elliot are all great candidates, but I do think it is important to see if there is anyone out in the Community interested in serving.

Mayor – Edward L. Walsh

He just wanted to reiterate that next Tuesday at Noon, anyone that is interested please have your letter and resume in here. On June 26th we will swear in our next Council person.

Adjournment

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

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