

Work Session Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, July 6, 2023 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh (by phone), Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, and Pat Reasinger. Also present were: Acting City Manager/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; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

July 10th Agenda Items

Mayor Walsh read down through the items while Interim Manager Nasuti gave a brief description of the items for Monday's agenda.

#7 – Application for Water Department

Nasuti stated that Mike Borrelli has retired, and we need to fill that position. We were waiting until the budget was in place to see what we had to work with. We are now ready to fill the position.

#8 – Financial Update

Nasuti stated that a lot of people are talking about the \$26,000 left in the budget. The budget is not our working cash. Currently our total operating cash stands at \$1, 474,146.

#9 – Comcast Cable Franchise

We received the agreement in November 2021. We have been in contact with them, and we now need to get the contract in place or go back and negotiate. The old contract has expired.

#11 – Request First Public Hearing on Monday, July 24, 2023, concerning CDBG...

Nasuti stated this is for public comments concerning needs in the City of DuBois that can be reviewed for use in the 2023 CDBG application. Mayor Walsh asked what we would be receiving; Mitchell stated he believes \$308,000; it is about the same ballpark as in the last few years.

#13 – Request authorization to advertise for bids for fall paving projects

Nasuti stated that this is our normal fall paving work that we do in conjunction with PennDOT. (East DuBois Avenue, Hillcrest Drive, Bush Court, Rainbow Drive, Green Ridge Drive and Sylvan Drive) He believes we should be able to get a good price. He went on to say that he believes they will be able to use a portion of the 3.5 million loan to start Phase 1 of the waterline this year and then Phase 2 will be budgeted for 2024.

#14 – Bicycles on the Walkway

Reminding everyone to be courteous and responsible when riding a bicycle on the walkway.

#15 – Police Department Taser Program

Chief Clark stated that their X2 Taser system has come to the end of its useful life; they would like to replace it with Taser 10. He and Corporal Robertson are looking at a 5-year program which will not affect the 2023 budget; it would cost \$39,974.09 and be budgeted into the 2024 budget and \$28,224.09 from 2025 – 2028. Currently, they are taking turns using the tasers they do have available; when a shift goes off, they give their tasers to the shift coming on. The program would allow them to get top of the line, state of the art tasers, replacing their current inventory. He stated that they will need approval from Sandy Township as well; currently they are coordinating with them.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Announced tonight is music in the park; Vagabonds will be playing. The concert last week was excellent, looking forward to this evening.

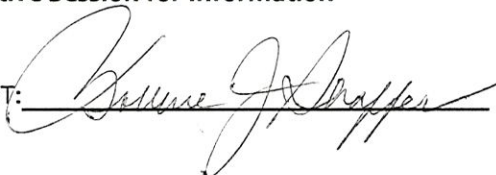
Public Comments:

Ron Trzyna – 120 South Avenue, DuBois – Manning Level

Mr. Trzyna was inquiring about our Public Works manpower. Nasuti stated that it is well below what it was when he started. He believes they are down six from when he started, they are doing more with less people. Currently there are 13 in the garage (2 mechanics), 4 at the Water Plant, and 5 at the Sewage Plant.

Executive Session for Information

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

