



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

City Council Meeting Proceedings – October 16, 2012

CALL TO ORDER	The regular meeting of Titusville City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith in the Conference Room at the Titusville Redevelopment Authority at 6:00 p.m.
INVOCATION	Given by Jerry Wagner
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Smith
ROLL CALL	Mayor Esther Smith, Deputy Mayor Bill Adelman, Councilman Keith Bromley, Councilman Don Frazier and Councilman Jay Reese.
OTHERS PRESENT	City Manager Larry Manross, Solicitor Richard Winkler, Josh Sterling represented the Titusville Herald.
NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	Mayor Smith announced that Council held executive sessions on 10/2 & 10/9 after the Work Sessions in regards to Personnel.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Motion by Mr. Bromley, second by Mr. Adelman, and carried unanimously to adopt the Agenda as prepared.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion by Mr. Bromley, second by Mr. Frazier, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2012 as submitted and place on file.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS	None
REPORTS Operational Reports	Motion by Mr. Bromley, second by Mr. Frazier, and carried unanimously to accept the Operational Reports; Building Inspector, Finance, Fire, Police, Public Works, and Treasurer for the month of September 2012 as submitted and to place on file.
<i>Finance Director</i>	Mr. Reese questioned clarification on the number of water service locations that are off. He commented that he didn't realize there were that many vacancies in town. Mrs. Smith added that it is nice to have that information reported.
<i>Police Department</i>	Mr. Frazier noted this past month the City had four drug issues and hopefully that number is not increasing. He also congratulated the department for passing the audit and also commented that Chief Thomas gave another seminar and he thinks this is a very proactive thing that the City needs to continue to do. It was noted that Chief Thomas was not at the meeting because he was at the ECLC giving another presentation.
<i>Public Works</i>	Mr. Frazier questioned if there were power or load issues that the

pumps can't keep up causing the resetting of the pumps at Bloss & Allen. Mr. Manross commented that this has been an ongoing issue. This is the pump we sent back and rebuilt then caught on fire.

Mr. Reese requested more information on the Hill Engineering Water Street survey with TRA. He noted the CDL drug testing and wasn't sure if that was new or not but thinks it is great.

Treasurer's Office

Mr. Reese apologized for being absent a couple of times and apologized if he was asking questions that were already covered. Mr. Manross confirmed the Library insurance claim was from the copper downspouts that were stolen. They were caught.

MINUTES OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Motion by Mr. Frazier, second by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Housing Authority – 8/21, Planning Commission 8/9 & 9/13, Redevelopment Authority – 9/10, and Safety Committee – 9/25.

Housing Authority

Mr. Reese commented he was at the Housing Authority meeting today and publicly thanked them for their PILOT payment and apologized to them for having to walk it over to City Hall. Mr. Manross was on vacation and Mr. Reese did not attend the meeting.

Planning Commission

Mr. Frazier requested information from the Commission on the Historical District so he can know a little bit more about what they are all about and what they are doing so all of Council can be on board and help them.

Mr. Adelman commented that the Commission is looking to establish the historic district. The City does have a historic overlay, however, it has never landed on a map.

Safety Committee

Mr. Manross gave Mr. Reese clarification on the occupational injury being a melanoma claim that falls under a new law where all firemen are covered. He added this is very new and he will give information as he gets it.

Mr. Frazier was curious if the Peak was some kind of granting or funding thing. Mr. Manross confirmed the Penn Prime grant is given because of our Safety record and committee.

BILL LISTINGS

Motion by Mr. Bromley, second by Mr. Frazier, and carried unanimously to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 9/19 - \$28,317.68, 9/26 - \$61,357.56, 10/4 - \$11,273.97, 10/10 - \$107,723.94.

Warrant Dated – 9/19 – Mr. Reese thanked Mr. Manross for his answer this morning on the filling of the diesel tank and the sewage treatment plant.

Warrant Dated – 9/26 – No questions

Warrant Dated – 10/4 – No questions

Warrant Dated – 10/10 – No questions

Old Business

Fire Contract Amendment

Motion by Mr. Frazier, second by Mr. Bromley, to approve the amendment between the City and Titusville Firefighters (IAFF Local 3409) for the contract period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015.

Mr. Manross highlighted the terms of agreement. It is a three year contract. It incorporates a 2% per year raise for the years 2013, 2014, & 2015 and it also increase the amount of employee contribution to the pension fund from 5.85% to 8%.

Mr. Reese commended Larry for doing what he did to make this happen. The City has been on a pace of giving the firemen 3% annually so he thinks he did a good job negotiating. Having been part of that process in the past, he does not blame the people that were involved, but the system does not favor the City. He again commended Larry for accomplishing what he did and our firemen do a great job. They work within their system very well as well. He was skeptical publicly and privately about Larry going in alone but is glad he did and finished by saying Larry will have a good relationship going forward.

Mr. Bromley agreed with Mr. Reese and thanked Larry for his efforts. He said it before and he will say it again, he thinks it shows leadership on both sides and he thinks it is great that we can sit here and have a three year contract.

Mrs. Smith commented that Mr. Reese could not have said it better. Everything he said was perfect. Both she and Mr. Reese know how difficult it is.

*Resolution No. 22 of 2012
Certificate of Termination –
Titusville Municipal Authority*

Motion by Mr. Adelman, second by Mr. Bromley, to adopt Resolution No. 22 of 2012 vote as follows:

Mr. Bromley, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Adelman, Mr. Frazier – Yes
Mr. Reese – No

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF TERMINATION OF THE TITUSVILLE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.

Mr. Manross stated that this is the last step in the termination process.

Mrs. Smith commented that she is glad to see that Council finally reached the point of closure of the Municipal Authority. Council came to this final conclusion based on all of the facts presented. The

City needs to run leaner and more efficient. Over the last three weeks there has been a lot of misinformation about Council's decision in dissolving this Authority and she would like to caution the public and readers of social media to be aware that everything they are told and everything they read made be distorted. She encouraged the public to fact check whatever they hear or read and go to the City's website and e-mail Council and talk to us and let us know their concerns. She is so confident today the dissolution of this Authority was in the absolute best interest of the City.

*Special Event Approval
Lion's Club Annual Christmas
Parade*

Motion by Mr. Frazier, second by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to approve the Lion's Club Annual Christmas Parade November 23, 2012.

*Appointment to the Shade
Tree Commission*

Motion by Mr. Bromley, second by Mr. Frazier, and carried unanimously to appoint Richard McAllister to the Shade Tree Commission to an unexpired term ending 1/1/2014.

Mrs. Smith commented that we really need volunteers and we appreciate everyone.

WWTP Payment Requisition #8

Motion by Mrs. Smith, second by Mr. Adelman, and carried unanimously to approve Payment Requisition #8 for the WWTP Phase III Upgrade Project in the amount of \$4,229.00.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

**COMMENTS BY
MAYOR/MANAGER/COUNCIL**

Mr. Reese commented he missed a couple of meetings in the past because his son has been playing in the youth football league. It was his first year doing that and he cannot say how impressed he was with how well the organization of that is. It was a great experience. He got to see a lot of the Ed Myer Complex and how much it is getting used. Ed Burns is the head man and he would love to name all of the coaches. It is a great program and he was very pleased to be a part of it.

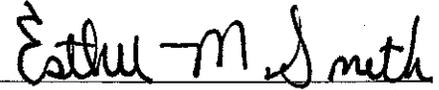
Mr. Bromley commented that they have been very busy in his business and anybody that did not get a chance to see the Oil 100 race it is incredible the amount of people that come to the race and become a part of our community. At Hillhurst they put up a lot of the runners. They had 5 runners of the 100 mille. These runners are all impressed on how organized this race is and that is why they come here. There was one fellow all the way from Ireland as well as others from other countries. For those that think there isn't anything going on it Titusville you need to open your eyes and look because there is a lot of things going on.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Reese, second by Mr. Adelman and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. to 2013 Budget Work Session #1.



Mayor Esther M. Smith

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

THIS 20th DAY OF November 2012

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Council Meeting of ~~September 16~~ OCTOBER 16, 2012.



Diana A. Durstine
Recording Secretary