



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 17, 2010

The regular meeting of Titusville City Council was called to order by Mayor Nystrom in the Conference Room at the Titusville Redevelopment Authority at 5:30 p.m. The Invocation was given by Mrs. Jackie Wagner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nystrom. Present at the meeting were Mayor James Nystrom, Councilwomen Esther Smith, Bonnie Hull, Councilmen Pat Cartney, Jay Reese, Pennie Maclean, City Manager, Richard Winkler, Solicitor. Tom Boyle represented The Titusville Herald. It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to adopt the meeting Agenda as prepared. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2010 as submitted and place on file.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Pertaining to agenda items - None.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS - It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to accept the Operational Reports (Police, Fire, Public Works Dept., Finance) and the Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2010 and place on file. Ms. Maclean reported to Council that the numbers for the month of July are looking a little better. Projections for the year are still not in a revenue covering expense state but the difference is much less. Ms. Maclean stated she is going to continue to work with the departments to hold expenses down.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Planning Commission dated 6/24/10 and the minutes of the Leisure Services Board dated 6/17/10 and place on file.

BILL LISTING - It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 7/23/10, 7/30/10, and 8/13/10.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2010 - Be it resolved, by the authority of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Pennsylvania, Crawford County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Mayor of the City of Titusville be authorized and directed to sign the attached Agreement on its behalf (between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Transportation and the City of Titusville).

Mr. Nebel stated this is a reimbursement by the State to the City for our time that we spend doing snow removal. Ms. Maclean commented that the reimbursement is for the following streets: Franklin, Spring, Central Avenue, Perry, Bloss, and Brook. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2010 authorizing the proper City officials to enter into a five year Winter Traffic Services Agreement No. 3900035886 between the Department of Transportation and the City of Titusville.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER - Mayor Nystrom stated the electricity supplier is just to supply electric to the City of Titusville. It does not include any changes to the residents. Their services remain the same. It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to authorize the proper City officials to enter into a three year contract with Constellation Energy for electricity supply. Ms. Maclean stated from their last discussion which was .0704 per kilowatt, our current contract would be at .0680 per kilowatt.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. Joseph Carter from the Titusville Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Reese commented that he regrets they didn't get a chance to thank Mr. Carter when he gave his update to Council last week. Mr. Cartney thanked Mr. Carter for his time and stated that he appreciates his efforts.

APPOINTMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - Mayor Nystrom announced his appointment of Russeline Rice, 150 White Oak Drive, Titusville, PA to the Redevelopment Authority to fill an unexpired term. Term will expire 7/6/2011.

AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD ON SALE OF FIVE CITY PROPERTIES

Mayor Nystrom stated these are properties that were announced at the work session last Tuesday. Mayor Nystrom stated the sixth property on the list which is City Hall is not included. It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to move forward regarding the sale of five City properties: K-8-7A - property near skating rink; C-5-20-38 - lots laid out as a subdivision but not developed. Located on the north and south sides of E. Bloss St. in the vicinity of the log cabin going towards Drake Well Park; B-5-30-85 - Lots laid out as a subdivision but not developed. Located east of George Street behind the Nazarene Church; A-7-8-11 - Wooded area east of S. Franklin Street near the City and Cherrytree line; Tract D - A portion of Sunset Heights playground.

Mrs. Smith stated that she had a huge response this past week in favor of them looking into the sale of City Hall. Mrs. Smith stated that many people have come to her saying they are happy to see that Council is fiscally responsible. Mrs. Smith stated she would like to continue this discussion as they go further into the year.

Mayor Nystrom stated that the Historical Society would like to talk to Council in a meeting and possibly even Council attending their meeting to see if there might be anything they may be able to do.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TASD TO PAINT LINES DESIGNATING BUS ONLY LOADING ZONE - Mayor Nystrom stated the School District wants to put lines on the street and it is basically a safety precaution for loading the students on and off the bus on Main Street. It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to authorize the Titusville Area School District to paint lines on the street in front of Main Street School designating "bus only loading zone" as requested by the Titusville Area School District.

RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF WARD ASSESSOR - It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to recommend to the Crawford County Commissioners the appointment of Mrs. Ann Leach, 7 South Dillon Drive, Titusville, PA as assessor for Ward 2.

RATIFY RE-OCCURRING EVENT - It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to ratify the Titusville Fire Dept. re-occurring event - Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc. fund raiser held Friday, 8/13/10 from noon to 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE - It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mayor Nystrom to authorize the proper City officials to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Release. Ms. Maclean stated this is a personnel settlement. Vote on the motion was: Mr. Reese, Mrs. Hull - no; Mayor Nystrom, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Cartney - yes. Mr. Reese stated his no vote was because this was before his time on Council and he is not familiar with the details.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE TITUSVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to appoint Rose Nystrom, John Smith, Tammie Smith, and Herb Butcher to the Titusville Industrial Development Authority. Mayor Nystrom stated there is some unfinished business going back several years. They need to re-establish the board to take a vote to remove a name from a deed and that will be the only action that will be taken.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2 OF 2010 - RE: Vacating a portion of South Monroe Street - An Ordinance of the City of Titusville, County of Crawford, Pennsylvania, to vacate a portion of South Monroe Street. Now therefore, be it enacted by authority of the Council of the City of Titusville, in Council assembled, as follows: That portion of South Monroe Street in the Third Ward of the City of Titusville from its intersection with the south line of West Central Avenue to the intersection of South Monroe Street with the north line of West Spring Street is hereby vacated as a public street excepting and reserving unto the City of Titusville all rights of way and easements for public utilities including sanitary sewage, storm sewage and water pipes and conduits. A map depicting the segment of road to be vacated is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cartney, to introduce Council Bill No. 2 on first reading.

Mayor Nystrom asked Mr. Winkler to explain the process and why this is just the first step. Mr. Winkler stated upon introduction, if it is in fact approved on first reading, the process then would be at least twenty eight days has to pass before that bill could be enacted. In the meantime, there would have to be notice published three consecutive weeks in the newspaper indicating that this bill is before Council and for final enactment it would take a vote of at least four members of Council in favor.

Mayor Nystrom stated since this is being done for a specific purpose, if they go ahead and pass this, and then for some reason the party decides not to occupy that area, does that mean that is vacated as soon as they approve it. Mr. Winkler stated yes the final result would be that it is vacated. Mayor Nystrom asked if they have to do this within a certain time after advertising. Mr. Winkler stated he doesn't believe so. Mayor Nystrom stated he doesn't want to vacate the street if it's not going to happen. Mr. Reese suggested they enter into an agreement with this person as opposed to abandoning the street.

Vote on the motion to introduce Council Bill No. 2 on first reading carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Don Frazier commented that Sheetz is a nice thing to have come to Titusville. Mr. Frazier stated his biggest concern is the safety. He does not feel it is safe for ambulances. Mr. Frazier stated they will have a safety problem at the point at Kocan's also.

Ms. Russelline Rice thanked Council for their work and asked that they think hard about the sale of City Hall. Ms. Rice stated there are people that are okay with getting rid of the building and she thinks they should consider it.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Cartney thanked Take Pride and the Police, Fire, and Public Works for all their work for the Oil Festival.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Suzanne Birtciel
Recording Secretary