



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 17, 2009

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 Reverend Blair. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nystrom. Present at the meeting were Mayor James Nystrom, Councilmen John Frye, Patrick Cartney, Jay Reese, Councilwoman Bonnie Hull, Pennie Maclean, City Manager. Mary Hill represented The Titusville Herald. It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to adopt the meeting Agenda as prepared. It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2009 as submitted and place on file.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - pertaining to agenda items - None.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS - It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to accept the Operational Reports (Police, Public Works, Building Inspector) for the month of October and place on file.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Leisure Services Board dated 10/8/09 and place on file.

BILL LISTING - It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 10/23/09, 10/30/09, 11/6/09 and 11/13/09.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE - It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to appoint Jim Stromdahl, 702 West Elm Street to the Audit Committee to fill an unexpired term. Term will expire July 22, 2011.

APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION - It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to appoint Mike Langer, 418 N. Washington Street to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term. Term will expire 1/1/2011. It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to appoint Karen Kocan, 408 N. Washington Street to the Planning Commission. Term will expire 1/1/2012.

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 5 OF 2009 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, to prohibit parking on alternating sides of certain streets within the City of Titusville during the period of November 1 through April 30 annually. It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Cartney, to introduce Council Bill No. 5 on first reading.

Mr. Frye asked at what time do they say their car has to be on the other side. Following discussion, Council agreed to add the time - "Parking prohibited on alternate sides during the period of November 1 through April 30 annually, between the hours of 12 midnight and 7:00 p.m." Vote on the motion to introduce Council Bill No. 5 on first reading with the time identified as "between the hours of 12 midnight and 7:00 p.m. was: Mayor Nystrom, Mrs. Hull, Mr. Cartney, Mr. Frye - yes; Mr. Reese - no.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 6 OF 2009 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, amending Article 521, Parking Generally, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Titusville, to prohibit parking at all times on the west side of South Perry Street from St. John Street South to the City limits; and to add a new Section 521.062 to prohibit parking during the period of November 1 through April 30 annually along the entire length of Bel Air Drive, Meadow Lane, Orchard Lane, White Oak Drive, Rockwood Drive, East Mount Vernon to Brook Street, West Mount Vernon Street to Church Run Road, and Superior Street Extension.

It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mrs. Hull, to reject Council Bill No. 6 of 2009. Mr. Reese stated it is a little bit too vague in his opinion and too broad. Vote on the motion was: Mr. Reese - yes; Mayor Nystrom, Mr. Frye, Mr. Cartney, Mrs. Hull - no.

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mrs. Hull to introduce Council Bill No. 6 on first reading. Mr. Frye commented if they aren't going to buy the signs, then it doesn't really matter if they have it on the books or not. It is not going to be enforceable. People who come in to town don't know they can't park there, how can you give them a ticket. Mr. Frye stated he thinks they are passing something that is not going to be enforceable until they get the signs. Ms. Maclean stated they are going to phase in the signs as they are able to do it.

Mr. Nebel stated that they have a permit in effect to request a permit if residents had a special occasion going on. Whenever they identified no parking on those streets they did have off street parking available. Mr. Nebel stated without signage you have no enforcement but he thinks they can show the people what they are after.

Vote on the motion was: Mayor Nystrom, Mr. Frye, Mrs. Hull, Mr. Cartney - yes; Mr. Reese - no.

APPROVE INSTALLATION OF HISTORIC MARKER - Ms. Maclean stated that this is a historical marker that the Oil Region Alliance has requested we install in front of the Byron D. Benson home. It is currently the home of Drs. James and Janet Zehner who have given their permission for the marker installation. Byron Benson was one of the founders of the Tidewater Pipe Company back in 1878 and he served as its first President from 1878-1888. Through determination and business acumen, Benson and his pipeline revolutionized the transport of crude oil.

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mayor Nystrom, and carried unanimously to approve "Permission to Install" - permission to purchase, erect, and maintain a historic marker at 603 North Perry Street (in front of the home where Mr. Byron D. Benson lived from 1872-1888). All costs associated with the production and installation of this marker are being administered by the Oil Region Alliance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Leah Carter asked if they have any kind of an inventory of where historical markers are in the City? Ms. Maclean stated no.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Frye asked if handicap curbs are being repaired by contractor at their expense. Mr. Carter stated they are being repaired by the contractor at their expense.

Mrs. Hull thanked the volunteers who helped with leaves.

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting to a budget work session followed by a personnel session followed by adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Suzanne Birtciel
Recording Secretary