



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 24, 2009

The special 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 Patrick Cartney. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nystrom. Present at the meeting were Mayor James Nystrom, Councilmen Patrick Cartney, Jay Reese, Councilwoman Bonnie Hull, Pennie Maclean, City Manager. Mary Hill represented The Titusville Herald. It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to adopt the meeting Agenda as prepared.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - pertaining to agenda items - None.

PUBLIC HEARING - RE: Proposed 2010 Budget

Mayor Nystrom stated that a copy of the proposed budget is on file at the Library and also at City Hall. Mayor Nystrom stated the only item that is changed is they moved \$5,000 out of Contingency to a line item for membership in Oil Region Alliance. Mayor Nystrom asked for comments/questions on the budget.

Mr. Cartney stated he is not in favor of the \$5,000 for Oil Region Alliance and doesn't see what they have really done for Titusville.

Mr. Reese stated he wanted to cut every department by a certain percentage. Going forward he plans to be here and make tough decisions to get things back in line. In time of crisis they are not raising taxes so he is happy with that. Mr. Reese said he can certainly see where Mr. Cartney is coming from. Mayor Nystrom stated because there are only three of them here they will leave the budget the way it is.

Mr. Craig Hartley, 1002 N. Monroe Street, asked if there is anything in the budget to repair his property damaged by the City plow. Ms. Maclean said she talked to Mr. Hartley this morning and told him that we are short staffed right now and she has put his request on a to do list and that would be the best she could do right now. Ms. Maclean stated she could not give him a time frame of when that would be.

Mr. Don Frazier stated regarding the money for Oil Region Alliance that he thinks at this point in time the money needs to be directed to folks in Titusville.

Mrs. Hull commented that it looks like maybe they are putting money where they are not getting any returns, but in essence a lot of times that money would help match against other grants and have a larger amount of money coming in the City for things you can't normally do on your own.

No other comments were made with regard to the proposed budget. Mayor Nystrom closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL BILL NO. 7 OF 2009 - An Ordinance of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, fixing the Real Property Tax Rate for all City purposes for the year 2010 at 20.713 mills on buildings and 71.25 mills on land; also delineating that portion of the Real Property Tax to be used for Recreational Purposes, for Pension Recovery Purposes, for Library Purposes, and for Shade Tree Purposes, for the calendar and fiscal year 2010.

Ms. Maclean read Council Bill No. 7 of 2009 and stated there is no tax increase proposed for 2010.

Ms. Maclean reviewed the Special Purpose Taxes as follows:
For Recreational Purposes - the sum of 1.371 mills on buildings and land. This generates \$95,456 and expenses are \$95,456. For Pension Purposes - the sum of 4.307 mills on buildings and land. This generates \$299,793. Expenses are \$441,523 for Fire and Police pension funds. We anticipate receiving \$141,730 from State funds leaving \$299,793 the City would have to pick up. For Library Purposes - the sum of .074 mills on buildings and land. This generates \$5,151 and the expenses are \$5,400. For Shade Tree Purposes - the sum of .10 mills on buildings and land. This generates \$6,961 and expenses are \$10,000.

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to introduce Council Bill No. 7 on first reading.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 8 OF 2009 - An Ordinance of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City government, City of Titusville, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2010 and for fixing the salaries of certain offices, officers, and employees of the City of Titusville for and during the term for which they are respectively elected or chosen for appointment.

Ms. Maclean reviewed the General Fund Budget Revenue (by total category amounts) for a total General Fund Revenue amount of \$3,244,368.00 and General Fund Budget Expenses (by total category amounts) for a total General Fund Budget Expenses amount of \$3,244,368.00. (Copy attached.)

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to introduce Council Bill No. 8 on first reading.

Mr. Reese commented that this was a lot of work by the City Manager and Council. He learned a lot his first time through it. Mr. Reese stated it is unfortunate that they cannot do more but he is glad they did not raise taxes.

Mr. Cartney thanked Ms. Maclean for all the time she put into this and stated he really appreciates the job she did.

Mayor Nystrom stated they chose not to raise taxes. This will be a transitional year. Mayor Nystrom stated next year it may cause a tax increase but they want to make sure they know where their costs are and what they need to spend before they take that step.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None.

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Suzanne Birtciel
Recording Secretary