



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 24, 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 6:00 p.m. The Invocation was given by Mr. Stumpf. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nystrom. Present at the meeting were Mayor James Nystrom, Councilmen John Frye, Patrick Cartney, Councilwomen Bonnie Hull and Esther Smith, Pennie Maclean, City Manager.

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to adopt the meeting Agenda as prepared. It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2009 as submitted and place on file.

BID AWARD - It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to award the bid for a High Pressure Breathing Air System for the City of Titusville Fire Department to Breathing Air Systems, Reynoldsburg, Ohio in the amount of \$39,968.94 as recommended by the Fire Chief. Mayor Nystrom stated that the City was awarded a monetary grant for the purchase of this equipment from the Fire Act Grant Program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Pertaining to agenda items

Mrs. Leah Carter stated she wanted to share some background information pertaining to this year's CDBG request as it pertains to Titusville Renaissance. Mrs. Carter stated that back in 2004 PennDOT did a congested corridor study in the City and Titusville Renaissance participated in that study. Part of the recommendations coming out of that study is work that is planned to begin this fall replacing and upgrading our traffic lights that currently hang on wire. Now they will be placed on a pole and an arm. Renaissance proposed a five year project of taking our current metal poles and repainting them, putting a decorative collar base on them, and replacing light fixture with something similar to what is on Perry Street. Towards this end, the City requested of PennDOT when they replace the traffic lights, to put them on black metal poles that will resemble the style they are trying to work towards throughout the downtown. Mrs. Carter stated that PennDOT has agreed at no additional cost. Mrs. Carter stated that with the funds they have thus obtained they are able to complete Phase 1 and 2 and she requested funds for Phase 3. This year she submitted a request for half of Phase 3 which is \$49,000. The match for that and the remainder of Phase 2 is what she believes is in the CDBG request for this year. Mrs. Carter stated she wants to encourage Council to consider this project when they consider the CDBG request this year.

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OPERATIONAL REPORTS - It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to accept the Operational Reports (Police, Fire, Public Works, Building Inspector, Finance) and Treasurer's Report for the month of February and place on file.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES - It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the Housing Authority dated 2/17/09 and the minutes of the Planning Commission dated 2/5/09, and Planning Commission Annual Report of 2008 and place on file.

BILL LISTING - It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 2/27/09, 3/6/09, 3/11/09, 3/13/09 and 3/20/09. It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to approve the bill listing warrant dated 3/25/09.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RE-OCCURRING SPECIAL EVENT (March of Dimes) - It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to approve the March of Dimes Foundation event to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Crawford County and the City of Titusville for loan to the Fire Department, a 1980 Chevy Utility Truck and equipment, for the use of emergencies and disasters which may occur in the City of Titusville, Crawford County, or anywhere it may be requested. Mrs. Hull commented that with the listing of those eligible to drive the truck, Mr. Crotty is not a member of the IAFF and this would be considered a position of a fireman and she doesn't think it is right for him to be on the listing. Also, Mrs. Hull stated the expense of the truck is covered by the County but the expense of the fireman is not. Vote on the motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding was: Mrs. Smith, Mayor Nystrom, Mr. Frye, Mr. Cartney - yes; Mrs. Hull -no.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2009 - A Resolution of the City of Titusville authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Whereas, the City of Titusville is desirous of obtaining funds from the Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$326,932, or whatever similar amount shall be subsequently allocated by DCED for use by the City of Titusville under the FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program. (Copy of Resolution attached.)

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2009.

Mr. Frye stated he knows they talked about money being available for properties, possibly, but until he sees it, he would like to see the budget adjusted so they have \$40,000 in there for property rehabilitation. Mr. Frye stated if they get the money, then they can move it to lighting, but he thinks they have had people on the list for years waiting for money and if they don't get it from some other source then he thinks they need to put it in.

Vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2009 was: Mayor Nystrom, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hull - yes; Mr. Frye, Mr. Cartney - no.

APPOINTMENT TO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to appoint Eugene Mitcham to the Municipal Authority to fill an unexpired term. Term will expire January 1, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2009 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Titusville approving the purchase of real estate known as 732 East Main Street and authorizing and directing the execution by the appropriate officials of an Agreement of Sale. (Copy of Resolution attached.) Mayor Nystrom stated that this is the property that is down by the tennis courts. It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 3 of 2009.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Tamara Champion, 418 W. Main Street, stated she thinks the urgency of the Zoning Ordinance has been placed to the forefront with the infiltration of the Burning Embers in town and asked if they can legally go there and operate that business in that location. Ms. Maclean stated that the Committee is having their final meeting this week. They will then give the proposed Zoning Ordinance to the Solicitor. Mrs. Champion stated one of the things she likes about this town is the absence of those kinds of establishments.

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting to a personnel session followed by adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Suzanne Birtciel
Recording Secretary