



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 14, 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 Pastor Dominic Pecoraro. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nystrom. Present at the meeting were Mayor James Nystrom, Councilmen John Frye, Patrick Cartney, Councilwoman Esther Smith, Pennie Maclean, City Manager.

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

BID AWARD

Ms. Maclean stated the question that arose at the last meeting regarding the financing of the street sweeper was to look at various rate options. Ms. Maclean stated she looked at four institutions to provide rates. She received responses from three for financing the street sweeper as follows: PNC at a 4.5% rate, Northwest at a 4.35% rate, and 5.129% from Dollar Bank Leasing. Ms. Maclean stated total cost on an annual basis as a result of how different financing agencies compound their interest are as follows: PNC's total cost on an annual basis would be \$24,432; Northwest would be \$24,324; Dollar Bank Leasing would be \$24,033. Ms. Maclean stated even though Dollar Bank Leasing is a higher percentage, it is how things are compounded.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cartney, to award the bid for a Used Street Sweeper to A&H Equipment, Bridgeville, PA in the amount of \$109,000 to be financed over five years.

Mr. Frye stated he doesn't know if it is legal to do it without putting in the financing and he would like to know exactly what amount they are voting on.

Mrs. Smith & Mr. Cartney agreed to amend their motion to award the bid for a Used Street Sweeper to A&H Equipment, Bridgeville, PA in the amount of \$109,000 to be financed with Dollar Bank Leasing over five years at an annual cost of \$24,033.

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Mr. Frye pointed out that they will still go over the \$25,000 budgeted amount because they didn't budget for a person to do the street sweeping, however, when he had stated he was against it he was looking at 8 to 10 year old piece of equipment as opposed to a 3 year which does make alot more sense to him.

Vote on the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Pertaining to agenda items - None.

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

BILL LISTING - It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 3/27/09, 4/3/09, and 4/9/09. It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to approve the bill listing warrant dated 4/15/09.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2009 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania - Whereas, the City of Titusville desires to undertake the project titled "City of Titusville Parks Plan"; and, Whereas, the City desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project. (Copy of Resolution attached.) Ms. Maclean stated that this is a grant application that was rejected last year for the Parks Master Plan to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources asking support for application this year. It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2009 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania - Whereas, the City of Titusville desires to undertake the project titled "Burgess Park Rehabilitation Phase III"; and Whereas, the City desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project. (Copy of Resolution attached.)

Ms. Maclean stated that this is for the Community Center kitchen and craft room seeking grant funds to help with the renovation of that. They did receive \$47,500 towards the kitchen from Glenn Thompson's office and hope to use that as match money towards this grant to seek additional funds to continue that renovation - primarily applicances, flooring, lighting, cabinets, exhaust fans.

It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2009 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, authorizing Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to support and/or request railroad crossing upgrades at Bank Street and South Drake Street from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. (Copy of Resolution attached.)

Ms. Maclean stated this is a Resolution to support the seeking of federal funds with \$6,500 for each railroad crossing as part of the City's responsibility as match money.

It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2009.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 1 OF 2009 - An Ordinance of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, amending and restating in its entirety Section 513.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Titusville concerning the direction of travel on Exchange Alley. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to introduce Council Bill No. 1 on first reading.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2 OF 2009 - An Ordinance of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, repealing Section 905.08, Horses and Vehicles Prohibited on Sidewalks, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Titusville. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to introduce Council Bill No. 2 on first reading.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Don Frazier requested that the Public Works Director work with PennDOT and lay some timber at the railroad crossing on Bank Street and South Drake. Mr. Frazier also suggested getting somebody to cut down the branches on Brown street and have someone do a mural on the concrete wall to make it look nice.

Gary Clark thanked Council for all the hard work they did on the Perk Place request. Regarding East Main Street, Mr. Clark stated it is very difficult to get out of in the mornings and requests that traffic studies be done.

Sharon Hoban stated she has lived here three years and loves Titusville. The people are wonderful, the homes are beautiful, and the City has alot going for it. Mrs. Hoban said she challenges them all to come into town like they have never been here and take a look at it. She stated it is very frustrating to try to pull out there (East Main Street).

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS - None.

Ms. Maclean advised Council that ORA is seeking additional grant funds for the continued rehabilitation of the Ida Tarbell house and has asked for a letter of support from the City.

Ms. Maclean announced that she has hired Gary L. Thomas as the Chief of Police. Gary is an 18 plus year veteran of the Titusville Police Department. He is a life long resident of Titusville and is obviously a dedicated member of our community. Ms. Maclean stated the search was an internal search. She had two highly qualified candidates and selected Gary because of his experience, stature, and his dedication to the community and to his Department. Some of the initiatives that he is interested in continuing and focusing some of the Officers attention on are some of the drug issues in our area, the K-9 program, and accessibility of our Police Officers throughout the community.

It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting to a brief personnel session followed by adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Suzanne Birtciel
Recording Secretary