



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 27, 2008



The regular meeting of Titusville City Council was called to order by Mayor Peden in the Conference Room at the Titusville Redevelopment Authority at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by David Southwick of Titusville Branch Fellowship. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Peden. Present at the meeting were Mayor Dennis Peden, Councilmen James Nystrom, John Frye, Councilwomen Bonnie Hull and Esther Smith, Mary Ann Nau, City Manager. Stella Ruggiero represented The Titusville Herald.

It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2008 as submitted and place on file.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Pertaining to agenda items - None.

BILL LISTING - It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 5/16/08, and 5/23/08. It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to approve the bill listing warrant dated 5/28/08.

NEW BUSINESS

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TITUSVILLE FIREFIGHTERS

It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Nystrom, to ratify the contract between the City and the Titusville Firefighters (IAFF Local 3409) for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2010.

Mrs. Nau stated that this is an Arbitration Award which goes as follows: The term of the Award shall be four (4) years, effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2010. The salary schedules of the bargaining unit shall be increased by three percent (3%) on January 1, 2007, by three percent (3%) on January 1, 2008, by three percent (3%) on January 1, 2009, and by three percent (3%) on January 1, 2010. The existing longevity provision has not been modified which means it will not be changed from what is currently in the contract. The pension plan provided in Section 10 of the Agreement and Exhibit E shall be revised and restated to reflect the current terms and conditions of the plan and applicable law. Such restatement is not intended to add or diminish any right or benefit of either the firefighters or the City. The cost of such restatement shall be borne as an administrative expense of the plan. In addition, all part-time employees (including Minutemen) hired following the effective date of this Award, shall be excluded from the Firefighters Pension Plan.

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE IAFF - (Continued)

Part-time employees will be participants in the City's existing Defined Contribution Plan. Medical Insurance effective upon execution of this Award, the firefighters' current contribution toward health care will be converted to eight percent (8%) of the annual premium, paid through monthly payroll deductions. These contributory obligations shall also apply to Minutemen hired prior to January 1, 2001 and to Minutemen hired after January 1, 2001 who work seven hundred (700) or more hours annually. All the other pre-existing parts of the Agreement remain the same.

Vote on the motion to ratify the contract between the City and the Titusville Firefighters (IAFF Local 3409) for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2010 carried unanimously.

LETTER OF APPEAL - It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to submit a letter of appeal through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency regarding termination of funding for project FEMA-1485-20-003.

TITUSVILLE COMMUNITY GATEWAY, ROUTE 8 SOUTH - It was moved by Mr. Nystrom, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to authorize the proper City officials to enter into a Partners' Cooperative Agreement for the maintenance and upkeep of all components of the Gateway located in the northeast quadrant of PA Route 8 and Dutch Hill Road intersection. This Agreement is by and between: Oil Region Alliance, City of Titusville, Titusville Renaissance, Inc., and Ken Nichols.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2008 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Titusville, to establish an Audit Committee to provide independent review and oversight of the City's financial reporting processes, internal controls, and annual audit.

It was moved by Mr. Nystrom, seconded by Mrs. Smith to adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2008.

Mr. Frye commented that the Resolution has no residency requirement. It doesn't say they have to work or live in the City. Mrs. Nau stated that the sample Ordinance they have states that all members must either reside or work in the City. Mrs. Nau stated the June 3, 2008 work session discussion would be to prepare the guidelines. Mr. Frye said he doesn't have a problem with developing this Committee but he doesn't know why they have to do it today when they don't have maybe what they really need to have. Mr. Frye stated just receiving the Resolution today, he is not ready to vote in favor of it.

Vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2008 was: Mayor Peden, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Nystrom - yes; Mr. Frye - no.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Larry Manross asked why the Firefighters contract went back to 2007. Mrs. Nau stated the contract in place continues until the Arbitration award is received.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL

Mrs. Hull commented that the Gateway Project has to go before the Zoning Hearing Board and she hopes they can work something out as far as the fees.

Mayor Peden stated he would like to see on next week's work session agenda an update on the street sweeping contract; further discussion on the paving program and whether or not they can separate the handicap parking issue from the paving and start on some of those separate from paving; discussion regarding Alternate Parking and spending freeze as requested by Mrs. Smith. Mayor Peden also announced that Council would have an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. on June 3, 2008 regarding contracts.

It was moved by Mr. Nystrom, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Suzanne Birtciel
Recording Secretary