



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 16, 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 Jackie Wagner. 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. Tom Boyle 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 Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 2009 as submitted and place on file.

PUBLIC INPUT - Mr. Jerry Wagner read a prepared statement speaking on behalf of the Titusville Area Ministerium. (Copy of statement attached.) Mr. Wagner stated that the Ministerium had sought legal opinion on the research they have done in order to make sure that they understand the laws and codes of the City. Mr. Wagner stated they were not asking that any action be taken during this meeting. They do however ask that the City and the Solicitor inform them of their findings.

Ms. Maclean read a prepared statement concerning Burning Embers. (Copy of statement attached.) Ms. Maclean stated that the intended use of the building as identified in the application, Assembly Uses, within a C-1 Commercial District is considered a Special Exception according to current Zoning Ordinance Section 1311.04. As required by this Section, Burning Embers, Inc. must now request a public hearing before the City's Zoning Hearing Board. As of today, Ms. Maclean reported that the City has not received a request for a public hearing.

Mayor Nystrom stated that people who wish to speak will be allowed to speak as part of the zoning hearing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - pertaining to agenda items -

Several people addressed Council about the possibility of the business (Burning Embers) coming to Titusville.

Mr. Bill Greenlee wanted to know the status on the building. Ms. Maclean stated that was part of the ongoing inspection process. Pastor Pecoraro stated that this club should it open is directly across from Scheide Park. It is unacceptable and negative impact on the community.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - pertaining to agenda items - (Continued)

Mike Fulmer stated Titusville's a beautiful town he used to be proud of. If this does take place, Mr. Fulmer stated it is going to ruin Titusville. Mr. Fulmer asked Council to make the right decision before they let a business like Burning Embers destroy Titusville.

Mr. Frye stated that they as a Council will probably never vote on this issue. They don't vote on businesses coming to town. They cannot change the law.

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

BILL LISTING - It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to ratify the bill listing warrants dated June 5, 2009 and June 12, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO BLIGHT COMMITTEE - Mayor Nystrom appointed Bonnie Hull to the Blight Committee as a Council Representative and appointed Pennie Maclean to the Committee as a member of the public.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 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 \$93,960 for use by the City of Titusville under the FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-R). (Copy of Resolution attached.)

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Reese, to adopt Resolution No. 9 of 2009. Vote on the motion was: Mr. Reese, Mrs. Hull, Mr. Cartney, Mayor Nystrom - yes; Mr. Frye - no.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2009 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, authorizing and approving a project to upgrade the City of Titusville Wastewater Treatment Plant. Resolved, that it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Titusville to replace the existing sequential batch reactor system at the City of Titusville Wastewater Treatment Plant with an intermittent cycle extended aeration system, to add a fifth tank to the plant and to upgrade the sludge press filter system. Resolved, that the foregoing project is approved at an estimated cost of 4.5 million dollars.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2009 - (Continued)

Resolved, that the replacement of the existing jet aeration system in the four tanks located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with a fine bubble diffuser system, if such work is necessary as an interim measure pending completion of the above project, is authorized and approved at an estimated cost of \$845,000 utilizing existing blower units. (Copy of Resolution attached.)

Ms. Maclean stated that the City is exploring funding opportunities for the project via low-interest loans, grants, and stimulus money.

It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 10 of 2009.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Frye thanked Scott Brush, Armstrong Cable, who arranged a camera set up to broadcast the High School graduation ceremony to Iraq.

Mr. Cartney commented that Titusville's Relay for Life fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society is this Friday and Saturday at Carter Field and urged everyone to please stop down and support this annual event.

Mr. Reese stated that he appreciates everyone coming to the meeting.

Ms. Maclean encouraged everyone to visit the newly renovated Dick Kraffert Pool at Burgess Park.

It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting to a legal session followed by immediate adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Suzanne Birtciel
Recording Secretary