



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 23, 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 Mr. Nystrom. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Peden. Present at the meeting were Mayor Dennis Peden, Councilmen John Frye, James Nystrom, Councilwomen Bonnie Hull and Esther Smith, Richard Winkler, Interim City Manager. Mary Hill represented The Titusville Herald.

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 Mr. Nystrom, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2008 as submitted and place on file.

BID AWARD - COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT - Mr. Dick Fox stated they are recommending that the bid for the General Construction, Phase 2 and Phase 3, (Phase 2 is interior and Phase 3 is the exterior ramp) and alternate #1 (constructing the ramp out of wood in lieu of concrete) to Frameworx, LLC in the amount of \$80,400. The Electrical Construction is Phase 2 only and that is the interior renovations and they are recommending that be awarded to Penn Ohio Electrical Company in the amount of \$10,700. Plumbing Construction, Phase 2, only (interior renovations) to Rabe Environmental in the amount of \$19,290. Mr. Fox stated when this is all said and done they will have committed \$160,047. They have \$271,250 available for the total project. Mr. Fox stated the \$111,000 remaining in the budget should more than cover additional costs caused by concealed conditions, particularly in the roof plus the soft costs and hopefully there will remain some funds for other discretionary (but needed) improvements.

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to award General Construction, Phase 2 and Phase 3 taking alternate #1 to Frameworx, LLC in the amount of \$80,400. It was moved by Mr. Nystrom, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to award the Electrical Construction, Phase 2 only to Penn Ohio Electrical Company in the amount of \$10,700. It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Nystrom, and carried unanimously to award Plumbing Construction, Phase 2 only to Rabe Environmental in the amount of \$19,290.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Pertaining to agenda items - None.

Mrs. Lamberson reported the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the pension funds for the year 2009 as follows: Non-uniform - \$68,000; Police Pension Fund - \$255,334; Firefighters Pension Fund - \$166,383.

Compared to 2008 contribution, Mrs. Lamberson stated for the Non-uniform the 2009 MMO is a decrease of \$3,160; for Police, an increase of \$1,151; and for Fire and increase of \$4,887.

BILL LISTING - It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Nystrom, and carried unanimously to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 9/12/08, and 9/19/08. It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Nystrom, and carried unanimously to approve the bill listing warrant dated 9/24/08.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RE-OCCURRING SPECIAL EVENT - It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Nystrom, and carried unanimously to approve the re-occurring special event (Titusville Lions Parade - 11/28/08).

ACCEPT RESIGNATION - It was moved by Mr. Nystrom, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. Richard Roeder from the Audit Committee.

APPOINTMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY - It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to re-appoint Barbara Ives, 118 Union Street, to the Titusville Housing Authority for a five year term. Term will expire October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2008 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania approving a no smoking policy pursuant to the Pennsylvania Clean Indoor Air Act (copy attached). It was moved by Mr. Nystrom, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 27 of 2008.

APPROVAL TO GENERATE CIVIL SERVICE LIST FOR POLICE DEPT. - It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to approve the generation of a Civil Service list for the Police Department.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 6 OF 2008 - An Ordinance of the City of Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania establishing a Blighted Property Review Committee, establishing its purpose, responsibilities and membership, and creating a process for its certification of blighted properties in the City in accordance with the requirements of Section 1712.1 of the Urban Redevelopment Law of 1945, as amended.

Mr. Frye suggested changing page 3, (E.) to the Business Manager or his/her designee.

It was moved by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried unanimously to introduce Council Bill No. 6 on first reading.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pat Cartney, 339 W. Mt. Vernon Street, thanked Mr. Nystrom, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Hull and stated he hopes this town will get back on its feet again.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - (Continued)

Leah Carter stated she hoped they have a new route for the Christmas parade because of serious safety concerns. Mrs. Carter was told the route is north on Perry to Spring - East on Spring to Franklin - North on Franklin to Central - West on Central to the old Quality Market. Mrs. Carter asked if the Blighted Property Review Committee will be looking at how long a property can be boarded up and, deteriorated properties, is there a way to hold the property owner accountable. Mayor Peden stated yes, that is what he had in mind, because they cannot afford to continue to let commercial buildings or residential buildings deteriorate.

Mrs. Carter thanked both Rich and all of Council for serving and for doing the hard work.

Mayor Peden commented that there are going to be tougher decisions in the next couple of months but they cannot cut costs so bad that they destroy quality of life in this community.

Jim Loll, 217 E. Central Avenue, asked what is going on with the Odd Fellows Building, is True Value going to become a video store or not, and when would the fountain be installed. Mayor Peden suggested he ask the Chamber or TRA or the owner. As far as the fountain goes, Mayor Peden stated the base is there and they need some help.

Mr. Winkler announced that the City received a \$1,024 Risk Management Grant from PennPRIME for Confined Space Entry Equipment and also a \$600 Safety Enhancement Grant from PennPRIME for Training (CPR/AED).

It was moved by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mrs. Hull, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Suzanne Birtciel
Recording Secretary