



CITY OF TITUSVILLE

City Council Meeting Proceedings – February 21, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER	The regular meeting of Titusville City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith in the Conference Room at the Titusville Redevelopment Authority at 6:00 p.m.
INVOCATION	Given by Jackie Wagner
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Smith
ROLL CALL	Mayor Esther Smith, Deputy Mayor Bill Adelman, Councilman Keith Bromley, Councilman Pat Cartney and Councilman Jay Reese were present.
OTHERS PRESENT	City Manager Larry Manross, Solicitor Richard Winkler, Police Chief Thomas, Fire Chief Crotty, Mary Hill represented The Titusville Herald and GBS Television taped the proceedings.
NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	Mayor Smith announced that Council held an executive session last week on legal matters.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to adopt the Agenda as prepared.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2012 as submitted and place on file.
BID AWARD	<p>It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to award the bid for the HVAC replacement at the Police Department in the amount of \$15,275 to Schmidt Heating and Cooling contingent upon Schmidt's replacing the lines for the same bid amount, vote as follows:</p> <p>Mr. Cartney, Mr. Adelman, Mr. Bromley, Mrs. Smith – Yes Mr. Reese - No</p> <p>Mr. Adelman was concerned the Schmidt quote does not include the option to replace the copper lines from the unit up above to the basement and he thinks it would be a good idea to go ahead and replace the lines to be able to get the full life out of the new equipment. Mr. Adelman stated in his research it is 50/50. Some people absolutely recommend the lines should be replaced and some suggest the lines could be flushed adequately.</p> <p>Mr. Bromley questioned how much product it would be. Mr. Manross stated he doesn't know how much product but it is labor intensive because it threads up through the ceiling to the roof. The other two bids that were received included line replacement and the Schmidt bid included flushing the lines. Mr. Manross offered to get another quote from Schmidt to see what extra replacement would cost.</p>

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
PERTAINING TO
AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Bromley recommended Council go ahead with the motion contingent upon Mr. Schmidt being able to do that end of the job and if he can't then Council can take another look at it.

Mr. Reese stated he has different concerns because it becomes a trust factor in someone that he believes a lot of people know and it's going to get done right. He originally thought this would probably just pass and he was going to vote against it because there was no real plan laid out and it becomes a trust factor with the contractor in redoing something from 20 years ago. He appreciates Larry trying to keep this under and keeping it out of a bid and he goes along with that but can only vote for something he feels comfortable with.

Mr. Manross confirmed that he discussed with Mr. Schmidt the difference between replacing and flushing and there are two schools of thought. Carrier, the manufacturer is good with flushing the lines.

Tammy Champion – 418 W Main St

Had comments and questions on Ordinances 2, 3, & 4 on the agenda. She read in the newspaper there was interest in removing the traffic barrier at the end of East Main because it would benefit the community. Mr. Bromley contacted entities, but Main St is made up of a community of individuals who are taxpayers. Mrs. Champion reminded Council that there are now signs up for the historic walkway and designated walking route. She added there is nothing wrong with making the traffic go through our business district. She suggested the City make it a little prettier but insisted there is no need to remove the barrier the City needs it to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood.

Tom Kopper – 323 E Main St

Commented on drivers having no concern or courtesy for other drivers while they are speeding and using cell phones while they are driving.

Lawrence Riley – 214 W Main St

Made Council aware that he was approached with a petition in regards to the removal of the barrier on Main St. 25-30 were in favor of retaining the barrier and only about two who seemed to want the barrier removed. Based on the odds of the petition the majority of people on Main St wish the barrier to remain. He added most of the people he has spoken to over the years would like a barrier at the other end as well. He would like the barrier retained for the benefit of those living on Main St.

James Wise – 314 W Main St

Has lived at 314 W Main St for 44 years and has experienced the traffic patterns prior and after the barricade. The amount of dirt and dust before the barricade was there made it almost impossible to sit out on his front porch. Once the barrier was in the neighborhood became quieter and a better place to live. He questioned if the barricade is removed will City income be enhanced? Will expenses be increased? His thought is routing traffic down Main St ignores the business district.

Shirley Riley – 214 W Main St

Commented on the elementary school bottleneck and the current amount of traffic on Main St with the barrier in place. Sometimes she can't get through or sits for five minutes in her driveway because of the traffic that exists already. She added Main Street is a residential street and she thinks that the residents should be given some consideration in this.

Robert Cartney – 317 W Main St

Spoke in regards that the decision on Main St is being rushed. He questioned how the removal is being paid for. He commented removing the barricade may speed up handicapped sidewalks and ramps needing to be redone at additional costs that we probably do not have. He went on to say, it's hard keeping the houses up as is and why would anyone want to move on to a speedway. On safety for the kids he spoke to the School District. They would prefer it stay closed and if it doesn't they want stop signs.

Herb Butcher – 307 W Main St

After two months of looking at the situation, on May 27, 2005 City Council finalized the decision to erect the barrier. There were meetings with PNC Bank, Pitt, and the School District. An informal survey was taken of downtown business owners. A meeting was also held with residents that would be impacted by the change. Several months after the barricade was put up a follow-up survey was sent out to the residents. 66% of respondents noticed a decrease in traffic. 50% noticed a decrease in traffic speed. 86% noticed a decrease in the amount of traffic. 60% believed there was improved pedestrian safety. 13% had been inconvenienced. He requested Council not rush in to the decision and carefully weigh the pros and cons. If Council does that and finds it is in the best interest of the community as a whole to take down the barrier the residents on Main Street will live with it.

REPORTS

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Reese, and carried unanimously to accept the Operational Reports; Building Inspector, Finance, Fire, Police, Public Works, and Treasurer for the month of

January 2012 as submitted and place on file.

Finance Department

Mayor Smith was impressed with the Finance Report and thanked and appreciates all of the individuals that send along their monthly reports. The Finance report is very impressive because Council has never had anything like it.

Mr. Reese requested more detail in the breakdowns of Revenue.

Mr. Cartney appreciates the hard work put in to the report.

Fire Department

Mr. Cartney questioned the 1st response medical at 30 and is that up higher than normal or is that the average. Chief Crotty stated the average is 324 per year.

Mr. Reese congratulated Chief Crotty again on the Peak Performer Award.

Chief Crotty publicly thanked the individuals (Pitt work studies student, Pitt Police Officers Goldsmith and Rochet, City Firefighter Joe Lamey and Lieutenant Ken L'Huillier) involved in an event on February 15th involving an unresponsive male at the Pitt campus. This event was a success story in the cardiac chain of survival.

Treasurer

Mr. Reese confirmed that the Housing Authority reduced their PILOT payment by fire call outs.

MINUTES OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Fire Pension Board
Police Pension Board
Safety Committee

It was *moved* by Mr. Bromley, *seconded* by Mr. Adelman, and *carried unanimously* to accept the minutes of the Fire Pension Board October 27, 2011, Police Pension Board October 27, 2011, and Safety Committee January 31, 2012.

Mr. Reese commented that Council has not typically approved minutes from the Pension Boards in the past and he is glad to see them included. He requested to see the January meeting minutes the sooner the better.

BILL LISTINGS

It was *moved* by Mr. Reese, *seconded* by Mr. Bromley, and *carried unanimously* to ratify the bill listing warrants dated 1/19/12 - \$18,706.68, 1/26/12 - \$51,972.79, 2/2/12 - \$22,560.60, 2/9/12 - \$49,278.01, & 2/15/12 - \$94,460.23.

Mayor Smith informed the public that these are sent to Council by the Manager via email and Council has the opportunity to review and to look them over and ask any questions.

Warrant Dated 2/9/12 – Mr. Reese questioned the water pumping bill from Penelec. Public Works Director Randy Nebel will send confirmation but he believes this is from the results of the #1

Old Business

Petroleum leak and pumping during peak hours.

Council Bill No. 1 of 2012 –
Repeal 1713 Plumbing

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to introduce Council Bill No. 1 of 2012 on 1st reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO REPEAL ARTICLE 1713, PLUMBING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Appointment to the Planning Commission

It was moved by Mr. Cartney, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to table the appointment until the next meeting so all applicants can be interviewed.

Mayor's Appointment to the Redevelopment Authority

It was moved by Mr. Adelman, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to ratify of Mayor Smith's appointment of Mr. James Nystrom to the Redevelopment Authority to fill an unexpired term ending 7/6/2014.

Mr. Cartney commented he is glad to see our former Mayor step up and continue his job in the public. He appreciates it.

Appointments to the Shade Tree Commission

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Tom Kopper to the Shade Tree Commission to an unexpired term ending 1/1/2014 and Mrs. Janet Zehner term ending 1/1/2016.

Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board

It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to appoint Mrs. Linda Thomas to the Zoning Hearing Board to an unexpired term ending 1/1/2017.

New Business

Council Bill No. 2 of 2012 –
Repeal 513.11 – One Way Streets – Petroleum Street

It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Bromley, to introduce Council Bill No. 2 of 2012 on 1st reading, vote as follows:

Mr. Adelman, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Reese, Mrs. Smith – Yes
Mr. Cartney - No

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 513, ONE WAY STREETS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, TO REPEAL SUBSECTION 513.11 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Mr. Bromley stated he introduced this and his comments apply to Ordinances 2, 3, & 4. He thinks it is time to open up Main St and return it to our community. He thanked everyone for coming and appreciates their positions and thoughts; Council will use the public's information to help make their decision. He has heard a lot of

people complain about Main Street being closed and that is why Council is discussing it. Mr. Bromley listed the entities he has discussed this with (University of Pittsburgh, School District, Bus company, various businesses, the Chamber, and Transportation Committee) and there will be more discussions. He stated he has not spoken to any of those that live on Main Street because he believes the issue is bigger than any one individual. Everyone would like to have their street closed, less traffic, less dust, less pavement damage but it is unrealistic. This issue will be in front of Council until March 20th. Public comment will help Council make the best possible decision in the best interest of Titusville and the community as a whole. He believes Main Street is a flow through Street. It is how people get home. A local ambulance attendant told Mr. Bromley it is a real obstacle for them to do their job. It is very hard to do CPR in the back of an ambulance while trying to circumnavigate the end of Main Street. Senior's going to the Senior Center have voiced their issues trying to get out of the Senior Center and would like the barrier removed. Mr. Bromley thinks the traffic pressure needs relieved on Central Avenue. Mr. Bromley suggested people watch the intersection to see how many people go past the bank and go down Main Street anyway. Residents on Central relayed that they cannot park in their own driveways because of the amount of traffic going by their house. Mr. Bromley feels Main Street is better for traffic with the set back 60 feet on average. On Central it is 10 feet or less. We need to build awareness with our children. He thinks signage directing people to the business area and historic area are a great idea. Mr. Bromley asked Council to vote yes to keep the discussion going and give this issue the time and attention it deserves.

Mr. Reese agrees with Mr. Bromley on a couple of points but is not totally sold on the idea. He called attention to the intent not being to open the street to trucks. This will open Petroleum Street up to two way traffic. He understands how it did get better to those living on Main Street when the barrier was up but living on the north east side of town he cannot get to Central Avenue unless he drives like he is on a set of steps. The unintended consequence of closing Main Street was it was made difficult for some people to get past it and so they are forced on to Main Street everyday. Overweight trucks and speeding are illegal on whatever street you are doing it on. He has pushed Council and the School District to meet and talk about the safety of students. He went on to say let's not go to speeding and dust and dirt and be realistic about what it is. We can all agree that what is there is not perfect.

Mr. Adelman commented the way he votes should not be construed as how he actually feels about it because he is really not certain about it at this point. There are interesting issues on both sides. Residents on Central have serious safety consideration issues as well. In order to keep the dialog open and bring this to as quick a solution as Council can is how he is going to approach the issue at this point.

Resolution No. 4 of 2012 –
Follow Municipal Records
Manual

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Adelman, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2012.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECLARING IT'S INTENT TO FOLLOW SCHEDULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSITION OF RECORDS AS SET FORTH IN THE MUNICIPAL RECORDS MANUAL APPROVED ON DECEMBER 16, 2008 AND UPDATED JULY 23, 2009.

Resolution No. 5 of 2012 –
Requested Destruction of
Municipal records

It was moved by Mr. Adelman, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2012.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECLARING IT'S INTENT TO DISPOSE OF A MASS ACCUMULATION OF RECORDS THAT DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL, LEGAL, OR HISTORICAL VALUE TO MERIT RETENTION BEYOND ESTABLISHED LEGAL MINIMUM PERIODS.

Resolution No. 6 of 2012 –
Keystone Communities
application to DCED for
Streetlights

It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2012.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED).

Mr. Adelman requested clarification of where the match money would come from.

Mr. Manross stated there was talk of it coming from CDBG but there has not been a vote on how CDBG money will be spent. The engineering is the part the City is guaranteeing the money for. Mayor Smith stated this is not a guarantee it is a grant.

Resolution No. 7 of 2012 –
Bank resolution for Park
Comprehensive Plan Acct

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 7 of 2012.

Resolution No. 8 of 2012 –
Support the Development of
the Queen City Trail Extension

It was moved by Mr. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Cartney, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 8 of 2012.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE QUEEN CITY TRAIL EXTENSION.

Mr. Adelman commented that the City is signing up in the future for maintaining essentially another road.

Mr. Reese stated from his experience with the East Branch Trail is they have trouble with too many volunteer groups trying to get too involved. He has found that everybody wants ownership of it.

Mr. Bromley agreed that the City is stepping up to maintenance, but Leisure Services is the conduit for the trail system and have acknowledged that there is little maintenance to do. Mr. Bromley also thanked the County for stepping up to help the City with the funding for this.

It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Bromley, and carried unanimously to table the agreement with ENERNOC until the corrections are made.

Mr. Manross stated the Solicitor looked at the ENERNOC agreement and came up with a couple of suggestions that he sent back to ENERNOC that the City has not yet received back.

ENERNOC Agreement

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tammy Champion – 417 W Main St

Commented the streetlights make a great addition to the community. Also, she added that she appreciates Council's opening comments on the Main St issue. It gives all of us a lot to think about.

Don Frazier – 206 W Elm St

Commented on Main Street. In a few weeks it will be 60 years that he has lived in Titusville. He remembers the 50s and 60s and there was a lot of traffic back then and vehicles were the size of boats not the tiny things of today. Mr. Frazier went on to say that he is glad to see folks at the meeting and is glad that something brought them out however he is disappointed that people were not there a few weeks ago when there was talk of raising the speed limit to 35 mph or concerns in regard to the recreation area or the ball field or the concern about the Caldwell Street light and how children can't push the button and cross to get to the swimming pool when they come from the South Side. He stated he truly appreciates that folks live on Main Street and really don't want to change. He lives on Elm Street. What choice do the people on Monroe Street have from a speeding ambulance or something like that. Residents are all in this together. He went on to say if Main Street wants to be a private entity maybe there should be a three-tier tax and Main Street should have to pay for that privacy. Some may be closed minded because they have family on the same street and that is wrong. People should open up there minds other things.

Ken Leach – 42728 Kerr Mill Road

Questioned if the Queen City Trail Extension money is there for it to go all the way to Hydetown/Gresham Road. Mr. Manross stated it is an ongoing project and the City is not committing any funds with the Resolution passed tonight. Mr. Manross confirmed the money is not there for the trail to go the whole way. Mr. Reese stated the idea for the route is there but not etched in stone. Mr. Leach welcomed the new Council members. He stated this is the third and final February he will come before Council in February to express issues he has with the Ambulance service in Titusville. He went on to say Emergycare is an excellent provider when they are available, but once every 10 days Titusville has an ambulance from Spartansburg, Centerville, or Townville in the City. Mr. Leach does not want to see Emergycare leave the City but would like to use the Fire Department for backup in the City. He stated revenue to be made is secondary. Mayor Smith stated she remembers the February meeting last year and the Mayor at that time asking Mr. Leach to bring more information back to Council. Mr. Leach stated he provided information to one of the two Councilmen that came to the Fire Station. Mayor Smith confirmed that she had never received the information. Mr. Leach said if the Mayor wanted him to do some legwork on ambulance service he would be more than happy to. Mr. Bromley suggested a citizen action committee made up of professionals and possibly retired firemen would be a good approach. Mr. Leach said Chief Crotty got the Department up to speed for EMS response and the City could bring in the retired fireman and they would pound their fists and say all they are is firemen. Mr. Reese said certainly Council didn't not listen to Mr. Leach. He thinks he has a valid point. However, as of the last budget the timing makes more sense now to do something. Mr. Manross stated he met with Emergycare when he first started with the City and they stated it would be a very high possibility that they would pull out if the City put an ambulance service in. Mr. Manross confirmed that this was not a threat. Mr. Leach stated there is money to be made here and if Emergycare pulled out someone would be right back in. Mr. Bromley asked Mr. Leach if he thinks CDBG money should go towards an ambulance or a fire truck. Mr. Adelman told Mr. Leach he is not sure who he handed it to, but the best way would be to get it to the Fire Chief and push it up that way. Mayor Smith added Chief Crotty could then bring it to Larry and Larry to all of Council. Mayor Smith would like this to be brought to Council at a work session.

Robert Cartney – 317 W Main Street

Every street still goes to Main Street. Council voted on something that they have done no study or cost or anything on and there is a file that has not been brought up saying that it should be closed.

Tom Kopper – 323 E Main Street

Commented that he does not drive so it is easier for him to see how other people drive. He questioned the audience to see if the speed

limit sign tells them to use it as a maximum or a minimum speed. He questioned if the barrier was put in to place to stop trucks from going through there to Walmart. He went on to say Main Street provides a wide area for emergency vehicles to go through. Mayor Smith gave Mr. Kopper her word and promised that Council would look in to this.

Lawrence Riley – 214 W Main Street

Praised Council for the Victorian street lighting that has gone in. Asked Council to confirm that they have spoken to everybody except the residents on Main Street. Mr. Bromley confirmed that he has talked to entities around town not residents on streets. It appears to him that various council members have already made up their minds on this issue and he hopes that all Council members will take in to account what the residents have said as well. He asked that Council listen to both sides of the story.

Chief Crotty

Reinforced thoughts on the Ambulance service. He said it is not good enough to do as good a job because there is a problem, the City would have to do better. Looking at EMS and providing customer service to residents would be the bottom line. It should be done correctly and followed through appropriately. There is no need to shortcut it or circumvent it. If the City is going to get involved we have to do it right.

**COMMENTS BY
MAYOR/COUNCIL**

None

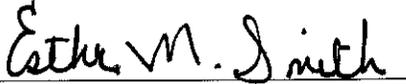
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Cartney and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for coming.

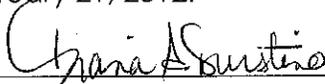
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

THIS 26th DAY OF March, 2012



Mayor Esther M. Smith

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 21, 2012.



Diana A. Durstine
Recording Secretary