

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 6:30 PM at City Hall, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Lincoln, Council members Karpiak, Geyer and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt. Councilman Zolbrod was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Invocation was led by Father Bob

Reminder of the procedures for public participation during City Council meetings.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Judy Keller, Christmas window decorating

CJ Paxinos, Snow shoveling project

CORRESPONDENCE:

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 12-1-2014: "To accept the minutes from the November 18, 2014 City Council Meeting."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 12-2-2014: "To accept the minutes from the November 24, 2014 City Council Meeting."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 12-3-2014: "To waive the 4-day Resolution Rule to allow for items submitted after the 4-day rule to be read at the meeting tonight, such Resolutions will be marked with an asterisk."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Warned residents the Police Department will issue citations to those who park illegally at Connellsville Community Ministries

Offered thoughts and prayers to the Perryopolis Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty

Geyer thanked the Police Department for their work on writing 500 citations more this year than at this time last year.

Resolution No. 12-4-2014: "To appoint Blaine Brooks to the Carnegie Library Board effective immediately; term to expire December 31, 2015."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 12-5-2014: "To schedule the dates, time and place for the 2015 City Council Meetings: January 20, 2015, February 17, 2015, March 17, 2015, April 21, 2015, May 19, 2015, June 16, 2015, July 21, 2015, August 18, 2015, September 15, 2015, October 20, 2015, November 17, 2015, and December 15, 2015; all meetings to be held in City Council Chambers, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425 at 6:00 PM."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 12-6-2014: "To appoint Bruce Jaynes as City Treasurer and Tax Collector for the City of Connellsville effective January 1, 2015 with a term ending the first Monday of January 2016; salary will be as set by the budget."

Lincoln explained that Mr. Jaynes was on Council and was Director of Accounts and Finance so appointing him would be a smooth transaction.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

REMINDERS:

Living Christmas Tree will be on December 20th at 7:30 PM at the Faith Bible Church

December 24th and 31st City Hall will close at 1 PM and close Christmas and New Year's Day

Community Ministries Toy and Food Drive at the Eagles on Thursday, December 18th

January 1st is the Polar Bear Club swim

GEYER:

Geyer stated he is going to either read the budget resolutions later in the meeting or schedule a special meeting later on due to possible issues that would change it.

Resolution No. 12-7-2014: "To authorize the City Treasurer to turn 2014 City Per Capita delinquents over to Southwest Regional Tax Bureau on January 21, 2015. Residents must pay their 2014 Per Capita Taxes no later than Friday, January 16, 2015 if they are still delinquent. After that, the delinquents will be collected by SWRTB with additional fines and penalties imposed by SWRTB."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 12-8-2014: "To accept a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$625,000.00 from the Scottdale Bank and Trust Company for a term of One Year."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Karpiak reminded citizens that if it snows on an even day of the week, to park on the even side of the street and if it snows on an odd day of the week then park on the odd side of the street.

Resolution No. 12-9-2014: "To accept a bid for the 1994 Ford F600 Dump Truck with Snow Plow and Salt Spreader, sold as is, in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the City of Uniontown."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Karpiak wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and hopes all families get to spend the holiday together.

RITCH:

Resolution No. 12-10-2014: "To accept the Parking Plan as submit by Hotel D2 Services Group and direct Councilman Gregory Ritch and Mayor Greg Lincoln to enter into a lease agreement with Hotel D2 Services Group on

behalf of the City of Connellsville; lease agreement approved by the City Solicitor and containing all terms and conditions to fully protect and indemnify the City of Connellsville.”

Karpiak discussed handicapped parking with representatives from the hotel site. Karpiak also noted a 5 Million Dollar hotel with a gravel parking lot doesn't go with his “look on it” and he would like to see it paved.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Ritch wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Representatives from the hotel discussed where they are at with building the hotel, noting they are in the final stages in their financing packages and zoning. They discussed all that they are doing with the progress of the hotel.

ZOLBROD: ABSENT – READ BY MAYOR LINCOLN

Fire Department Report
Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Resolution No. 12-11-2014: “To adopt Bill No. 5 of 2014, An ordinance providing for and regulating the use of fires and burning by the establishment of specific regulations, exceptions, and definitions; providing for enforcement; and prescribing penalties for violation.”

Lincoln stated that if you get caught burning garbage on your property, you will now be issued a citation.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 12-12-2014: “To adopt Bill No. 6 of 2014: An Ordinance of the City of Connellsville adopting the 2015 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the City of Connellsville; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; providing penalties for the violation thereof and repealing Ordinance No. 1483 of the City of Connellsville and all other ordinances or parts of laws in conflict therewith.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 12-13-2014: “To introduce Bill No. 10 of 2014, An ordinance of the City of Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, requiring municipal waste reduction by the establishment of a recycling program and defining the scope thereof; determining the legal authority and purposes and goals of enactment; establishing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the City of Connellsville; designating site(s) for disposal or processing; implementing a source-separation and collection program for recyclable materials; authorizing recycling by resource-recovery or landfill facility including drop-off centers; requiring certain public notice; requiring annual reports; and prescribing penalties for violations.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

CITY TREASURER KELLER'S REPORT:

Mayor Lincoln and City Council thanked Mrs. Keller for all of her service to the City of Connellsville. Mayor Lincoln presented a gift to Mrs. Keller as a token of the City's appreciation to her.

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:

Lincoln thanked Seth Prentice from Armstrong for all of the time he gave taping City Council Meetings, adding this is Seth's last time to tape the meetings. He further stated he is hoping the high school kids will come to the council meetings to tape them so Armstrong will air them.

Lincoln announced there are a lot of openings on the boards next year. He requested anyone interested to send a letter of interest to City Hall.

Resolution No. 12-14-2014: "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.