

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
February 16, 2016**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 6:00 PM at City Hall, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Lincoln, Council members Keedy, Tzan, Karpiak and McIntire. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Cocks, City of Connellsville's new Website

Tom Currey, Planning Commission's Annual Report

CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT: Not present

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of resignation from the Shade Tree Commission, David McIntire

Resolution No. 2-1-2016: "To accept the letter of resignation of David McIntire from the Shade Tree Commission effective January 19, 2016."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, McIntire and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Conn-Area Catholic School's Performing Arts Club's Beauty and the Beast Jr.

Letter of resignation from Linda Goodlin, Tax Clerk

Resolution No. 2-2-2016: "To accept the letter of resignation from Linda Goodlin, Tax Clerk, for the City of Connellsville effective June 30, 2016."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, McIntire and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2-3-2016: "To approve the minutes from the January 19, 2016 City Council Meeting."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, McIntire and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-4-2016: "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 Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, McIntire and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Resolution No. 2-5-2016: "For the City to participate in the G-13 Conferences for 2016."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-6-2016: "To name Vernon Ohler as the City of Connellsville's representative for all G-13 meetings and have voting power on the City's behalf for business discussed at such meetings."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-7-2016: "The City of Connellsville, Pennsylvania hereby designates Vern Ohler, City Clerk of the City of Connellsville, to serve as Section 504 Compliance Officer throughout the implementation of the city's Community Development Block Grant Program; further, adopting the Section 504 Grievance Procedure."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-8-2016: Resolution: "To appoint Bill Hughes to the Connellsville Housing Authority effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday of January 2021."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-9-2016: "To appoint Ethan Keedy to the Carnegie Free Library Board effective immediately; term to expire December 31, 2019."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Karpiak, Tzan and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. Councilman Keedy abstained. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-10-2016: "To block said streets on May 14, 2016 for New Haven Hose's Neon Nights 5K Race; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-11-2016: "To reappoint Rod Gunderson to the Connellsville Municipal Authority; term to expire January 2021."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-12-2016: "To enter into an Agreement with Dan Cocks for maintaining the City's Website and approving payment of \$270 to Vista for hosting the website."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-13-2016: "To mail out an informational newsletter for the residents inside their 2016 Tax Notices."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-14-2016: "To hire Samuel Beucher as a patrolman for the Connellsville Police Department, with a start date of April 3, 2016. Wages to be taken out of line item 410.142 and be adjusted to as stated in the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Connellsville and the Connellsville Police Officers' Association."

Police Chief Hammerle gave brief information of Sam Beucher: He is 25 years of age, grew up in Connellsville and graduated from Connellsville, he has a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice, he is employed by the Fayette County Adult Probation Department; the person doing his background check could not find anything negative on him.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-15-2016: A PROCLAMATION
2016 MS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting at least 2.3 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter reports that in our state, we serve more than 23,000 people diagnosed with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remain unknown; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter has been committed for more than 58 years to creating a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease while mobilizing people and resources so that everyone affected by MS can live their best lives as we stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost and end MS forever; and

WHEREAS, Since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than 920 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of more than 380 research projects globally totaling nearly 54 million dollars annually at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad. Because of this MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and Pennsylvanians should support; and

WHEREAS, the City/State of Pennsylvania recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter has shown toward a future free of MS;

NOW, THEREFORE I, NAME of ELECTED OFFICIAL by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the great state of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 7 – 13, 2016 as MS Awareness Week, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

REMINDERS:

Chambers annual Awards Banquet, February 23rd, 6 PM, Murphy Hall, \$45 per person

Simply Soup Walk, March 12th, Tickets \$10 at Chamber, ArtWorks, & Connellsville Canteen

Library's Story Time with crafts, Wednesdays from 11 AM – Noon, Age 6 and younger

Teenage fans of Animê are encouraged to join Animê Club at the Library, Mondays at 4 PM

Dr. Who Club at the Library, Saturday, February 20th at 3 PM

Greenhouse Winery, Color, lines and wine party, February 20th, 6 PM – 9 PM, \$25

Conn Area's Beauty and the Beast, Jr., Free, February 20th, 7:30 PM & 21st, 2 PM, Porter Theatre

April 23rd will be Connellsville's Clean-up

Self-defense at the library on Saturday the 27th

KEEDY:

Councilman Keedy explained his comparisons of different companies and their rates on rug maintenance.

Resolution No. 2-16-2016: "To enter into a one year contract with Uni-First for the amount of \$720.00 for rug maintenance at City Hall and the Police Station."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Councilman Keedy announced he started his own festival association. He noted the Chamber of Commerce has given up fundraising for the annual 4th of July Fireworks, so the association will take that over.

Mayor Lincoln stated if any businesses want to donate or any citizens wishing to donate, to make your check payable to the City of Connellsville and we will send you the tax slip back. He then thanked Keedy for taking this project over.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 2-17-2016: "To renew the City's Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt) Contract, through the PA Co-Stars Program for the 2016-2017 winter season."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-18-2016: "To enter into an agreement with West Penn Power for the changing and maintenance of West Penn Power owned decorative lights on West Crawford Avenue."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

TZAN:

Gary Colatch, Community Center spoke concerning adding fair share of utilities to rent on next lease agreements. He also discussed ideas and the future of the center. Volunteers are needed he stated.

Meetings of the Connellsville Community Center are the third Thursday of each month at 6 PM in Room 102 and are open to the public.

Resolution No. 2-19-2016: "To ratify the termination of and to terminate the contract between Lori Kosisko and the City of Connellsville as an independent contractor for the Connellsville Community Center."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-20-2016: "To transfer the contract of Gary Barker, an independent contractor for the City of Connellsville from the City of Connellsville to The Greater Connellsville Area Community Center."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-21-2016: "To enter into an independent contract agreement with Jacinta Ptacek for the cleaning of City Hall and the Police Station at a sum of \$300 per month, money to be paid from line item 409.140."

Councilman Karpiak stated applications should have been taken and a hiring process in place.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. Councilman Karpiak abstained. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-22-2016: "To place a plaque on the Cameron Park property at the corner of South Pittsburgh Street and Fairview Avenue in honor of David Reed. Plaque will be paid through donations received to the City and from Central Fellowship Church."

Mayor Lincoln stated Dave Reed's Birthday is April 26th and he is hoping to have the plaque ready for then. He further stated at the rib fest this year, Cellurelles will be selling T-shirts with Dave Reed on them and giving all proceeds to the Connellsville Recreation Board.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-23-2016: "To authorize the Connellsville Recreation Board to apply for a Special Occasion Permit from the PA Liquor Control Board for upcoming events on July 30, 2016 and October 1, 2016."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-24-2016: "To name Carlee Shreve as the liaison between the Connellsville Area Senior High School and the Connellsville Recreation Board."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-25-2016: "To advertise a request for proposals for the Yough Park Concession Stand License and to authorize the preparation of bid packets, which shall be available March 1, 2016, at City Hall, and such proposals to be received by the City by 4:00 P.M. on March 11, 2016."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-26-2016: "To donate the fence from the old skate board ramp at Woodruff Park to the Connellsville Little League for Fencing at their fields."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MCINTIRE:

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Councilman McIntire discussed the Zika virus and removing standing water

Councilman McIntire notified residents to put trash cans back in place once garbage company takes trash out

Resolution No. 2-27-2016: "To accept the resignation of Dave Waggett from the Connellsville Board of Health effective immediately."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-28-2016: "To appoint David McIntire to the Connellsville Board of Health; term to expire January 2020."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Mayor Lincoln thanked the firemen for coming out during the fire on 11th Street

Resolution No. 2-29-2016: "This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, McIntire, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.