

**Connellsville City Council  
Minutes  
March 15, 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:**

Samuel Beucher was given his Oath of Office as a new Patrolman for the City of Connellsville.

**Resolution No. 3-1-2016:** "To promote Bryan Kendi to the rank of Corporal for the Connellsville Police Department, wages set through the CBA with the Police Department."

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

Bryan Kendi received his Corporal Badge from Chief William Hammerle.

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

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Riley Baker discussed why she has chosen to "shadow" Mayor Lincoln.

**CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT:**

**CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Connellsville Veterans Commission – Memorial Day Parade, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

**Resolution No. 3-2-2016:** "To close West Crawford Avenue to North Pittsburgh Street; North Pittsburgh Street to Route 119 Memorial Blvd. and use of one lane of 119 on May 30, 2016 for the annual Memorial Day Parade; pending review and approval of Police Chief, Fire Chief and Penn DOT."

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 3-3-2016:** "To approve the minutes from the February 16, 2015 City Council Meeting."

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

**Resolution No. 3-4-2016:** "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 McIntire, Keedy, Tzan and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

#### **MAYOR LINCOLN:**

**Resolution No. 3-5-2016:** "To accept the resignation of Barb Mongell from the Police Civil Service Board".

Mayor Lincoln thanked Mrs. Mongell, noting she served on this board for over 20 years.

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

**Resolution No. 3-6-2016:** "To appoint Ted Kovall to the Police Civil Service Board effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2019."

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

**Resolution No. 3-7-2016:** "To appoint Steve Cooper to the Police Civil Service Board effective immediately; term ending 2020".

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

Mayor Lincoln announced the Third Class City Council states there must be a Chief Financial Officer, so he is reading a resolution to appoint the Director of Accounts and Finance.

**Resolution No. 3-8-2016:** "To appoint Ethan Keedy as Chief Fiscal Officer for the City of Connellsville in accordance with Section 11802 of the Third Class City Code, as amended; who shall have all powers, authority, and duties provided for such position in the Third Class City Code."

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

Police Department Report

**Resolution No. 3-9-2016:** "To set April 23, 2016 as the City Wide Clean-up for the City of Connellsville."

Mayor Lincoln noted the Health Insurance Store will be sponsoring the clean-up.

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

**Resolution No. 3-10-2016:** "To approve closure for part of North Arch Street and part of West Apple Street for the 2016 "Rockin' Rib Fest", July 1<sup>st</sup> 6 PM – 10 PM, 2nd Noon - 10 PM and 3<sup>rd</sup> Noon – 10 PM; pending approval of contract between City and the promoter."

Mayor Lincoln thanked Solicitor Witt for drawing up the agreement for this event. He announced shirts will be sold for \$10 and proceeds go to the Connellsville Recreation Board.

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

**Resolution No. 3-11-2016:** "To approve and authorize the transfer of property identified as part of Parcel ID No. 05-02-0028 to Highlands Hospital, in conjunction with the Connellsville Area School District, at no cost or expense to the City; and to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the deed and all related documents."

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

**Resolution No. 3-12-2016:** "To approve permission for the "Connellsville Catholic Community" to use the East Crawford Avenue City parking lot for the beginning of the Easter Vigil celebration. The service will begin at 8:15 PM."

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

**Resolution No. 3-13-2016:** "To approve formation of the "Connellsville Festival Association" to fundraise and solicit for events and functions in and around the City."

Mayor Lincoln stated the Chamber once took on the fireworks and now handles the Christmas lights. He added Councilman Keedy decided to start this association.

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

#### **REMINDERS:**

Recycling:     March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
                      April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

March 18<sup>th</sup>, Finley's Fighters Rivers Casino Trip, \$25, call Phyllis at 724-628-6078

March 19<sup>th</sup>, Carnegie Library's Dr. Who Club, 3 PM – 4 PM

March 28<sup>th</sup>, Head Start's Open House, 220 South First Street, 2 PM – 4 PM, 724-626-1519

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 will be "The Lion King" at the Connellsville Junior High School

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Trail Mixer at the Connellsville Bed and Breakfast

April 16<sup>th</sup>, is the Volunteer Event at the Carnegie Library.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Connellsville's Clean-up

Mayor Lincoln announced Council Meetings are now on the UTube Channel.

#### **KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 3-14-2016:** "To abate and exonerate the City Treasurer from collecting 2016 Real Estate Taxes on City owned properties, which shall be exempt from 2016 City Real Estate Taxes, known and located as follows: Connellsville Area Senior Center, 100 East Fayette Street, \$1,959.56; Connellsville Community Center, lots 15, 23 and 31, 201 East Fairview Avenue, \$333.59; Connellsville Community Center, PT lot 7, South Cottage Avenue, \$55.14."

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

**Resolution No. 3-15-2016:** "To adopt a procedure when signing checks, that a stamped signature can be used in absence of one, and only one, of the necessary signatures required. Absent party must send documentation, letter or email, stating permission, check total and to whom the check is for to accompany requisition, invoice and check stub."

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

Keedy discussed the City saving money on janitorial supplies by switching companies.

#### **KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 3-16-2016:** "To place out for bid, 800 tons of asphalt for the paving of City streets and alleys in 2016."

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

**Resolution No. 3-17-2016:** "To start process between the City and West Penn Power on the placement of LED lights throughout the entire City."

Karpiak discussed how money should be saved by doing this.

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

Mayor Lincoln reminded residents that Mountz Creek is for rent – the pavilions, court and park.

**TZAN:**

**Resolution No. 3-18-2016:** "To advertise for the hiring of summer workers for the Public Works Department at a rate of \$7.50 per hour for a maximum of 35 hours per week for the summer season, such cost to be taken from line item 01430-145."

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

**Resolution No. 3-19-2016:** "To extend the date for receiving bids to operate the "Concession Stand at Yough Park" until Friday April 1, 2016 at 5 pm."

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

Tzan noted all of the good points of renting Mountz Creek Park.

**MCINTIRE:**

Health/Code Officer Report  
New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 3-20-2016:** "To execute the Board of Health's order to abate the public nuisance by demolition the following property: 118 North Alley, Connellsville, PA 15425, and to submit the aforementioned property to the Redevelopment Authority for demolition, funds taken from the Community Development Block Grant Monies."

Tom Currey stated the properties are three years before tax sale kicks in. He added people are breaking into one building and living in it. The other building part of the foundation is missing and probably won't make it until the tax sale.

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

**Resolution No. 3-21-2016:** "To execute the Board of Health's order to abate the public nuisance by demolition the following property: 326 North Meadow Lane, Connellsville, PA

15425, and to submit the aforementioned property to the Redevelopment Authority for demolition, funds taken from the Community Development Block Grant Monies.”

Tom Currey stated this property is the same as the previous property, a few years from tax sale. He noted with these two properties down, he will only have two more properties to deal with. He noted this will improve the neighborhood.

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

Mayor Lincoln congratulated the winners at New Haven Hose's Awards Banquet.

**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.