

**CONNELLSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA – OCTOBER 19, 2021**

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CITY TREASURER REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Pastor Daniel Clark, Request to use basketball court in Cameron Court on October 24th

Resolution: “To grant permission to St. John’s Lutheran Church to use the basketball court in Cameron Court on October 24, 2021 for their 150th Anniversary.”

Payne A.M.E. Church, Parking request for Election Day Dinner on November 2nd

Resolution: “To grant permission to Payne A.M.E. Church at 812 West Crawford Avenue, to reserve the parking on West Crawford Avenue in front of the church from 11 AM until 5 PM on November 2, 2021 for their Election Day Dinners.”

Chamber of Commerce, Christmas in the Park, November 20, 2021 at Yough Park

Resolution: “To grant permission to the Chamber of Commerce to hold Christmas in the Park on November 20, 2021.”

Linda Suter, Permission to hang wreaths on McCray Robb Bridge

RESOLUTION: “To permit Roger Suter and Sons, Inc. permission to purchase two wreaths to be hung on the Officer McCray Robb Bridge during the Christmas season; further authorizing the Connellsville Public Works Department permission to hang the wreaths; pending review and approval of PennDOT.”

REGULAR AGENDA:

RESOLUTION: “To approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021 City Council Meeting.”

RESOLUTION: “To waive the Four-Day Resolution Rule to allow for items submitted after the Four-Day Rule to be read at the meeting tonight, such Resolutions will be marked with an asterisk.”

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

RESOLUTION: “To accept and adopt the Redevelopment Authority’s Four-Factor Analysis for Limited English Proficiency Persons, including but not limited to the Certification included therein, and to authorize and direct the Redevelopment Authority to implement such analysis and all related conclusions and certifications.”

Resolution: “**LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS** of the City of Connellsville that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the City of Connellsville to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Therefore, the City of Connellsville does hereby pass the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the City of Connellsville will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Connellsville shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts

d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

If you're a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification, please contact the business offices of City of Connellsville 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, 724-628-2020, connellsvilleycityclerk@gmail.com www.connellsville.us .

If you're Limited English Proficient and require a document translation of any notification, please contact the business offices of City of Connellsville 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, 724-628-2020, connellsvilleycityclerk@gmail.com www.connellsville.us ."

RESOLUTION: "The City Council of the City of Connellsville, hereby re-designates the City Clerk of the City of Connellsville, to serve as Section 504 Compliance Officer throughout the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Citizens with Section 504 grievances must submit them to the Section 504 Compliance Officer within two weeks of the date the person filing the grievance becomes aware of the alleged discriminatory action. The office will respond in writing to written citizen grievances. Citizen grievances should be mailed to: City of Connellsville, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425. All written citizen grievances will be responded to within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the comments. Should any individual, family, or entity have a grievance concerning any action prohibited under Section 504, a meeting with the compliance officer to discuss the grievance will be scheduled. The meeting date and time will be established within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the request. Upon meeting and discussing the grievance, a reply will be made, in writing, within thirty (30) calendar days. If the citizen is dissatisfied with the local response, they may write to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. DCED will respond only to written comments within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the comments."

RESOLUTION: "A Resolution of the City of Connellsville, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest that the City of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, receive funds from the Commonwealth through the Department of Community and Economic Development in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville has the legal authority and responsibility under Act 179 to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville have undertaken a considerable citizen participation process including written invitations to municipalities, informational meetings, hearings and legal notices all of which culminated in the prioritization of projects and development of a Community Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville are familiar with the requirements of the program as provided for in the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) and the Community Development Block Grant regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville wishes to apply for said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Connellsville that its mayor is authorized to have prepared the necessary forms and documents to submit an application to the Department of Community and Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant funds for the purposes aforesaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if CDBG funds are determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, the City of Connellsville agrees to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community Development Plan was developed in coordination with low and moderate individuals, interested organizations, non-profits and other interested parties through the citizen participation process and municipal information gathering is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Connellsville is empowered to place his/her signature, on behalf of the governing body, on necessary application forms and affix thereto the official seal of the City of Connellsville.

Adopted by the City of Connellsville at the regular meeting on October 19, 2021.”

RESOLUTION: “To approve the new City of Connellsville logo as designed by Sparq Designs and the logo committee.”

RESOLUTION: “To appoint _____ to the Connellsville Municipal Authority Board; this appointment is effective immediately and will expire January 2022.”

REMINDERS:

Connellsville Police Officers’ Association’s 1st Annual 5K Race, October 23rd, Registration at 9 AM, Race at 10 AM, held at Yough Park, \$30 day of event

Connellsville Township VFD, October 23rd, Pendulum, \$20 Dinner 5 PM & Show 7 PM

Sidewalk event on the west side, October 23rd

New Haven Hose’s Halloween Parade, October 26th, 7 PM

Trick or Treat, October 31st, 6 PM – 8 PM

Payne AME Church, Election Day Dinner, 11 AM – 6 PM, 724-626-8336, \$12

Chili Fest, November 6th, \$10 tickets, 11 AM – 2 PM, 724-603-2093

Porter Theater, November 13th, Fungus, Truth & Rites, 7 PM, \$15

Wreaths Across America, \$15 to place a wreath on a grave, due November 19, 2021. Laying of wreaths is December 19, 2021. Linda Shearer, 724-322-1494

November 20th, Chamber's Christmas in the Park, 11 AM – 4 PM

Christian Church, 212 S. Pittsburgh Street, Free Community Lunch every Monday beginning 11:30 AM until 1 PM, 724-628-3802 for information

Breakfast with Santa, December 4th & 18th at 9 AM, Canteen, 724-603-2093, Adults \$15, under age 10 years is \$10

COUNCILMAN KEEDY:

Resolution: "To pay \$11,097.00 to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Payment; monies to be taken from line item #483.300."

Resolution: "To pay \$459,750 into the Police Pension Plan in order to satisfy the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 410.160."

Resolution: "To pay \$109,014 into the Fire Pension Plan in order to satisfy the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 411.160."

COUNCILMAN KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

COUNCILWOMAN TZAN:

COUNCILMAN TOPPER:

Health/Code Officer's Report

New Haven Hose Report

RESOLUTION: "That this meeting of the City Council does hereby adjourn."