

**Connellsville City Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2019**

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, Karpiak, Tzan and Topper. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt (late).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Led by Rev. Matt Goldsberry

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Wiltrout, resident of the north end, discussed a skunk issue on his street.

Mayor Lincoln responded by stating the Code Officer will be performing a sweep and notifying residents that according to a City Ordinance, they must put garbage in containers and will be cited if they do not comply. He added if there is no food or garbage, the rodents/animals will go away.

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by City Treasurer Marilyn Weaver.

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** Presented by City Controller Bruce Witt

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

CAHS Patriots, Warriors Rock Concert, CAHS High School, 3 PM on November 3rd / Wreaths Across America, December 14th, Contact Linda Shearer, 724-322-1494

Suzie Flesik, Crawford School of Terror, Street closure request

Resolution: "To close a portion of North Seventh Street on October 18th and 19th 2019, for the Crawford School of Terror upon approval from the Police Chief and the Fire Chief."

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

Resolution No. 10-1-2019: "To approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 10-2-2019: "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."

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

**MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln thanked everyone involved in supporting the City's K9 Unit.

Proclamation - 75th wedding anniversary of Neri and Ruth Eicher

Resolution No. 10-3-2019: "To introduce Bill No. 4 of 2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 58337 INTO THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FROM DUNBAR TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA."

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

Resolution No. 10-4-2019: "To approve and execute the Leasehold Mortgage and Landlord's Agreement with Trailside Lodging, LP."

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

Resolution No. 10-5-2019: "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."

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

Resolution No. 10-6-2019: "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."

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

Resolution No. 10-7-2019: "WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to Communities for activities which will benefit low- and moderate-income families, aid in the elimination or prevention of slums or urban blight or other urgent community needs; and"

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

Resolution No. 10-8-2019: "To re-designate the City Clerk of the City of Connellsville as the 504 Officer throughout the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant Program."

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

Resolution No. 10-9-2019: "To introduce Bill No. 5 of 2019: To vacate a portion of South Sixth Street."

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

Resolution No. 10-10-2019: "To enter into an agreement with McClure & Wolf, LLP to conduct the annual audit for the fiscal year(s) 2019, 2020, and 2021 at the rates of \$9,200, \$9,550 and \$9,900 respectively. Services will also include preparation of all annual DCED Financial Reports.

Expenses to be taken from line item 402.301."

Mayor Lincoln stated Clayton has been the City's Auditor since 2014 and ruled with an iron fist – instructing the City with what needs to be done whether we liked it or not. He added he respects and appreciates all he has done and he is a City resident. Mayor Lincoln added the City followed his guidelines and the audit came back good. He noted he is glad McClure and Wolf are still willing to work with the City and guide us on what can and cannot be done.

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

#### **REMINDERS:**

October 16th, Community Scenic Achievement Award to the City of Connellsville, 5 PM at the Canteen

October 17, 2019, Ultimate Pizza Day, Lunch 11:30 AM - 1 PM, Dinner 5 PM - ? – no preorders will be accepted

Picked up at Murphy Hall, Benefiting the Community Ministries Food Pantry, 8 cut cheese for \$10, 8 cut pepperoni for \$12, 8 pizza restaurants in one box

October 19th, Scott C's hosts Cars, Coffee and Christ, 8:30 AM, Begin with Coffee & Breakfast followed by a short message then view participants cars, Scott C's 40+ cars and memorabilia and mingle. You are welcome to show off your special car.

October 20th, Geibel Race from St. Rita's to Geibel School at 12:30 PM - 1 PM / also "Gator Fest", 12 noon, Fun for all with a DJ, food trucks, bounce houses, school tours, giveaways and other activities

October 20th, St. Rita's Bucci Hall, All you can eat Pancakes, Buckwheat Cakes & Sausage Breakfast, Adults \$6, under 12 years \$2, 7 AM - noon

October 21st, Wesley Health Center, Free flu shots, 4 PM - 6 PM, Everyone welcome

October 25th, Halloween Home Contest deadline for City residents, contact Shelley at [connellsvillesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:connellsvillesecretary@gmail.com)

October 27th, Brian Ranker Memorial "Safe from the Sun" walk, Falcon Stadium, 10 AM, visit Brian Ranker Memorial Walk on Facebook for information

October 29th, Halloween Parade, 7 PM

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

November 2nd, Chili Fest, 11 AM - 2 PM, \$10, tickets available at Connellsville Canteen, [downtownconnellsville.org](http://downtownconnellsville.org)

November 10th, Warriors Rock, 3 PM, Sr. High School  
November 11th, 28th & 29th, City Hall Offices closed  
December 7th, Connellsville Christmas and Parade at 11 AM, various events throughout town

**KEEDY:**

Resolution No. 10-11-2019: "To accept the 2017 and 2018 Audits as prepared by McClure and Wolf, LLP, Certified Public Accountants."

Councilman Keedy noted McClure and Wolf is very pleased with the City's audit and he is looking forward to working with him again.

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

Resolution No. 10-12-2019: "To pay \$469,168.00 into the Police and Firefighters Pension Plans in order to satisfy the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 410.160, \$379,115.00 to be deposited in the Police Pension Plan and from line item 411.160, \$90,053.00 to be deposited in the Firefighters Pension Plan."

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

Resolution No. 10-13-2019: "To pay \$7,214.00 to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for the 2019 MMO Payment; monies to be taken from line item #483.030."

Councilman Keedy stated this is for the Non-uniform Pension Plan.

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

Resolution No. 10-14-2019: "To donate \$2,500.00 to Fayette EMS for their 2019 Capital Fund Drive; monies to be taken from line item #489.546."

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

Resolution No. 10-15-2019: "To contract out the City of Connellsville's payroll to Scarry and Associates, LLC at a cost of \$250.00 per month for 12 months; monies to be taken out of line item 402.330."

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

Resolution No. 10-16-2019: "To enter into a contract with Unifirst for ONE-year contract (12 months) at a monthly rate of \$60.00; money to be taken from line item 409.250."

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

Councilman Keedy announced the Budget Meeting is canceled for Thursday.

Resolution No. 10-17-2019: "To Advertise the following dates for budget meetings: November 12th and 14th, 2019 at 5:00 pm in City Council Chambers."

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

Resolution No. 10-18-2019: "To authorize the City Clerk to contact local financial institutions regarding a Tax Anticipation Note for 2020, if needed."

Councilman Keedy stated with this resolution, the option is on the table in case the City needs it.

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

**KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report  
2019 Leaf Pickup schedule

Councilman Karpiak announced the Leaf Pick up schedule will be on the City's website and Facebook. He stated for the bag pickup, they must be in bags.

Resolution No. 10-19-2019: "To enter into an agreement with Laurel Mountain Leasing, for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F550 Dump Truck. Money to be taken from the City's Liquid Fuel Account."

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

Mayor Lincoln thanked the Public Works Department. He stated they did a fantastic job setting up for Tangled Up In Brew.

**TZAN:**

Councilwoman Tzan stated the Recreation Board suggested a small increase for the pavilion rentals. She added the City is still charging less than other areas.

Resolution No. 10-20-2019: "To increase the cost of pavilion rental to \$100.00 on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays."

Mayor Lincoln added the main reason for the increase is due to the cost of the maintenance to the parks has increased. He noted when the Public Works men work on weekends to care for the park, they are getting overtime. Mayor Lincoln stated this increase enables the City to afford to be able to pay them to continue caring and prepping the parks on weekends.

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

Mayor Lincoln thanked everyone involved in Tangled In Brew, noting it was a great night. He added the money raised is for the parks.

**TOPPER:**

Health/Code Officer Report

Jeff Harvey, New Haven Hose, read NHH Report

Councilman Topper stated the City will be enforcing the "garbage can" rule, noting it will help cut down on animals searching for food. He added they are going to try and go with warnings until someone becomes habitual.

Mayor Lincoln added very soon all residents will be getting a letter regarding the new garbage pickup and information. He added no recycling will be in garbage bags.

Solicitor Witt discussed the resolution passed earlier by City Council. He stated it is a proposed ordinance vacating a portion of South Sixth Street that are complete adjacent at West Penn Power's property. Solicitor Witt noted this request came from West Penn Power and the street has never really been open.

Mayor Lincoln stated West Penn Power will take over the fire hydrant rental fee of that section and pave 100 feet on Seventh Street and Leisenring Avenue.

Solicitor Witt and City Council then discussed the parking lot agreement.

Resolution No. 10-21-2019: "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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

