

**Connellsville City Council**

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 16, 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Led by Father Bob

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Zack Coughenour, Connell Grave site cleanup Eagle Project request.

Mayor Lincoln noted he spoke to Connellsville Township Supervisor Miner about the project and what the City can do to help.

Solicitor Witt stated there was no deed transfer. He further added the City will meet with the Township to decide who will hold the title. Witt suggested that Coughenour speak with the Township to let them know what his goals are as well.

City Clerk Ohler stated that Fayette County still lists the owner as the Sons of the American Revolution.

Council agreed to meet with the Township to resolve the title ownership.

Councilman Karpiak made motion to accept the proposal of Zack Coughenour to clean up the Connell Grave Site. Councilman Keedy seconded the motion. All was in favor and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Jason Dandemer, Summer PE.

Mr. Dandemer discussed utilizing East Park for summer physical education. He noted this would be for the local children and help them get off the electronics and go outdoors. Dandemer added it is not competitive like sports. He noted it will be taught by Certified Teachers accredited by the State of Pennsylvania. Further he noted it is for grades 1 through 5. Dandemer announced the camp dates will be June 10<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated he is requesting permission to use the parks on those days at the fees that they set. He also stated they will be working with the children on social interaction.

Mayor Lincoln asked what the cost would be for the children.

Dandemer answered they are still waiting on insurance quotes before deciding on the cost. He added he will be advertising on the billboard by Sheetz and on Facebook and notify the Recreation Board for support. Dandemer stated there will be an on-call nurse available.

Councilman Tzan questioned the hours of the camp.

Dandemer stated 9 AM until Noon Monday through Thursday and rain date on Friday. He noted this will be at East Park exclusively. He added June 1<sup>st</sup> will be the cut off date to register for the camp.

**Resolution No. 4-16-2019:** "To enter into an Agreement with Jason Bandemer to conduct summer Phys Ed type classes at East Park. Park rental fees will be determined by the Recreation Board. Signed use contract and liability insurance will be required in the Agreement."

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.

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

Treasurer Weaver stated there are 63 unpaid business registrations at the \$30 level and 8 at the \$110 level. She added a letter will be going out notifying them since they did not pay by March 15<sup>th</sup>, they will now owe an additional \$20 on top of what they already owe.

Mayor Lincoln questioned Solicitor Witt what can be done when they do not pay.

Solicitor Witt replied they can be cited by Tom Currey. He added that he does not have to go tell them since they are in violation, he can just issue a citation.

Councilman Keedy questioned what happens when they don't pay.

Solicitor Witt answered they will have to go to the Magistrate and pay a fine. He added if they don't register then they get their license pulled.

Councilman Keedy questioned if anyone did not pay their business license last year.

Treasurer Weaver answered the records from last year were not good, but this year they are.

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

Controller Witt stated they are in the process of switching bank accounts.

Mrs. Walters discussed a Proclamation, Equal Pay Day was April 2, 2019

Ethan Keedy made motion to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Bob Topper, Jr. All was in favor and the motion passed 5 – 0.

City Council went into Executive Session from 6:35 PM until 6:55 PM

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Bill Addis, Zoning Board Request

**Resolution No. 4-1-2019:** "To appoint Bill Addis to the Connellsville Zoning Board, term to expire the first Monday in January 2024."

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

John Malone, Somerset Trust, Alley closure request

**Resolution No. 4-2-2019:** “To close North Seventh Street and the adjacent alley between St. John’s Church and Somerset Trust from 6 PM - 10:30 PM on June 25, 2019 for Somerset Trust’s Car Cruise/Concert; 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, Topper, Keedy and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Calli Tony, Request use of Yough Park for Community Fitness Classes

**Resolution No. 4-3-2019:** “To grant permission to Calli Tony to use Yough River Park Monday and Thursday mornings at 5:45 AM along with Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:30 PM for Community Fitness Class.”

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

Pastor Don Smith, Connellsville Area Ministerial Association, Request to use Veteran’s Plaza

**Resolution No. 4-4-2019:** “To permit Connellsville Area Ministerial Association to use Veteran’s Plaza on May 2, 2019 from 6 PM until 9 PM; further authorizing North Arch Street from West Apple to Crawford Avenue be blocked during this time; 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, Topper, Keedy and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 4-5-2019:** “To approve the minutes from the March 19, 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. 4-6-2019:** “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 questioned Chief Hammerle concerning the vehicle break-ins on the south side.

Chief Hammerle answered they have a suspect and are looking for him. He noted the suspect probably knows the police are searching for him and he is in hiding.

Chief Hammerle then discussed the K9 Unit and that it is moving forward.

**Resolution No. 4-10-2019:** "To approve and enter into the Officer Assistance Agreement with Fayette County District Attorney's Office attached hereto and incorporated herein; and to authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to execute the acknowledgement letter on behalf of the City."

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.

Proclamation, Equal Pay Day was April 2, 2019

**Resolution No. 4-7-2019:** "To rename the 100 Block of West Grape Alley "Zia Maria Way" from North Pittsburgh Street to North Meadow Lane."

Mayor Lincoln stated Pechins is moving along and will have a bank teller, store, café' and bakery.

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. 4-8-2019:** "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, COUNTY OF FAYETTE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Whereas, a copy of the Comprehensive Plan, which includes the text, maps, charts and any other items which form the whole of the comprehensive plan and was made available for public review is attached hereto as exhibit "A"

Mayor Lincoln thanked the Redevelopment Authority for acquiring the funds for the study, noting it was over \$120,000.

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 4-9-2019:** "To adopt as a Standard Operating Procedure, that no advertising, political, or other signs may be placed in City-owned planters and that any such sign will be removed to taken to City Hall, where the owner of such sign may pick up the sign or where the sign will be disposed of after 30 days."

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. 4-11-2019:** "To approve and enter into that certain Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement with the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center, Inc., for the resolution of all outstanding matters associated with the GCACC; to authorize the requested changes to the GCACC Bylaws, as requested therein; to rescind and nullify the appointment of Amy Price and Misty Huffine to the GCACC Board of Directors; to approve, authorize, and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all such documents on behalf of the City; and to approve and authorize all City officials and employees to take such further steps as are necessary to effectuate such Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement."

Mayor Lincoln thanked Solicitor Witt for his work on resolving this matter.

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

## REMINDERS:

Recycling: Wards 2 & 4 are on Tuesday, Wards 1 & 3 are on Wednesday

Pickup: April 23rd and 24th, May 14th, 15th, 28th & 29th. NOTE: Memorial Day is May 27th and Advanced **will not** delay the City's recycling service that week.

Christian Church, 212 S Pittsburgh St, Free lunch on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month from 11:30 AM - 1 PM

April 19th, City Hall Offices Closed

April 20th, Easter Dinner at the Senior Center, 11 AM - 1 PM, FREE

April 27th, Community-wide cleanup, 11 AM - 3 PM, TEACH Facebook Page

April 27th, Westley United Methodist Church's Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner to benefit Wesley Health Center, 4 PM - 7 PM, Adult \$8, under age 12 is \$4, 417 S Pittsburgh St, 724-626-2610.

April 27th, Fayette Co. Hard to Recycle, 9 AM - 2 PM, 724-430-4884 for information

May 4th, Chamber's Community Yard Sales, \$5 to participate, Pre-register at 724-628-5500, 8 AM - 3 PM, Rain date is May 11th

May 4th from 8 AM - 4 PM, Amish Donuts and Leighty Farms will be selling by the Connellsville Canteen

May 4th, Heart to Hope Telethon at the Sr. High, 2 PM - 8 PM

May 4th, New Haven Hose Hoagie Sales

May 4th, Rep. Warner's Shredding event at the Sr. High parking lot, 10 AM - 2 PM, No businesses - residents only

May 4<sup>th</sup>, Brandi Bee, artist, will be hosting a Ye Olé' Inn Art Gala at 7 PM

May 5th, El Canelo's "Cinco de Mayo", 12 PM - 9 PM

May 11th, Advanced Disposal Clean-up Day, Place items at curbside the night before

May 11th, Police Auxiliary Hoagie Sales

May 11th, General Braddock's Fish Club, 10 AM - 1 PM. At 10 AM 1,500 fish will be released. Kids will be provided drinks and snacks. Several fishing poles will be given away. Donations are needed and welcome: 724-963-5979, Rick It is \$30 to become a member and they are all volunteers

May 15th, Chamber's Job Fair at Murphy Hall, 10 AM - 3 PM, RSVP - 724-628-5500, Job seekers are registered to win a Gas Gift Card

May 15th, TEACH, "Catch Them for A Cause", Yough River Park, Facebook: TEACH for info.

May 18th, New Haven Hose's NEON Night's Race, 8:30 PM

May 25th, Geranium Festival, 9 AM - 3 PM

Visit Appalachian Creativity Center Facebook page for their numerous events and classes throughout each month

Visit Carnegie Library for their list of events throughout the summer

Jamie McPoyle has created a Youghzillia Race on September 28<sup>th</sup>, active.com to pull up the race or their Facebook Page

**KEEDY:**

**KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak warned residents lines are painted now and you can be nabbed for speeding

**Resolution No. 4-12-2019:** "To hire the following summer workers for the Public Works Department at a rate of \$8 per hour for a maximum of 35 hours per week for the summer season, such cost to be taken from line item 01430-145: Dean Peterson."

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. 4-13-2019:** "To place the bid out for the 2019 Street Paving Program. Bids will be accepted until May 14, 2019 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. Money to be taken from Liquid Fuels 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.

**TZAN:**

**Resolution No. 4-14-2019:** "To re-enter into a contract with Culligan Water from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020; for the Police and Street Departments and Administrative Offices; 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.

**Resolution No. 4-15-2019:** "To re-enter into an Agreement with Keytex Energy Solutions, LLC, as our buyer's agent for the purposes of obtaining our Electric Generated Services."

City Clerk Ohler stated this is the third time the City has gone with this company and the City has been doing well with them.

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.

## **TOPPER:**

### Health/Code Officer Report

Councilman Topper reminded residents to keep their grass cut or you will be cited. He further added he does answer complaints and tries to meet with each person. He added things don't happen overnight and but will be fixed.

### New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 4-17-2019:** "To place a request for Proposals for the City of Connellsville's three-year garbage service contract, with an option for four years, beginning November 1, 2019 and ending October 31, 2022. The Request for Proposals specs to be available at City Hall May 1, 2019. RFP's are due by 5:00 PM on June 18, 2019 and will be opened later that day at 6:00 PM Council Meeting. The municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals."

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. 4-18-2019:** "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.