

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
May 19, 2015**

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 Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was 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:

CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT: Absent

Resolution No. 5-1-2015: "To go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Karpiak, Zolbrod, Geyer and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kristen Porter, South Side Elementary School, May 22, 2015 Fun Day

Resolution No. 5-2-2015: "To close Race Street between Davidson and Newmyer Avenues on May 22, 2015 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM for South Side Elementary Fun Day; pending review and approval of Police Chief."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Karpiak, Zolbrod, Geyer and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

The Catholic Community of Connellsville, Festival on August 1st and 2nd

Resolution No. 5-3-2015: "To close the alley between the St. John Church and Somerset Bank for the Catholic Community Festival on August 1, and 2, 2015; pending review and approval of the Police Chief."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Karpiak, Zolbrod, Geyer and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Highlands Hospital, Race for Autism on June 11, 2015

Resolution No. 5-4-2015: “To close East Murphy Avenue and West Crawford Avenue and Breakneck Road for the Annual Highlands Hospital Bud Murphy Race for Autism on Thursday, June 11, 2015; pending review and approval of Police Chief.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Karpiak, Zolbrod, Geyer and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 5-5-2015: “To approve the minutes from the April 21, 2015 City Council Meeting.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 5-6-2015: “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 Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln reminded the public to call 911 if they see anything suspicious.

Mayor Lincoln reminded the public with school ending, the curfew is still in effect. He noted it is Sunday through Thursday until 10 PM at night and Friday and Saturday until 11 PM. Lincoln asked that if anyone sees children out after those hours to call 911. Lincoln added the City parks close at 9 PM.

Resolution No. 5-8-2015: “To hire Michael Stokes as Patrolman effective June 1, 2015; salary to be set by Union Contract.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 5-7-2015: “To advertise to accept resumes and related applications for the position of City Clerk, resumes and related applications to be accepted until July 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM; and to conduct interviews and take all related background checks and related actions in connection with such advertising, interviews and selection.”

Councilman Geyer stated they will search for weeks and make it expansive. He noted this will give ample time for the best candidates to come forward.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were: Councilmen Ritch, Karpiak, Zolbrod and Geyer and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

REMINDERS:

May 23rd, 11th Annual Geranium Festival

May 25th, 10 AM, Memorial Day Parade held by the Veteran's Commission

May 29th, Rotary's Paint and Sip

June 12th, East Park Movie "Frozen" which is sponsored by Topper Lawn Care

June 26th, East Park Movie "Field of Dreams"

Summer Sports program signups are still going on.

GEYER:

Audit Committee update and the City 2013 Audit updated

G13 Wrap-up

Resolution No. 5-9-2015: "To donate \$80 to New Haven Hose Volunteer Fire Department for two American Flags to be displayed at City Hall on ten (10) holidays; monies to be taken from Miscellaneous Contingencies."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak stated the boat ramp was ripped out during the last flood. He then explained building a new ramp.

Mayor Lincoln stated if you have a pothole, call 724-628-2020 ext. 301.

RITCH:

Resolution No. 5-10-2015: "To authorize and enter into an independent contractor agreement for janitorial, cleaning and housekeeping services with Shelley Primus for the amount of \$250.00 per month; subject to review and approval of the City Solicitor and the Administrative Employees Union."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Councilman Ritch thanked everyone for the Police Memorial Week

He also thanked everyone who joined the School Clean-up at their Memorial

Councilman Ritch then discussed the May 8th Gettysburg Field Trip and Reenactment for Bullskin.

Mayor Lincoln then discussed Cats Court is up and running and the pavilion is for rent in July. He thanked Bill Harden who made it his mission to get the pavilion built, noting there was no cost to the City. Mayor stated he hopes the dedication will be around Father's Day Weekend.

Mayor Lincoln read the following:

Resolution No. 5-11-2015: "To approve and direct the closure of the City Parking Lot located between the Moose Lodge and Connellsville Area Community Ministries and located off of Pittsburgh Street for LeAnn Tressler's Girl Scout bake sale and rummage event project."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

ZOLBROD

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Tom Currey, Health/Code/Zoning Officer stated the City's standard for grass is 12 inches, "so please cut your grass." He also stated you need to get a permit from the City and the County for pools two feet or taller and a fence for 2 to 4 feet to enclose that pool in. Currey also stated if you have a pool you put up in the summer and take down at the end of summer, you need to get a new permit each time you put it up, noting that is a State of Pennsylvania Law.

Resolution No. 5-12-2015: "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, 2015 and ending October 31, 2018. The Request for Proposals specs to be available at City Hall May 22, 2015. RFP's are due by 5:00 PM on June 16, 2015 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 Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 5-13-2015: "This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.