

**Connellsville
City Council Minutes
June 19, 2013**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Matthews, Council members Karpiak, Weaver, Geyer and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ramona McIntyre, Neighbor burning, 911 did not respond, what is the City going to do

Councilwoman Weaver stated there were there today and it was just someone starting a BBQ.

Joe Pancella, "Animals Running At Large" Ordinance

Sam Cook, Sand Volleyball Courts and Pavilion at Mountz Creek

Lucy King, Downtown Connellsville update and events

Melissa Tzan, Update of events and park upgrades

Geno Gallo, Sustainable Connellsville on behalf of a group of people interested in raising chicken, "Chicken" Ordinance, Requests that Council try the Piglet Program

Councilwoman Weaver suggested those interested in this program to attend the next Board of Health Meeting and listen to all the stipulations that are required because they are not recommending the ordinance at this time. .

CORRESPONDENCE:

Catholic Community of Connellsville, IC Festival on June 21st and 22nd, 2013

Resolution No. 6-1-2013: "To block off the alley between IC Church's two parking lots on June 21st and 22nd, 2013; conditioned upon review and approval of Police Chief."

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

Chamber of Commerce, July 3rd Fireworks

Resolution No. 6-2-2013: "To approve the closure and to close North Arch Street, in front of City Hall, on July 3, 2013 from 4:30 PM until 10:00 PM for the annual Fireworks Celebration; conditioned upon review and approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT."

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

Nancy Dye, John Woodruff Committee, 5K Run/Walk on July 10th 7 PM – 8 PM

Resolution No. 6-3-2013: “To close certain City streets for the 31st Annual John Woodruff 5K Run and Walk on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 for short periods of time from 7 PM – 8 PM.”

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 6-4-2013: “To approve the minutes from the May 15, 2013 City Council Meeting.”

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

Resolution No. 6-5-2013: “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 Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR MATTHEWS:

Police Department Report

Matthews noted the Agenda shows to open bids for the Police car but there are no bids.

Resolution No. 6-6-2013: “To reappoint Harold Hartz to the Connellsville Housing Authority; term to expire the first Monday of 2018.”

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

Resolution No. 6-7-2013: “To appoint Cecilia Driscoll to the Connellsville Zoning Board; term to expire the first Monday of 2015.”

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

Resolution No. 6-8-2013: “To authorize the acquisition of parcels adjacent to or near the Aaron’s Building (Parcel ID Numbers 05060432, 05060431, and 05060406) by the City, or its

nominees or assigns, for the sum of \$25,000.00, plus additional transfer, closing, and settlement costs and expenses; to direct the City Solicitor to prepare and review all related documents; to authorize the execution of an agreement of sale, or other similar document, by the City, or its nominees or assigns, upon the approval of such document by the City Solicitor; to authorize the acceptance of deed for such properties by the City, or its nominees or assigns, upon the approval of such document and all related documents by the City Solicitor; and to direct the Mayor, the City Clerk, and all other City officials to execute such agreements and to take all appropriate and necessary action in connection therewith.”

Matthews explained that at the last Council Meeting, Council approved selling the Aaron’s Building. He noted Council had two choices: to sell it and let it get restored or to come up with the money to tear it down. Matthews explained that Council discussed purchasing the acquiring properties because it’s cheaper than the work it could cost them if they didn’t own them if they needed to tear down the building. “If the sale goes through, the properties will go with building to the buyer” Matthews stated.

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

Resolution No. 6-9-2013: “To transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from the Parking Authority fund to the General Fund, such amount to be used for the acquisition of parcels adjacent to or near the Aaron’s Building.”

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

Resolution No. 6-10-2013: “To approve the closure and to close South Arch Street from Crawford Avenue to Fairview Avenue on June 29, 2013 from 6 PM to 10 PM for dedication of a Ten Commandments Monument at the Connellsville Eagles Club; conditioned upon the approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT.”

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

Reminders:

Chamber of Commerce, new location in the Professional Building, 100 South Arch Street

Each Wednesday beginning June 19th, Library’s Children’s Programs, 11 AM, Register at the Carnegie Library

June 21st – 22nd, IC Festival, East Crawford Avenue

June 22nd, Ms. & Mr. Liberty Pageant, Community Center

June 23rd, Police Officer’s Association, 10 Mile Bicycle Poker Ride, Yough Park at 1 PM

June 29th, Cait Cuneo’s Concert at the Community Center

June 29th – 30th, Braddock’s Crossing and Art on the Yough Park

July 3rd, Fireworks, Celebration 5 PM – 10 PM in front of City Hall

July 6th – Aug 31st, Summer Art Camps at Artworks, 724-320-6392

July 11th, John Woodruff 5K Run & Walk
July 11th – 13th, St. Rita's Fair
July 13th, Triathlon, Cornhole Tournament and Concert at Yough Park
July 20th, Rock The Park at East Park Celebration and movie
July 28th, Walk for Cancer, Central Fellowship Church's parking lot on N. Arch Street,
7 PM registration and 8 PM walk, Contact Central Fellowship Church at 724-628-3949
October 13th, 3-2-1 Bike Ride at Yough Park, info@321ride.org

Lions Club Summer Concert Schedule

Concerts are free, 7 PM – 9 PM, Bring your chair

June 23, Nashville Past
June 30, Sugar Mountain Band
July 7, Travelin' Road Show
July 14, Dunbar Boys
July 21, Wally Gingers Orchestra
July 28, The Molinaro Band
August 4, Del Sols
August 11, The High Ryder Band
August 18, Dawson's Creek
August 25, Eric Harvey & Band
September 1, Harold Betters

GEYER:

Geyer noted that this weekend is "Bike with Buds". He noted that it is a fundraising effort for the Lions Club and the Yough River Trail Council.

Resolution No. 6-11-2013: "To confirm and ratify and to authorize and enter into an agreement with Southwest Regional Tax Bureau, for a term to begin January 1, 2012 and to end December 31, 2014, appointing Southwest Regional Tax Bureau as the City's exclusive collector of current and delinquent business privileges taxes, current and delinquent local services taxes (occupational privilege taxes), and current and delinquent mercantile taxes for each current tax year and all prior tax years, such agreement to be renewed or extended as agreed by both parties and to cover such additional tax years as agreed by both parties."

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

Resolution No. 6-12-2013: "To pay Mockenhaupt Benefits Group \$175.00 for consulting, actuarial and administrative services through May 31, 2013 for the Police Pension Plan."

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

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 6-13-2013: "To introduce Bill No. 3, Ordinance No. 1500 of 2013:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FURTHER AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 999, ENACTED JULY 10, 1967; ORDINANCE NO. 1110, ENACTED NOVEMBER 12, 1974; ORDINANCE NO. 1214, ENACTED DECEMBER 28, 1981; ORDINANCE NO. 1247, ENACTED OCTOBER 11, 1985; AND ORDINANCE NO. 1457, ENACTED FEBRUARY 13, 2007, THE CITY'S STREET CUTTING AND DIGGING ORDINANCES; EXEMPTING ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING A PERMIT TO DIG OR EXCAVATE CITY SIDEWALKS AND GRASSPLOTS AND INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS."

Karpiak explained that this ordinance will allow property owner to get to their sidewalks without paying hundreds of dollars and buying insurances. It will be cheaper for the property owners this way. "Now you just have to come in and notify the City of what you are doing" Karpiak explained. He further reminded the Gas and Water Companies they still need to fill out permits and pay.

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

WEAVER:

Health Department Report
Fire Department Report
New Haven Hose Report

A Farmers Market will be featured in Downtown Connellsville, in the PNC parking lot, on Saturdays, beginning July 6th and ending September 28th, from 8 am - Noon. Come and purchase fresh locally-grown fruits and vegetables every Saturday and meet your friends. PNC Parking Lot on West Crawford Avenue

RITCH:

Resolution No. 6-14-2013: "To construct the following at Mountz Creek: two (2) Sand Volleyball Courts and one (1) 24' x 40' pavilion; materials to cost approximately \$11,000, money to be taken from the Recreation PLGIT Account with the labor to construct these items being donated."

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

Resolution No. 6-15-2013: "To purchase a new Kubota BX 1870, 54" Grass Mower Deck and snow blade with all hardware for \$2,685.00 per year for Five (5) Years, funds to be taken from the Recreation PLGIT."

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

Resolution No. 6-16-2013: "To give permission to the Connellsville Softball League and President Culver for usage of the concession stand at Woodruff Field for the 2013 Softball Season."

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

East Park Movie Nights:

All of the movies this summer will be on Friday nights except for July 20th, it is a Saturday and we will be showing that movie in conjunction with The Rock the Park event that will be going on all day at the park.

“The Connellsville Recreation Board is proud to bring the community summer movies at East Park. We encourage people to attend our Free movies under the stars instead of paying at the drive-in. Movies will begin at dusk and the concession stand is always open for the movie with pizza, popcorn, candy, drinks and snacks for sale. The movies are all family friendly and free. Please bring a blanket and enjoy a night out at our beautiful East Park with your children.”

Friday, June 21 st, Harry Potter sponsored by Kisiel and Associates

Friday, June 28th, Field of Dreams sponsored by Hutch's Tap Room

Friday, July 5th, Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure sponsored by Farris Distributing

Saturday, July 20th, Disney Pixar Up sponsored by Tzan Insurance

Friday, August 2nd, Disney's Monster's Inc. sponsored by St. Johns Church

Friday, August 23rd, in conjunction with our Falcon Football Pep Rally Little Giants sponsored by Bud Murphy's

Ritch thanked the Recreation Board and businesses who donated to support Movie Night.

Ritch then read documentation from Linda Shearer of the Patriots. “They are having a liquidation sale at 104 North 4th Street on June 22nd.”

Ritch asked that everyone come to the Community Center to see the stage as it is near completion and done professionally. “We are thankful to Bill Colvin who spent so much time working on the stage with Gary Barker.” He further thanked Jerry Matthews and his students who handled the demolition of the stage.

Ritch wished Solicitor Witt a Happy Birthday and the Camera Man Seth Prentice.

Summer Sports Camps:

June 22nd – August 3rd, tennis, golf, flag football, baseball, basketball, for information contact Melissa Tzan at 724-628-0107

CITY TREASURER REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER REPORT: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Resolution No. 6-17-2013: “That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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