

**Connellsville
City Council Minutes
April 17, 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:

Linda Shearer, Patriots Auction at the Elks

Judy Keller, Believe in Connellsville Events, Library Earth Day, Zach Connell burial site cleanup

Melissa Tzan, Recreation Board events, cleanup at Woodruff Park and East Parks and downtown, and Summer Sports Programs

Joshua DeWitt, Questioned Tax Office being closed on March 28, 2013 for "Holy Thursday"
Keller replied it was her decision to close the Tax Office

Geno Gallo, Sustainable Connellsville Fair and events

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars, Buddy Poppy Drive

Resolution No. 4-1-2013: "To grant permission to the Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #21 to hold their annual Buddy Poppy Campaign on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 23, 24 and 25, 2013."

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. 4-2-2013: "To close Race Street on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 from 8 AM until 4 PM for South Side School's Fun Day."

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. 4-3-2013: "To approve the minutes from the March 20, 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. 4-4-2013: “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 there are a lot of good things happening in Connellsville because of groups, organizations, Recreation Board, etc. He thanked everyone for all of their volunteer work they do and for keeping Connellsville moving forward.

Matthews stated at the last Council Meeting, Council put up as a test case to sale, two properties in the City.

Resolution No. 4-5-2013: “To open bids received for the advertised City of Connellsville properties.”

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.

One bid was received and opened: Douglas W. Gemas, bid in the amount of \$100.00 for property ID #05-09-0014

Resolution No. 4-6-2013: “To accept the bid of \$100.00 for the purchase of vacant property located on East Murphy Avenue, Parcel ID #05090014 and to enter into and execute all agreements necessary to sell the property to Doug Gemas in accordance with the advertisement and bid documents, pending review and approval by the City Solicitor.”

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.

One bid was received and opened: Anthony Coleman, bid in the amount of \$1,004.00 for property ID #05-03-0016

Resolution No. 4-7-2013: “To accept the bid of \$1,004.00 for the purchase of vacant property located on Bottom Street, Parcel ID #05030016 and to enter into and execute all agreements necessary to sell the property to Anthony Coleman in accordance with the advertisement and bid documents, pending review and approval by the City Solicitor.”

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 thanked Mayor Matthews and Tom Currey noting that the process of selling these two properties took a lot of time.

Resolution No. 4-8-2013: "To enter into the Municipal Automobile Theft/Motor Vehicle Insurance Fraud Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police, and to authorize and direct the Mayor, City Clerk and the Solicitor to execute such agreement on behalf of the City."

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.

Matthews announced an Executive Session next for Council to discuss contractual issues.
Time of Executive Session was 7:43 PM.
Time of Council's return and Mayor calling Council Meeting back to order was 7:55 PM.

Resolution No. 4-9-2013: "AMENDING THAT CERTAIN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE AND THE CONNELLSVILLE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION TO CLARIFY SICK LEAVE BENEFITS; AND ACCEPTING THAT CERTAIN FULL AND FINAL RELEASE OF WESLEY WILSON."

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:

National Day of Prayer, May 2nd, 11:30 AM

Community Yard Sale, May 4th by the Chamber of Commerce

Spring Clean-up Day, May 11th

Geranium Festival, May 25th

Memorial Day Parade, 10 AM on May 27th

Fayette Co. Hard to Recycle, Fayette Co. Fairgrounds, May 18th, 9 AM – 2 PM

May 5th, Molinaro Band

GEYER:

Discussed the G7

Resolution No. 4-10-2013: "To pay Mockenhaupt Benefits Group \$450.00 for consulting, actuarial and administrative services through March 31, 2013 for the Police Pension Fund."

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. 4-11-2013: "To purchase a banner from the Greater Connellsville Area Chamber of Commerce for \$140.00 dollars in support of their annual downtown banner project. Money to be taken from Miscellaneous Contingency."

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.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Connellsville Cares Clean-up beginning at Artworks on May 18th at 9 AM until they are done

Discussed detours through town and using stop signs

Resolution No. 4-12-2013: "To advertise for summer workers for the Public Works Department; to be paid minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour for 12 weeks at 35 hours per week."

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.

WEAVER:

Health Department Report

Fire Department Report

New Haven Hose Report

RITCH:

Resolution No. 4-13-2013: "TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE CONNELLSVILLE RECREATION BOARD TO HOLD THE FOLLOWING FUND RAISERS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND PARKS; AND TO PERMIT THE CONNELLSVILLE RECREATION BOARD TO APPLY FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD. THIS PERMIT WOULD SERVE THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIED DATES, EVENTS AND LOCATIONS: MAY 25, 2013 – WINE TASTING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER; JUNE 1, 2013 – CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AT EAST PARK; JUNE 8, 2012 – KATE CUNEO CONCERT AT COMMUNITY CENTER; JULY 13, 2013 – CONCERT AT YOUGH PARK; OCTOBER, 5 2013, - CONCERT AT EAST PARK; AND OCTOBER 12, 2013 – RAIN DATE FOR OCTOBER 5TH CONCERT."

Ritch noted that the alcohol serving areas will be a very controlled environment. "The City is not endorsing alcohol" Ritch Stated.

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.

Ritch read letter submitted by Ted Koval from the Yough River Trail Council, requesting engraved plaque in memory of Chris Wagner to dedicate Pavilion #1 at Yough Park.

Resolution No. 4-14-2013: "To dedicate Pavilion #1 at Yough River Park as the 'Christine F. Wagner Memorial Pavilion' and to permit the Yough River Trail Council to place or fix an engraved wooden plaque on the entrances to the pavilion at no cost to the City."

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.

Gave an update of the Community Center: Announced June 27th will be a flea market, craft show and pageant at the Community Center, reported updates in the center, Molinaro Band on May 5th, Connellsville Sportsman Association will be stocking river a few times. He noted a Thrift Store in the Center that is open.

CITY TREASURER REPORT:

Monthly Per Capita Reports 2011, 2012 and 2013
Summary of accounts
Comparison to last year

CITY CONTROLLER REPORT: NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Resolution No. 4-15-2013: "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.