

**Connellsville  
City Council Minutes  
March 20, 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:** Led by Pastor Smith

Mayor Matthews announced that Council held, prior to this meeting, an executive session to discuss terms of an employment contract.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Linda Shearer, CAHS Patriots: Patriots fundraisers, Auction and 93 cent ribbon sale

Pastor Don Smith: Asked that positives be stated about the City, not negatives

Gary Barker, Community Center: Community Center Report and fundraisers, Center is 24% updated

Leigh Ann Lincoln, Recreation Board: Update on Recreation Board and fundraisers

Lucy King, Downtown Connellsville: Update on mixer, magazine, brochure and conference

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 3-1-2013:** "To approve the minutes from the February 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. 3-2-2013:** "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

**Resolution No. 3-3-2013:** “To authorize and direct the Police Civil Service Board to prepare and to advertise the administration of the Police Civil Service examination, to perform such examination, to prepare and certify a revised and updated list of Civil Service Police Officer eligible candidates, and to take any further action permitted or required under the Police Civil Service Board Rules and Regulations and all applicable laws, regulations, and rules.”

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. 3-4-2013:** “To adopt Ordinance No. 1499, Bill No. 2 of 2013, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1162 OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, ENACTED DECEMBER 28, 1977, AS AMENDED, REPEALED, OR OTHERWISE REVISED BY ORDINANCE FROM TIME TO TIME, TO AMEND SECTION 2(G) OF ORDINANCE NO. 1162 TO DESIGNATE THE CITY TREASURER AS THE COMMISSIONER OF BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX; TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1162 TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF ALL ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS BY A CERTAIN DATE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF A PENALTY FOR THE LATE FILING OF A BUSINESS REGISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 9 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1162 TO MAKE THE FAILURE TO FILE A BUSINESS REGISTRATION A VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1162 AND TO INCREASE THE FINE AND PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1162.”

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. 3-5-2013:** “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THAT CERTAIN SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, REMOVAL, AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT WITH VEOLIA ES SOLID WASTE OF PA, INC., NOW ADVANCED DISPOSAL, TO REVISE THE RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE.”

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

Weaver questioned if Veolia is putting out a map of the pickup areas. Geyer added that Veolia has promised numerous things and not delivered. Council then discussed the new name being Advanced Disposal.

Direct appointment of Robert Flockovich to the Connellsville Redevelopment Authority; term to expire the first January of 2018

Matthews stated he will not be reading the last resolution tonight because he needs to discuss it further with the solicitor.

#### REMINDERS:

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Finley’s Fighters Casino Trip, contact Ted Koval at 724-628-6078

March 30<sup>th</sup>, Yough River Trail Race, 9 AM

March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, Connellsville Jr. High Musical, Little Mermaid Jr.

May 4<sup>th</sup>, Community Yard Sale, held by the Chamber of Commerce

May 11<sup>th</sup> City Wide Cleanup Day

**GEYER:**

Thanked Linda Shearer and Patriots for the 911 Memorial

Inn Keepers Conference review

Geyer stated if anyone has an event going on, just forward it to the City Clerk and she will put it up on the City's website.

**Resolution No. 3-6-2013:** "To abate, and to exonerate the City Treasurer from collecting, 2013 City Real Estate Taxes on City owned properties, which shall be exempt from 2013 City Real Estate Taxes, known and located as follows: Connellsville Area Senior Center, 100 East Fayette Street, \$1,581.90; Connellsville Community Center, lots 15, 23, and 31, East Fairview Avenue, \$269.29; Connellsville Community Center, PT lot 7, South Cottage Avenue, \$44.51."

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. 3-7-2013:** "To exempt Tax Notice #0433 from paying City Per Capita Tax of ten dollars for the year 2013 upon City Treasurers verification of proof that said individual's income is less than \$5,000 per year."

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:**

Thanked the people in the City who volunteer and promote this City.

Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 3-8-2013:** "To renew the Sodium Chloride contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of General Services, Bureau of Procurement, Costars Program, commencing August 1, 2013 and ending July 31, 2014."

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.

Vernon Ohler gave the PennDOT report on the Pittsburgh Street Bridge Project.

Discussed the PennDOT Meeting and detour to South Connellsville, noted that the road will reopen if no work is done soon.

## **WEAVER:**

Health Department Report  
Fire Department Report  
New Haven Hose Report

Weaver announced the Wesley Health Center's Spaghetti Dinner on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the church from 4 pm till 7 pm.

**Resolution No. 3-9-2013:** "FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF A KEYSTONE RECREATION, PARK AND CONSERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO SIGN SUCH APPLICATION, THE RELATED GRANT AGREEMENT, AND OTHER GRANT DOCUMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS, ASSISTANCE WITH THE PREPARATION OF PROJECT BID DOCUMENTS, SUPERVISION OF THE BIDDING PROCESS, AND MONITORING OF THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT."

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:**

**Resolution No. 3-10-2013:** "To place an invitation for bid for the sale of the City owned vacant properties on East Murphy Avenue (Parcel ID 05090014) and Bottom Street (Parcel ID 05030016) and direct the City Clerk to advertise these parcels for bid. Bids are to be received no later than April 15, 2013 at 4:00 PM and to be opened on April 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM at City Hall during the regular scheduled Council Meeting."

Ritch stated that council decided it's best to get the properties on the tax roll.

Matthews stated that the City will no longer have to maintain the 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.

Thanked: Karpiak for PennDOT tenant at Community Center, Pastor Don Smith, Gary Barker, Leighann Lincoln and Recreation Board and Lucy King.

## **CITY TREASURER REPORT:**

**CITY CONTROLLER REPORT: Not available**

**Resolution No. 3-11-2013:** "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.