

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
November 17, 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 Ritch, Karpiak and Herman (late). Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt. Absent was Councilman Geyer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Reminder of the procedures for public participation during City Council meetings.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chuck Hubble, It's a Connellsville Christmas

Marilyn Weaver, Redevelopment Authority

Mayor Lincoln stated the City is putting together maps with pictures and if anyone has a picture to bring it in to City Hall to Shelley or email connellsvillesecretary@gmail.com.

CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lincoln stated Council is looking for residents who are willing to serve on other boards such as the Municipal and Housing Authorities and two on the Planning Commission. He stated to submit your letter to Shelley at connellsvillesecretary@gmail.com.

Letter from John Lypson requesting to be appointed to the Zoning Board

Resolution No. 11-1-2015: "To appoint John Lypson to the Zoning Board effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2020."

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

Angels of Mercy, Spay and Neuter Events at the East Side Fire Station. Cost is \$50.00.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 11-2-2015: "To approve the minutes from the October 20, 2015 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 11-3-2015: "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 Councilmembers Ritch and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Councilman Herman entered the meeting.

Resolution No. 11-4-2015: “To enter into a Three Year Agreement with United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union AFL-CIO-CLC on behalf of Local Union 13836-23 United Steel Workers for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.”

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

Lincoln recommended tabling the Community Center Board resolution so it may be discussed further by Council. He noted if anyone is interested in serving on the Board to submit a letter by 5 PM on December 11, 2015 to City Hall.

Councilman Ritch added the Community Center website will have the duties of the Board Members. He added there is more to the building than just the Porter Theater; there are 33 businesses in the building as well as a gymnasium and swimming pool.

REMINDERS:

To serve on a City Board or Commission, please submit a letter of interest to the City

November 21st, Chris Higbee will be at New Haven Hose at 7 PM, \$32, 724-628-5090 for info.

November 26th and 27th, City Hall Offices will be closed

November 26th, Thanksgiving Day Dinner, Sr. Center, 11 AM–1 PM, City Church [724-628-0700](tel:724-628-0700)

December 5th, New Haven Hose Christmas Parade, Light Up Night and Its A Connellsville Christmas

December 12th, Wreaths across America, CAHS Patriots, lshearer@casdfalcons.org

December 17th from 3 PM – 5 PM, Children are invited to place a homemade ornament on the Christmas Tree in front of City Hall; each child will receive a gift

Mayor Lincoln thanked the Paint Room noting they are purchasing the Christmas Tree this year.

Mayor Lincoln announced Animal Snip Pets is another organization that is non-profit, 501C3. They will trap the animals, spay or neuter the animal then release them where they were trapped.

GEYER: Read by Mayor Lincoln

Resolution No. 11-5-2015: “Approving the election to alter the funding method for unfunded liability of the Firefighters’ Pension Plan pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (Act 205 of 1984), as amended.”

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

Resolution No. 11-6-2015: “To introduce Bill No. 4 of 2015, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES PAYABLE BY THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FOR THE VARIOUS POSITIONS ENUMERATED HEREIN

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.”

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

Resolution No. 11-7-2015: “To introduce Bill No. 5 of 2015, An Ordinance of the City of Connellsville, County of Fayette, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the real estate tax rate and residence tax rate for all city purposes for the fiscal year 2016, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith.”

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

Resolution No. 11-8-2015: “To introduce Bill No. 6 of 2015, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SHOWING THE ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND FOR ALL THE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 WITH THE BALANCE OF UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS AS THE BASIS FOR FIXING THE LEVY AND TAX RATE FOR SAID FISCAL, YEAR APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS SHOWN AS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES HEREIN FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FROM THE REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND THE REPEALING OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTANT HEREWITH.”

Mayor Lincoln thanked the employees, noting Joyce Shaffer did most of the work, for their help in the budget.

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KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Karpiak discussed snow plowing, reminding residents to park on the even side of the road on even days and park on the odd side of the road on odd days.

Karpiak then discussed immigrants being allowed to live in Pennsylvania, suggesting residents call the Governor.

RITCH:

Ritch stated he attended a Veteran’s Day Dinner held by the Connellsville Patriots and it was a success. He further asked residents to support the Patriots and Ms. Shearer.

Ritch congratulated incoming Councilmember McIntyre.

Ritch wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

HERMAN:

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Mayor Lincoln reminded residents recycling is next week now that it is every two weeks.

Mayor Lincoln wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Resolution No. 11-9-2015: "This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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