

Connellsville City Council
MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2019

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 Keedy, Karpiak, Tzan and Topper. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Led by Rev. Kerri Clark

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Elf Sue – Presented Mayor Lincoln with a gift.

Gary Barker – Notified City Council that all Moose Lodge Buildings will be No Smoking beginning January 2020. Barker stated the Moose would like to purchase a 12 x 10 shed to attach to their entrance/exit. They (Moose) are requesting to use or lease the parking spot outside of the moose where the dumpster is. He added this is where they would like to put the new shed for members of the Moose who smoke.

Mayor Lincoln stated he feels the Moose will not be taking up anything from the parking lot.

Tom Currey, Code Officer, stated they will need to anchor the shed to the ground and get permission from City Council to use that spot.

Barker added the Moose will install electric, heat and ventilation.

City Clerk Ohler noted the City will be losing two parking spaces: one where the shed would be and the other where the dumpster will be moved.

Currey stated the Moose will need to submit plans and obtain a UCC Permit from Paul Pato at the courthouse.

Mayor Lincoln questioned Solicitor Witt, "If the Moose changes ownership, can we make it so the spots revert back to the City?"

Solicitor Witt stated Council can approve it contingent upon the Moose getting proper permitting and contingent upon a Licensing Agreement. He noted that would state the City is not taking liability for anything placed on that property. He further added that would state if there is a change, the City will have the opportunity to terminate that Licensing Agreement.

Council agreed to make it contingent upon permitting and licensing agreement.

Lyndia Sparks announced she is closing West Side Jewelry on December 30, 2019.

Proclamation – West Side Jewelry

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by City Treasurer Marilyn Weaver.

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 12-1-2019: "To approve the minutes from the November 19, 2019 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 12-2-2019: "To waive the Four-Day Resolution Rule to allow for items submitted after the Four-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 Topper, Karpiak, Tzan and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Resolution No. 12-3-2019: "To schedule the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6 PM in City Council Chambers, City Hall."

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

REMINDERS:

December 20th, 4 PM, Christmas Home Decorating Contest Deadline

December 21st - 29th, Appalachian Creativity Center, numerous events, (724) 208-1746

December 22nd, Breakfast with Santa at the Aaron's Building, RSVP - 724-628-8968 x 5, \$24

City Hall Offices close at 12 Noon December 24th, Closed December 25th and January 1st

Polar Bear Plunge, January 1st at 11 AM, Non-perishable food items will be collected

Resolution No. 12-4-2019: "That the request to license two parking spaces adjacent to the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 16, to the Loyal Order of the Moose, Ledge 16, for consideration of \$1.00, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Acquisition of all necessary permitting;
- 2) Execution of a license agreement prepared and approved by the City Solicitor; and
- 3) Compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, including, without limitations, Pennsylvania Liquor Code. Such license to continue until terminated by either party."

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

KEEDY:

Resolution No. 12-5-2019: "To adopt Bill No. 6 of 2019: An ordinance of the City of Connellsville, County of Fayette and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the salaries payable by the City of Connellsville for the various positions enumerated herein for the fiscal year 2020, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith."

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

Resolution No. 12-6-2019: "To adopt Bill No. 7 of 2019: 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 2020, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith."

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

Resolution No. 12-7-2019: "To adopt Bill No. 8 of 2019: An ordinance of the City of Connellsville, County of Fayette and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, showing the estimated receipts, expenditures and liabilities of every kind of all the funds for fiscal year 2020 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 inconsistent herewith."

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

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak questioned City Clerk Ohler how much the City received for recycling.

Ohler answered \$57,600.

Councilman Karpiak stated this will help the City pay for the next truck that is needed by Public Works. He then announced the glass recycling dumpster at the public works garage is only for glass and no tv's or garbage is permitted.

Resolution No. 12-8-2019: "To ratify a three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, on behalf of AFL-CIO CLC, Local Union 13836-10, Public Works Department."

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

TZAN:

Resolution No. 12-9-2019: "To approve the Recreation Board's request to sponsor a Soapbox Derby on April 25, 2020 and authorizing temporary closing of streets submitted for this event; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

Mayor Lincoln questioned Solicitor Witt as to how the liability comes into play with the City hosting this event.

Solicitor Witt stated it falls under the City's insurance carrier. He also stated he suggests that the participants sign a release and waiver.

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

Resolution No. 12-10-2019: "To enter into an agreement with Faith McClain for contracted cleaning services at City Hall and the Police Station at the rate of \$500/Month and \$500 per spring and fall cleanings. Money to be taken out of line item 409.140."

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

Resolution No. 12-11-2019: "To appoint Francis Jacobyansky to the Connellsville Recreation Board effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2022."

Mayor Lincoln stated Dr. Jacobyansky has been working with the Recreation Board for many years and supports the City.

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

TOPPER:

Health/Code Officer Report

New Haven Hose Report

Councilman Topper announced that anyone who buys a live Christmas Tree should make sure it is not turning brown. He added that could aide in fires along with they must be watered and at least 3 feet away from heating sources.

Mayor Lincoln reminded residents that January 1st you must renew your Dog License in the State of PA. He added the City is hoping to have the dog park open in the Spring and a current license and current shots will be checked.

Resolution No. 12-12-2019: "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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