

**Connellsville City Council
MINUTES
October 16, 2018**

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 (late), Tzan and Topper. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Somerset Trust Company, Anchor Hocking Reunion, October 23, 2018

Resolution No. 10-1-2018: "To grant Somerset Bank permission to block off East South Street adjacent to the Carnegie Library, from Sunday October 21st through Wednesday October 24th, for their Anchor Hocking Reunion and related activities. A tent will be erected on East South Street at 11:00 AM October 22nd and removed on October 24th; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Topper, Tzan and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. Councilman Karpiak was not present for the vote. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

BPOE Lodge #503, Request for Fall Festival on October 20, 2018

Resolution No. 10-2-2018: "To close North Carnegie Avenue from East Crawford Avenue to East Orchard Alley from 3:00 PM until 10:00 PM on October 20, 2018 for the BPOE Lodge #503 Fall Festival; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Topper, Tzan and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. Councilman Karpiak was not present for the vote. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Somerset Trust Company, Fin Tech Day, November 10, 2018

Resolution No. 10-3-2018: "To close the alley between St. John's Church and Somerset Trust Company on November 10, 2018 for Somerset Trust Company's Fin Tech Day; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

Mayor Lincoln requested residents check out Somerset Trust's website for information on this event. He noted this will be a fun event. Mayor Lincoln thanked Somerset Bank for their events and community support.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Topper, Tzan and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. Councilman Karpiak was not present for the vote. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Somerset Trust Company, Trunk or Treat Request, October 27, 2018, 5 PM until 7 PM

Resolution No. 10-4-2018: "To close the alley between St. John's Church and Somerset Trust Company at 4:00 PM until 8 PM on October 27, 2018 for Somerset Trust Company's Trunk or Treat; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 10-5-2018: "To approve the minutes from the September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 10-6-2018: "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, Tzan, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Proclamation: Business Women's Week, October 22-27, 2018

Ruth Walters thanked Council for the proclamation. She noted the Business Women's has reached 100 years.

Resolution No. 10-7-2018: "To re-appoint Charles Mills to the Connellsville Housing Authority; term to expire the first Monday in January 2024."

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

Resolution No. 10-8-2018: "Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Connellsville as follows:

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to Communities for activities which will benefit low- and moderate-income families, aid in the elimination or prevention of slums or urban blight or other urgent community needs; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has invited the City to submit an application in the amount of \$ 296,249.00 for financial assistance under its Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has met all the citizens participation requirements relative to the Community

Development Block Grant Program submission; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a Three-Year Plan and Statement of Objectives as required by DCED; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared an application for Financial Assistance under the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, said application having been duly reviewed and considered by the Council of the City of Connellsville.

1. That the Community Development Block Grant Program Application dated October 2018 is hereby in all respects approved. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said program and application with the minutes of this meeting.
2. That it is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of community development activities with Federal/State financial assistance under Title I, including those under Title VI relating to the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, creed, or national origin and other implementation of the program.
3. That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, is authorized to file an Application for Financial Assistance to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and act as the authorized representative for the City.
4. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council is hereby authorized to provide such assurance and/or certification as may be required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and any supplemental or revised data which DCED may request in connection with its review of the application and including any revisions necessary to bring the application into conformity with DCED's final grant for the City."

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

REMINDERS:

Recycling: October 23rd and 24th, November 13th and 14th

Crawford School of Terror, Fridays and Saturdays, opens at 7 PM, \$15 or \$20 for the haunt and escape room. Last ticket is sold at 11 PM

October 18th, 2nd Annual "Take a Slice Out of Hunger" at Murphy Hall, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM – Mayor Lincoln thanked Councilman Topper for taking up this fundraiser for the Community Ministries Food Pantry.

October 18th, Ghost Hunt, Carnegie Library, 7 PM, 8:30 PM & 10 PM, \$50

October 19th, Last day to register for Halloween Home Decorating Contest, 4 PM – Mayor Lincoln thanked Hunter Pharmacy for being the sponsor this year and to all who participated.

October 21st, St. Rita's Pancake, Buckwheat and Sausage Breakfast, 7 AM-Noon

October 22nd, Christian Church's FREE Lunch, 11:30 AM - 1 PM

October 28th, Brian Ranker Memorial Walk, Falcon Stadium, 10 AM - 1 PM

October 28th, Christian Church, Truck or Treat, 3 PM - 5 PM, 724-628-3802

October 30th, Halloween Parade, 7 PM, Mayor Lincoln stated to call New Haven to sign up.

October 31st, Trick or Treat, 6 PM - 8 PM

November 3rd, Chilifest, 11 AM - 2 PM, \$10

November 3rd, New Haven Hose last Hoagie Sales

November 3rd, Carnegie Library's Book Sales, 10 AM - 3 PM

November 11th, Warriors Rock, Sr. High School, 3 PM, \$20, Tickets at Armstrong Cable, Mayor Lincoln stated Meagan Ford is the sponsor and giving free tickets to veterans.

November 17th, FREE Thanksgiving Meal, Connellsville Eagles, 1 PM - 4 PM, Mayor Lincoln thanked them for providing this to the community.

KEEDY:

Resolution No. 10-9-2018: "To pay \$377,634.00 into the Police and Firefighters Pension Plans in order to satisfy the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 410.160 \$334,528.00 to be deposited in the Police Pension Plan and from line item 411.160 \$43,106.00 to be deposited in the Firefighters Pension Plan."

City Clerk Ohler stated the City gets reimbursed about \$187,000.00.

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

Resolution No. 10-10-2018: "To enter into a contract with Unifirst for ONE-year contract (12 months) at a monthly rate of \$60.00; money to be taken from line item 409.250."

Councilman Keedy stated this is the same quote as last year.

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

Resolution No. 10-11-2018: "To contract out the City of Connellsville's payroll to Scarry and Associates, LLC at a cost of \$235.00 per month for 12 months; monies to be taken out of line item 402.330."

Councilman Keedy stated this is the same price as last year. He further added they resolve any issues immediately.

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

Resolution No. 10-12-2018: “To appoint Sheana Fuller as the Deputy Tax Collector for Marilyn Weaver effective immediately.”

Councilman Keedy added this is a formality for Fuller to step in when Marilyn Weaver is absent.

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

Councilman Keedy thanked all of the department heads, noting they did a good job with staying in the limits of the budget. He further added the budget is balanced and if anyone has questions it can be discussed next Tuesday.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

2018 Leaf Pick-up Schedule

Councilman Karpiak notified residents to have the leaves on the street as the Public Works Department will not be going into residents' properties. He added the leaves go into a mulch pile behind the City shed which people use throughout the year.

TZAN:

Councilwoman Tzan announced when the weather gets colder, the restrooms at the parks will be closed.

Councilwoman Tzan thanked everyone who supported Tangled Up In Brew. She gave a special thank you to Mayor Lincoln and wife, Leigh Ann, for all they do for Tangled Up In Brew.

Resolution No. 10-13-2018: “To terminate the current lease with the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center for the City's community center property, in accordance with the terms of the current lease, to be effective in sixty (60) days; and to authorize all City officials and employees to take all steps necessary to effectuate such termination.”

Councilman Karpiak thanked the board that is in place now, noting they did a great job. He stated before they were a board, the center was ready to go under. Councilman Karpiak noted they did a remarkable job turning that around. He further noted the City took a great step in bringing them on and the City is now taking another great step in what they (City) are doing now. He further added the City wants to keep the building going and this is the next step. Councilman Karpiak thanked the board for what they have done and Matty Ritch, former Councilman, for being the reason the building is still open. He further noted that this building is set up for ministry to the citizens of Connellsville. He further stated that it is vital and will continue to be that way.

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

John Rogers spoke noting he works at the Community Ministries and supports keeping the center going.

Daniel Fox spoke next noting he has been a tenant at the ministries for three years and wants to know what is going to happen with the tenants.

Mayor Lincoln answered the plan is not to disrupt but to make it better. He stated there will be meetings soon to discuss everything so everyone will be on the same page.

TOPPER:

Health/Code Officer Report

New Haven Hose Report

Resolution No. 10-14-2018: "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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