

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
June 16, 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 Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch. Also attending was Administrative Secretary Shelley Primus. Absent was Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Patrolman Michael Stokes was then Sworn In as Police Officer by Mayor Greg Lincoln.

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

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Topper, New Haven Hose Report

Peter Jandura, Redevelopment Authority discussion

Marilyn Weaver, Redevelopment Authority Report

Lev Osteruseil, Health Insurance Store's picnic

A new resident of the City spoke (name unknown) about the potential of the City

CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:

Councilman Geyer instructed Controller Brooks to remove the Police Pension Drop Plan from the General Fund Assets. Geyer noted according to the City auditor, it is no longer a General Fund asset. He added it should be put with the Pension Fund because it is not cash for the City to utilize.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chamber of Commerce, Savor the Avenue, August 8, 2015

Resolution No. 6-1-2015: "To close Crawford Avenue, between Arch and Pittsburgh Streets, on Saturday, August 8, 2015 between 3:30 PM and 10 PM, for Savor the Avenue. Rain date will be August 15, 2015. Closures pending review and approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT."

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

Cathy Kumor, Yoga on the Yough from June through September

Resolution No. 6-2-2015: “To grant permission to Cathy Kumor to use Yough Park on Saturday mornings for Yoga on the Park; classes from 9 AM – 10:30 AM, early June through September 2015.”

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

Mary K. Ruggieri, John Woodruff Race on July 7, 2015

Resolution No. 6-3-2015: “To close certain City streets for short periods of time on July 7, 2015 for the John Woodruff 5K Run and Walk; pending review and approval of Police Chief.”

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

The Running Dead Committee, 5K Run/Walk on October 10, 2015

Resolution No. 6-4-2015: “To close South Prospect Street between Fairview Avenue beginning 8 AM until the end of the race and event; to close Church Place and South Prospect Street from Church Place to Orchard Alley for the beginning of the race and then reopen after the last participant and vehicle following the run passes through on October 10, 2015; pending review and approval of Police Chief.”

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

Resolution No. 6-5-2015: “To rename Connellsville to Zombieville for the day, on October 10, 2015.”

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

Guy Tressler, Westside Hill Italian Bash

Resolution No. 6-6-2015: “To block off Banning Avenue from the alley adjacent 1336 Banning Avenue to the intersection of North Eleventh Street.”

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 6-7-2015: “To approve the minutes from the May 19, 2015 City Council Meeting.”

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

Resolution No. 6-8-2015: "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 Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln urged everyone in the City to contact the Representatives, Senate and House, to pass the Bill that is out there now that would allow us to have radar.

Mayor Lincoln noted Curfew is now 11 PM all week since school is out.

Police Chief Capitos announced there was not a drive by shooting in the City.

Mayor Lincoln announced the Police Department will be enforcing handicap parking and illegal parking this summer.

Resolution No. 6-9-2015: "BE IT RESOLVED, to accept and adopt the Redevelopment Authority's Four-Factor Analysis for Limited English Proficiency Persons, including but not limited to the Certification included therein, and to authorize and direct the Redevelopment Authority to implement such analysis and all related conclusions and certifications."

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

Resolution No. 6-10-2015: "To approve and enter into that certain Parking Lot License Agreement with Bradley Paint, conditioned upon approval by Bradley Paint and the commitment of funding for the project from _____; to authorize and direct the Mayor, Director of Public Property, and City Solicitor to execute the Parking Lot License Agreement on behalf of the City; and to authorize and direct the street department to perform the work in connection with the parking lot project, as described in the agreement and related plans."

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

Resolution No. 6-11-2015: "To go into executive session due to contractual issue."

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

Resolution No. 6-12-2015: “To accept the resignation of Mike Napolillo from the Zoning Board effective immediately.”

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

Resolution No. 6-13-2015: “To appoint Denise M. Higbee to the Zoning Hearing Board; term to expire the first Monday in January 2017.”

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

REMINDERS:

June 20th, Garden Club’s Garden Tour, 9:30 AM – 2 PM, contact Nancy, 724-628-7487

June 26th, East Park Movie “Field of Dreams”

June 27th, Connellsville Sportsman Club’s Youth Field Day, 2490 Moyer Rd, Register at 8 AM, begins 9 AM until 5 PM, contact Connellsville Sportsman Club

June 27th and 28th, Art of the Yough and Braddock’s Crossing

July 3rd, 4th & 5th, Fireworks and weekend Rib Fest; contact Chamber of Commerce, 724-628-5500

July 8th, John Woodruff Race; contact Mary Ruggieri, 724-880-3157

July 10th, East Park Movie “Hook”

Lion’s Square concerts every weekend. Geyer stated to look at the schedule at Lion’s Square

GEYER:

Geyer discussed the Audit Meeting on Thursday is to review the preliminary Audit findings from the City’s Auditor.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 6-14-2015: “To approve funding for Match for the DCED Grant.”

Discussed Street lighting and reviewing lights that the City can have turned off

Mayor Lincoln thanked the Street Department for the work they did at Mountz Creek Park. He also stated the Recreation Board is still looking for picnic table donations.

RITCH:

Resolution No. 6-15-2015: "To give permission to the Connellsville Recreation Board to file for an application of a Special Occasion Permits for October 3, 2015."

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

Resolution No. 6-16-2015: "To approve installation of Memorial benches in Yough Park by the Yough River Trail Council."

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

ZOLBROD

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Councilman Zolbrod thanked Bob Topper for all his work in volunteering

Resolution No. 6-17-2015: "To open Proposals for the City of Connellsville's three year garbage service contract, with an option for four years, beginning November 1, 2015 and ending October 31, 2018. The municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals."

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

Advanced Disposal:

Bi-weekly pick-up of containers:

- 2 yard, \$49
- 3 yard, \$56
- 4 yard, \$61
- 5 yard, N/A
- 6 yard, \$72
- 8 yard, \$78
- 10 yard, \$97

Greenridge/Republic Services:

Bi-weekly pick-up of containers:

- 2 yard, \$ 60.97
- 3 yard, \$ 91.41
- 4 yard, \$121.88
- 5 yard, \$152.34
- 6 yard, \$167.58
- 8 yard, \$213.28
- 10 yard, \$268.13

Resolution No. 6-18-2015: “To table bids received for the City’s 3 year garbage service contract.”

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

Resolution No. 6-19-2015: “To grant permission to the Health Insurance Store to use the City Parking Lot across from the Health Insurance Store for parking and shuttling to and from their Community / Client Appreciation Event to be held at East Park on August 22, 2015 at East Park from 11 AM until 4 PM.”

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

Resolution No. 6-20-2015: “This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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