

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
JULY 15, 2014**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 5:00 PM at City Hall, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Lincoln, Council members Karpiak, Geyer, Zolbrod and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Invocation by Pastor Goldsberry

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tom Currey - pools and Vacant Building Ordinance

Dan Cox - Vacant Building Ordinance, Cultural Trust

Pastor Don Smith and wife Ruth – Leslie House, get the kids off the street and off drugs

Pastor Strader - Adopt a Block Party

Lucy King - support of Vacant Building Ordinance

Frank Gray - against Vacant Building Ordinance

Sis Clarke - against Vacant Building Ordinance

Susan Lewis - in favor of Vacant Building Ordinance

Scott Crytzor – Appalachian Juice Company

Melissa Tzan - Recreation Board update

Judy Keller - in favor of Vacant Building Ordinance

Robert Carson – against Vacant Building Ordinance

Paul Discani – against Vacant Building Ordinance

Nancy and Christian Schneider - in favor of Vacant Building Ordinance

Tuffy Shallenberger – in favor of Vacant Building Ordinance

Resolution No. 7-1-2014: “To go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.”

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fayette County Cultural Trust, Parade of 50 Mustangs

Resolution No. 7-2-2014: “To close South Pittsburgh Street at Green Street to East Crawford Avenue and East Crawford Avenue to the City’s Parking Lots on September 6, 2014 from 9 AM till 10 AM; Pending review and approval of Police Chief.”

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 7-3-2014: “To accept the minutes from the June 12, 2014 City Council Meeting.”

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

Resolution No. 7-4-2014: “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, Ritch and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Resolution No. 7-5-2014: “To put out for bid (1) 2006 Chevrolet Impala Police Vehicle.”

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

Resolution No. 7-6-2014: “To approve the contract between the Fayette County Housing Authority and the Connellsville Police Department for additional patrols in the Gibson Terrace Housing Area. The costs of the extra patrols are to be incurred by the Housing Authority.”

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

Resolution No. 7-7-2014: “To approve the agreement between Columbia Gas and the Connellsville Police Department for traffic control during the final phase of gas line replacement on East Crawford Avenue. The overtime costs associated with the project are to be incurred by Columbia Gas.”

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

Resolution No. 7-8-2014: "TO INTRODUCE BILL NO. 4, ORDINANCE NO. 1509: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE SHALL DISBAND ITS PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT IN FAVOR OF HAVING SUCH SERVICES PERFORMED BY VOLUNTEERS. "

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

REMINDERS:

Triathlon, Yough Park, July 19th beginning 10 AM

Adopt a Block Party, Yough Park, July 19th from 2 PM till 8 PM

Lion's Square Concert, High Ryder on July 20th and Nashville Past on July 27th

Movie "Mary Poppins" at East Park, July 25th, Never Ending Story on August 8th, Friday Night Lights on August 22nd

Catholic Festival, by St. Johns to the train station (Somerset Trust), August 2nd and 3rd, 2014

Phil Foley Race, Yough Park, August 9, 2014. 724-439-6116

Fishing Derby, Yough Park, August 23rd, 724-219-7368

GEYER:

Resolution No. 7-9-2014: "To accept the resignation of Rebecca Staub as part time clerk in the Tax Office effective immediately."

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

Resolution No. 7-10-2014: "To hire Kristy L. McLaughlin as a part time clerk in the Tax Office at a rate of \$7.50 an hour, not to exceed \$3,600 for the budget year. Start date will be August 1, 2014."

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

Resolution No. 7-11-2014: "To pay Kristy L. McLaughlin \$7.50 per hour for a maximum of 27 hours for training and orientation to begin July 21, 2014 and end July 31, 2014. Total cost of \$202.50 to be taken from the Miscellaneous/Contingency Fund."

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

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 7-12-2014: "To enter into a non-assignable agreement with Somerset Trust Company, and its successors, assigns, and contractors, including but not limited to Stone & Company, to pave East Morton Avenue a distance of approximately 255 feet from the eastern edge of Pittsburgh Street to the western edge of Race Street, at no cost, expense, or liability to the City. Such paving shall be completed not as an agent or delegate of the City, but shall be completed in accordance with all applicable laws, including but not limited to the rules, regulations, guidelines, and standards of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and any street cutting, digging, or paving ordinance of the City, to the satisfaction and certification of the City Engineer and the City Street Department Foreman. The City shall waive all street digging or cutting permit fees and from the requirement to replace any excavated brick. Somerset Trust Company shall save, indemnify, and hold harmless the City for any claim, loss, damage, or suit resulting from the negligence or violation of law of Somerset Trust Company or its contractors, successors, and assigns. Somerset Trust Company may retain any street materials excavated from the site. Such agreement may be evidenced by this resolution."

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

RITCH:

Resolution No. 7-13-2014: "To place an invitation for bid for the sale of the City owned vacant property on York Avenue (Parcel ID 05030100 and Parcel ID 05030101) to be sold as one lot and direct the City Clerk to advertise the parcel for bid. Bids are to be received no later than August 18, 2014 at 4:00 PM and to be opened on August 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM at City Hall during the regular scheduled Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 7-14-2014: "To allow the Progress Fund to install a Trail Destination Sign at Yough Park near the concession stand at no cost to the City."

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

Resolution No. 7-15-2014: "To accept the resignation of Mary Beth Salatino from the Recreation Board effective immediately."

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

Ritch thanked Ms. Salatino for her volunteerism.

Resolution No. 7-16-2014: "To appoint Travis Henry to the Connellsville Recreation Board effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday of 2015."

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

ZOLBROD:

Fire Department Report
Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Zolbrod thanked everyone who came out and spoke on the possibility of a vacant building ordinance in the City of Connellsville. He assured the public this ordinance will be brought up at the next meeting and they are working to fix issues that were discussed at the meeting.

The following resolution was tabled:

Resolution: "To introduce Bill No. 3, Ordinance No. 1508:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY AND VACANT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITH A NOTARIZED REGISTRATION AND THE PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES; SETTING FORTH DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF LOCAL AGENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING OF SUCH PROPERTY; IMPLEMENTING A DUTY TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION; ESTABLISHING THE FEES FOR REGISTRATION AND APPLICABLE WAIVERS THEREFROM; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING THAT DELINQUENT REGISTRATION FEES SHALL BE A LIEN ON SUCH PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS; SETTING FORTH PROVISIONS REGARDING RIGHTS OF ENTRY INTO SUCH PROPERTY AND REGARDING SEARCH WARRANTS AND NOTICES; PROVIDING PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL REQUESTED INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; SETTING FORTH VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER CODES; DECLARING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE NONEXCLUSIVE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

CITY TREASURER KELLER'S REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:

Resolution No. 7-17-2014: "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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