

Connellsville City Council
MINUTES
MAY 21, 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: Pastor Clark led prayer

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lauren Nedrow, Girl Scout Ghost Walk, Mysteries of Connellsville, May 24, 25 and 26, 2019, \$10 p/p

Samantha, Shemaiah, and Maranda, Girl Scout project, Flower bed in Pinnacle Park
Donations needs: 2 2x12 flowers, ton top soil, paint, flowers and gift card to a nursery

Resolution No. 5-1-2019: "To grant Girl Scout Troop #52945 permission to install and maintain a small "Community Garden" at Pinnacle playground."

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.

Meredith McCutcheon, Truck traffic on Snyder Street and Crawford Avenue

Mayor Lincoln explained that he was made aware of this issue and questioned if the City can limit the trucks to enter and exit the City during certain hours. He directed the City Solicitor to explain.

Solicitor Witt explained Snyder Street and Crawford Avenue are both State roads therefore the City cannot control what traffic can be on those roads. He further noted that PennDOT has the ability to put restrictions in place.

McCutcheon reiterated on her complaint.

Solicitor Witt explained the ordinances she is referring to are not traffic ordinances. He stated the Jake Brake Ordinance is for City and Public Streets. He further reiterated State Roads must go through PennDOT.

Mayor Lincoln questioned Tom Currey concerning the noise ordinance.

Currey explained that is for residents at their property. He suggested McCutcheon talk to Rep. Ryan Warner's Office or Senator Stephano's Office, noting they have the power and influence over PennDOT.

Police Chief Hammerle added the Police Department can issue citations for the Jake Brakes.

Chuck Hubbell, Polio Worldwide Update

Terry Cellurale, Fayette Festival, Ethnic Festivals, September 6, 7 and 8, 2019

Mayor Lincoln stated he is hopeful that PennDOT will allow the City to close Crawford Avenue down for three days.

Cellurale stated there will be over 14 food vendors of various ethnicities. He discussed the Rib Fest and noted so far there are nine vendors and they are attempting a Farris wheel at the fest.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Weaver

Solicitor Witt discussed the process of the City obtaining funds from properties that were turned over to the County.

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Absent. Report available upon request.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sally Stoots, John Woodruff Club, Request to close certain streets for the July 10, 2019 race

Resolution No. 5-2-2019: "To temporarily close the following streets on July 10, 2019 for the John Woodruff Run/Walk; Starting at Falcon Stadium on South Arch Street to East Green Street to Isabella Road to Reidmore Road to West Gibson; 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. 5-3-2019: "To approve the minutes from the April 16, 2019 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. 5-4-2019: "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, Tzan, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Proclamation: National Poppy Day, May 24, 2019

VFW Auxiliary Walter E Brown, Post 21, Poppy Campaign request

Resolution No. 5-5-2019: "To grant permission to The VFW Auxiliary to Walter E. Brown VFW Post 21 of Connellsville to hold their Buddy Poppy Campaign on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 23, 24, and 25, 2019."

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. 5-6-2019: "To accept the resignation of Jodi Enany from the Connellsville Municipal Authority Board effective 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.

Mayor Lincoln asked that if anyone is interested in serving on the Municipal Authority Board to please submit a letter of interest to City Clerk Vernon Ohler.

Resolution No. 5-7-2019: "To purchase 2 planter(s) from the Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$30.00 per planter; fund to be taken from line item 489.000."

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:

May is Fayette County Mental Health Awareness Month: www.FCBHA.ORG for information

Recycling: Wards 2 & 4 are on Tuesday, Wards 1 & 3 are on Wednesday
Collection dates: May 28 & 29 (Memorial Day will not affect pickup)
June 11th, 12th, 25th & 26th

May 25th, Geranium Festival, 9 AM - 3 PM

May 26th, Harold Betters Band Shell Dedication, East Park, 4 PM

May 27th, Memorial Day, Parade 10 AM & City Hall offices will be closed

June thru August, Lions Square Summer Concert begins. Meadow Lane will be closed from Crawford to Orchard each Sunday for the concerts

June 1st, New Haven Hoagie Sales

June 8th, Police Auxiliary Hoagie Sales

June 10th, Lion's Club Kid Fest at Murphy Hall, 5 PM - 9 PM, Free admission, Benefits the blind

June 14th & 15th, Partner Parish Festival, 5 PM - 9 PM

June 15th, TEACH Fishing Tournament, Yough Park

June 25th, Somerset Trust Car Cruise/Concert, 6 PM - 10 PM

Resolution No. 5-8-2019: "To approve Fayette Festivals, LLC permission to hold an Ethnic Festival on September 6, 7, and 8, 2019. In downtown Connellsville closure of West Crawford Avenue for the entire time, pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief and PennDOT."

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 announced City Council meeting scheduled June 18, 2019 is now June 25, 2019. He further noted it is still at 6 PM at City Hall.

City Clerk Ohler noted Garbage Bids will still be opened June 18, 2019 at 6 PM.

KEEDY:

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 5-9-2019: "To open bids received for the 2019 Street Paving Program."

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.

Bids were as follows:

El Grande Industries, Inc., Bid: \$168,300.00/\$180,509.00

Morgan Excavating, LP, Bid: \$163,444.00/\$173,744.80

Victor Paving & Construction, Inc., Bid: \$158,312.50/\$168,422.50

Resolution No. 5-10-2019: “To approve the 2019 Paving Project to Victor Paving at a cost of \$158,312.50/\$168,422.50. Money to be taken out of Liquid Fuels Account.”

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. 5-11-2019: “To hire Vera and Tyler Benefiel for the Connellsville Public Works seasonal help on a 30-day probationary period; pending paperwork is reviewed and approved by the City of Connellsville.”

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 Karpiak wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and thanked veterans for their service.

Mayor Lincoln then allowed Appalachian Creativity Center to speak.

Ms. Nicholson stated as a small business owner she wants to make sure during the Ethnic Festival small businesses will not be blocked in due to that hurting businesses.

Mayor Lincoln noted that will not happen.

TZAN:

Councilwoman Tzan stated registrations for Summer Sports Camps are being taken and other signups are available on the Recreation Board’s Facebook Page.

TOPPER:

Health/Code Officer Report

New Haven Hose Report

Councilman Karpiak questioned Councilman Topper on how the Tax Incentives went this year for Firefighters.

Councilman Topper answered from New Haven Hose there was about ten men for earned income.

Resolution No. 5-12-2019: "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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