

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Present: Mayor David Velegol, City Attorney Mike Gaudio, City Manager Jack McIntosh and City Clerk Dave Kurcina
Council: Charles McCoy, Alexis Russell, John Casinelli,
Wendy DeAngelis and Nick Cekinovich

Also: Police Chief Larry Rea

Absent: Council: Tammy Johnson

Place: Council Chamber

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Public Request

Rita Robinson – She stated that she has received permission from a neighbor to move a dumpster off of the street and into his yard. The City needs to remove a lip in the street that would allow the Garbage truck to slide the dumpster in and out of his yard. She would also like to have the City paint a yellow curb to the end of Rose Street to avoid having vehicles hitting her house. Jack said that this should be taken care of next week.

Denise Lombardi – She would like to thank the Police Department and the Fire Department for their quick response to an auto accident that happened on Monday.

Dog Day at the Park

Dave stated that the First Year Event was a success and he would like to thank the City Manager and his wife, the Park Employees, Police Chief Larry Rea and Council. The event welcomed 13 dogs and their owners. All proceeds went directly to the Brooke County Animal Shelter. The event raised \$150.00 and a lot of much needed items for the Shelter. Plans are to make the event bigger in 2022.

244 Main Street – Permit Parking

There has been complaints about non-residents parking in the new city Parking Lot. Jack is recommending to move it to a permit style parking to help resolve this issue. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Boats/RV/Tractor Trailer Parking Ordinance

Wendy stated that there is a problem on Highland Hills with boats and tractor trailers parking in the street which is causing a problem with traffic. The City already has an Ordinance in place for tractor trailers. Mike noted that this Ordinance can be updated to include other types of vehicles. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing Ordinance

Charles would like to have Pedestrian Crossing Signs installed to get people to slow down. An example of where he would like to see this type of Sign is in the 900 and 1000 Block of Neville Street. Larry and Jack will formulate a list of streets where such signs could be placed. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Drop Box

Jack is suggesting to install drop boxes so citizens can pay their water bills without having to go into the City Building. They would be located in the rear of the City Building at the corner of Rose Street and Penn Street.

Allegheny Creek Update

The Mayor stated that the Army Corp of Engineers is ready to do the Survey.

American Legion Update

The Mayor thanked Paul DiGiacinto and Tom Ludewig for cleaning the Fountain Area. He also noted that Bruce Parr should be pouring the cement real soon. The lights and turf will be installed soon as well.

Street Light Update

Jack stated that the State wants the City to mill and fill from curb to curb on Main Street. They are requesting the City to pave all of Main Street. Jack will notify the State the scope of work that is going to be taken place. Only a small trench will be dug for the conduit and cable. The cost for both the East and West Sides of Main Street is \$500,000.00 from Allegheny Street to the south end of the City. This cost includes utilizing the existing light poles. New light poles will cost an additional \$500,000.00 with the cost covered by the American Rescue Plan.

Jo Jon's Property Update

The Mayor will send out the Advertisement from Cedar One Realty to Council.

Water & Sewer Project Update

There will be a Ceremonial Signing with the Army Corp of Engineers either in the middle or the end of October. Instead of September 30th for them to be under Contract, it will now be the end of the Year. Ground Breaking will now be in the Spring of 2022. This delay is due in no part to the City. It is the Army Corp that is the cause of this delay.

Building Enforcement Update

John reported that 5 buildings have been torn down so far with another 4 more in the process.

Streaming Council Meeting

Nick would like to have the Council Meetings available to be viewed online using a web-cam. He is currently working on how to stream the meetings. One option would be to stream it on You Tube. This would be of no cost to the City.

City Plaza Update

That Advertisements have gone out. There is a mandatory walk thru for the Contractors on Monday September 13 at noon. Ordinances will be needed for Penn Street and Ohio Street. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Kotroumanis Estate

The Estate willed \$120,000.00 to the City. The Mayor would like to see these funds be used for the New Plaza. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Army Corp Grant – UDAG

For the Water and Sewer Project, the City has to provide 25% of the total cost. The Mayor stated that this could come from the UDAG Interest. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

American Rescue Plan Funds

The Mayor noted that the Water Department needs \$50,000.00 and the Sewer Department needs \$90,000.00 to complete Phase I of their respective projects. The Mayor would like for Council to approve having these funds come from the American Rescue Plan. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

History Night

The Mayor would like to have a meeting at the Community House and to invite local residents to discuss the History of Follansbee. This will take place in November.

Michael Zeno

Mr. Zeno's contract has been renewed twice. The Mayor said that it will not be necessary to renew it again. Mr. Zeno was contracted to help establish Office and Accounting Procedures. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Fire Incident Report Update

The Mayor stated that Joe Kafton will be filing the Reports for the Fire Department as required by the State and County in order to receive Funds.

9/11 Service

The 9/11 Service will take place on Saturday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Park.

Blue Mass

The Blue Mass will take place on Tuesday, September 28th.

National First Responders Day Dinner with Chamber

The Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 28th at St. Francis Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

The 'Trunk or Treat' event will be held at Lyle's on Friday October 29th. Council discussed participating in the Event. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Chamber Dinner

The Dinner will take place on Wednesday, November 17th at St. Francis Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

Playground Equipment for younger children in each Park

Wendy will send out playground equipment information for Council to review. This item will be on the Agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting.

City Manager Comments

-The 2nd and final notice concerning Rodent Control and Trash Containers was sent out and will be posted on the Website.

-Cindy Jeneskee has officially retired.

-The pool is officially closed for the Summer. Jack will look into restructuring the park next year.

-The village of Beech Bottom would like for the City to support the naming of the new Bridge, just below Wellsburg, to be 'The Purple Heart Memorial Bridge'.

Motion by John Casinelli/ 2nd by Wendy DeAngelis to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimous.

David P. Kurcina, City Clerk