

Minutes

Borough of Elizabeth- Regular Meeting of Council

May 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7p.m. by President Rager. The meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ROLL CALL

Those present for roll call were Ms. Gephart, Mr. Guffey, Mr. Miklos, Ms. Smrdel, President Rager and Mayor Boucher. Also present were Solicitor DiMasco, Ms. Wagner, Chief Sombo and Secretary Zang. Mrs. Morris and Mr. Shaner was absent from the meeting.

VISITORS

Larry Ross from Crestview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA was present to discuss the parking lot closure for PNC Bank during the demolition work of the Moose building. The Moose building is scheduled to be demolished on May 30th and 31st.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to approve the minutes from the April 2020 Zoom Meeting. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to approve the bill list dated May 20, 2020 in the amount of \$25,661.60. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Gephart to approve the April 2020 Treasurer's report. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

REPORTS

Mayor- nothing new to report

Police Chief- submitted written report to Council.

Solicitor- Review ordinances for updating

Building Inspector- not present

Animal Control- nothing new to report

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance & Budget- President Rager reported Mrs. Morris has not heard anything back from the bank in regards to the credit card.

Public Safety- President Rager reported possible funding will be available for reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses for municipalities.

Public Works- Mr. Miklos reported the flags from Memorial Day have been taken down. Public works is in need of a new vice and the new truck has been lettered.

Parks & Recreation- President Rager provided an update on the project at the riverfront.

Ordinance- Ms. Smrdel reported she is continuing her research to update the fee schedule ordinance.

Personnel- Mr. Guffey stated there was nothing new to report.

Economic Development- Mr. Miklos stated that he would report back on the Waterworks.

Planning- Mrs. Morris was not present to provide a report. Mr. Miklos stated a meeting will need to be set up for the proposed parking lot at the Moose property.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GUFFEY AND SECONDED BY MR. MIKLOS TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES IN THE 210 BLOCK OF FIFTH AVENUE AT THE CROSS STREETS OF WILLIAMSPORT AND STRAWBERRY. UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GUFFEY AND SECONDED BY MS. SMRDEL TO AUTHORIZE A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH APPROVING THAT THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF NUMEROUS PARCELS OF VACANT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK AND LOT NUMBERS 1132-J-365 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY. UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE ALL WERE IN FAVOR EXCEPT MR. MIKLOS WHO ABSTAINED DUE TO HIM PURCHASING THE BLOCK AND LOT.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ms. Smrdel and seconded by Mr. Miklos to accept the payment in the amount of \$6,875 for the unpaid street openings for the years 2018-2019 from PA American Water Company. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to rescind the hiring of Ashley Redshaw as an Elizabeth Borough Patrolman. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to hire Robert Ferry as an Elizabeth Borough Patrolman in accordance with the Teamsters 205 Contract. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to hire Robert Pagane as an Elizabeth Borough Patrolman in accordance with the Teamsters 205 Contract. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Gephart to purchase a bedliner for the P.W. pick-up from T.C. Customized in the amount of \$148. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to purchase one taser and two additional cartridges from Accredited Security at the price quoted of \$858.90.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Mr. Miklos to direct the solicitor to negotiate terms of renewal of the franchise agreement with Comcast. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Guffey and seconded by Ms. Smrdel to direct the solicitor to seek additional cable providers for the Borough of Elizabeth. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

President Rager stated there would be a parade on Saturday, June 6th at 11am for the Elizabeth Forward Seniors.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Miklos and seconded by Mr. Guffey to adjourn the meeting at 8:11p.m.