

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
December 20, 2016**

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 McIntire. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Rev. Suzanne Zampella

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

Corporal Andrew Hominsky, Oath of Office

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bruce Jaynes, City Treasurer/Tax Collector, Reflected back to his years serving on Council and all the progressive changes that have occurred over the years. He stated he feels the City is moving in the right direction financially. Jaynes expressed TAN Loans are necessary and gets Cities back on track. He thanked Mayor Lincoln and City Council for working with him. Jaynes wished everyone the best and thanked them for allowing him to serve.

Mayor Lincoln thanked Mr. Jaynes for taking time to serve and noted Council appreciates his informing them ahead of time he would be unable to fulfill the duties of his position.

Richard Bowers, Resident and District Attorney, announced if the resolution is passed this evening, his office will hand over 18 Smith and Wesson Hand Guns over to the City of Connellsville. Mr. Bowers explained the process of how this is done.

Resolution No. 12-23-2016:

RESOLUTION

BE, AND IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, AND HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, THAT THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FROM THE FAYETTE COUNTY BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, COUNTY OF FAYETTE, and FAYETTE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

ARTICLE ONE: ALL THOSE certain eighteen (18) hand guns with serial numbers attached hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT "A."

ARTICLE TWO: The City of Connellsville agrees to return all service hand guns within the custody of the City to Fayette County, Fayette County Bureau of Investigation, and Fayette County District Attorney's Office for trade-in to Smith and Wesson.

ARTICLE THREE: The City of Connellsville agrees to carry liability insurance on the guns and any officers using them.

ARTICLE FOUR: The City of Connellsville agrees to indemnify and hold Fayette County Bureau of Investigation, County of Fayette, and Fayette County District Attorney's Office, harmless, of and from any and all liability arising from and in connection with acceptance and use of said hand guns described in Exhibit "A."

ARTICLE FIVE: William Hammerle, Chief of the City of Connellsville Police Department is authorized to take all necessary action to transfer said guns from the Fayette County Bureau of investigation, County of Fayette, and Fayette County District Attorney's Office to the City of Connellsville concerning the guns that the City is receiving and to take all necessary action to transfer all guns that are being turned over to Fayette County Bureau of Investigations, County of Fayette, and Fayette County District Attorney's Office for trade-in to Smith and Wesson..

We each have read all the provisions of this Resolution, and we each personally and on behalf of the Members certify that all statements and representations made in this Resolution are true and correct. This Resolution of the City is dated December 20, 2016.

Chief Hammerle announced Corporal Hominsky is the Police Department's Firearms Instructor and will ensure the department's men are Certified.

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

Richard Bower then discussed a "Drug Drop off Box" for the public to be able to drop off prescription drugs.

Michael Edwards, Connellsville Redevelopment Authority, discussed past and upcoming projects of the CDBG monies.

Richard Bower then stated what the guns (in first resolution) cost.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Robert A McLuckey, Resignation from Senior Citizen Board effective February 2017

Resolution No. 12-1-2016: "To accept the resignation of Robert A. McLuckey from the Connellsville Senior Citizens Board of Directors effective February 28, 2017."

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

Mayor Lincoln announced this position will need to be filled and if anyone is interested, please send a letter of interest to Shelley at connellsvillesecretary@gmail.com or drop a letter off at City Hall and Council will then review it.

Linda Shearer, Wreath lying at National Cemetery of Alleghenies, December 17th

Believe in Connellsville, Christmas Decorating Contest:
Aaron's Building, Christmas Days Gone By
Santa's Choice, T & A's Collectables
Keedy's Pizza, Most colorful
Somerset Bank, Most illuminated
Sugar Plum, Best Theme
Community Ministries, True Meaning of Christmas

The City's Home Winners Contest:
1st place 409 Wills Road
2nd place 1103 Vine Street
3rd place 325 east Crawford Ave.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 12-2-2016: "To approve the minutes from the November 15, 2016, 2016 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 12-20-2016: "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 Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln announced if someone has an issue to please call the Police Department rather than putting it on Facebook. He noted the same goes for the Street Department.

Mayor Lincoln also announced the department will be enforcing the speed limit, mainly on Isabella Road.

Chief Hammerle then discussed the Taser weapons being purchased.

Proclamation, Armstrong Utilities, Inc., 50 Year Anniversary

Proclamation, School Choice Week

Mayor Lincoln announced the Southside Elementary School is up for closure on the school districts closure plan. Lincoln asked that anyone who lives in the City and has a moment to please reach out to the school and tell them the importance of the school. He further noted the loss of jobs would be huge.

Mayor Lincoln announced that the City compared costs of animal control and decided to hire a new animal control officer. He added the Police Department's huge success rate on their Facebook Page when finding an animal, posting the picture and asking residents to share that photo – the owner is generally found.

Resolution No. 12-4-2016: "To hire and enter into an agreement with *Sam Vargo* for animal control services and to name, appoint, and authorize *Sam Vargo* as the City's animal control officer."

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

Resolution No. 12-22-2016: "WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to Communities for activities which will benefit low and moderate income families, aid in the elimination or prevention of slums or urban blight or other urgent community needs."

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

Resolution No. 12-19-2016: "To set the 2017 City Council Meetings for the following dates: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19, 2017; meetings will begin at 6:00 PM."

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

Resolution No. 12-5-2016: "To participate in the 2017 G Conferences. Location, dates and times will be determined during planning meetings. There is no cost to the City."

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

Denise Higbee, Requesting reappointment to Zoning Board

Resolution No. 12-6-2016: "To reappoint Denise Higbee to the Connellsville Zoning Board; term to expire January 2022."

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

Resolution No. 12-18-2016: "To appoint *Marilyn Weaver* as Tax Collector /Treasurer for the City of Connellsville, Term to expire December 31, 2017."

Mayor Lincoln stated he believes that Marilyn Weaver will be able to step in and get the office back on track while removing the stress from the City Clerk.

Councilman Karpiak stated he has worked with Ms. Weaver for four years and have faith and trust in her to do the job noting she is very well qualified.

Councilman Keedy stated he has his highest confidence in Ms. Weaver.

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

Resolution No. 12-7-2016: "To appoint Ethan *Keedy* as City of Connellsville delegate to the Southwest Regional Tax Bureau and Marilyn *Weaver* alternate, effective immediately; terms to expire January 2018."

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

Resolution No. 12-3-2016: "To enter into an agreement with Taser International on a 5-year lease agreement for Tasers for the Police Department. Money to be taken from line item 410.321."

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

Direct appointment: Kathy Mitchell to the Redevelopment Authority; term to expire the first Monday in January of 2022

REMINDERS:

Recycling is December 13th, 14th, 27th and 28th

December 26th and January 2nd, 2017, City Hall Offices will be closed

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KEEDY:

Resolution No. 12-8-2016: "To adopt Bill No. 3 of 2016, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES PAYABLE BY THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FOR THE VARIOUS POSITIONS ENUMERATED HEREIN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH."

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

Resolution No. 12-9-2016: "To adopt Bill No. 4 of 2016, An Ordinance of the City of Connellsville, County of Fayette, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the real estate tax rate and residence tax rate for all city purposes for the fiscal year 2017, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith."

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

Resolution No. 12-10-2016: "To adopt Bill No. 5 of 2016, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SHOWING THE ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND FOR ALL THE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 WITH THE BALANCE OF UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS AS THE BASIS FOR FIXING THE LEVY AND TAX RATE FOR SAID FISCAL, YEAR APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS SHOWN AS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES HEREIN FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FROM THE REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND THE REPEALING OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH."

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

Resolution No. 12-11-2016: "To authorize payoff of the 2016 Tax Anticipation Note with Somerset Bank & Trust. Funds to be taken from the City's General Fund."

Councilman Keedy stated he is proud the City is in financial shape to pay off the TAN.

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

Resolution No. 12-12-2016: "To adopt the TAN Resolution as set forth herein."

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE**

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville, of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, anticipates current tax revenues as yet uncollected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville has inadequate funds for current expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville has determined that it is necessary to borrow for the purposes of meeting current expenses by issuing a note to be repaid from said anticipated tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, PNC Bank has submitted to the City of Connellsville a proposal to purchase a tax anticipation note of the City of Connellsville with a principal of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) and the City of Connellsville desires by the adoption of this resolution to accept such proposal and authorize the issuance and sale of its tax anticipation note;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. The City of Connellsville hereby authorizes the issuance of a tax anticipation note in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00) in anticipation of the receipt of current taxes to be sold at private sale.

2. The note shall be in the denomination of Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00), shall be redeemable at any time at the option of the officers of the City of Connellsville without penalty or premium, shall be fully registered without coupons; shall be dated on or before _____; shall be payable at the Connellsville office of PNC Bank; shall be substantially in the form annexed to this resolution as Exhibit A and made a part of this resolution as though fully set forth in place.

3. The proposal of PNC Bank to purchase the note dated _____, is hereby accepted and shall be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting. A true and correct copy of said proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and the appropriate executive officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a duplicate original of the acceptance of said proposal to PNC Bank.

4. The City of Connellsville hereby pledges to PNC Bank and grants to PNC Bank a first lien and charge on its taxes to be received during the period when the note is outstanding to secure the payment of the indebtedness evidenced hereby and the interest thereon.

5. Payment of principal and interest shall be made in accordance with the proposal of PNC Bank in the following amounts and on the following dates:

- (a) Payment of interest accrued on the outstanding principal balance beginning thirty (30) days after the date hereof, and on the same date for the two (2) successive months thereafter (or such earlier date if such successive month does not contain a sufficient number of days);
- (b) Payment of principal of Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) plus interest accrued on the outstanding principal balance for the eight (8) successive months thereafter; and
- (c) Payment of all remaining interest and the outstanding principal balance to be on

6. The appropriate executive officer be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute and deliver in the name of, on behalf of, and under the seal of, the City of Connellsville, the tax anticipation note in the form and containing the terms described above, and the City Clerk of the City of Connellsville be and hereby is authorized and directed to attest the same.

7. The appropriate executive or fiscal officer be and hereby is authorized and directed to prepare or cause to be prepared and to file a Certificate as to Taxes and Revenues to be Collected as required by Section 8128 of the Local Government Unit Debt Act. A true and correct copy of the said Certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

8. The executive officers of the City of Connellsville be and hereby are authorized and directed to perform all acts which are necessary and proper for the valid issuance and securing of the note.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and affixed the seal of the City of Connellsville this 20th day of December, 2016."

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

Resolution No. 12-13-2016: "To accept the 2015 Audit as prepared by McClure and Wolf, LLP, Certified Public Accountants."

Councilman Keedy stated the City is in very good shape.

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

Resolution No. 12-14-2016: "To authorize moving \$100,000 from Scottdale Bank & Trust to PNC General Fund."

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

Resolution No. 12-15-2016: "To contract out the City of Connellsville's payroll to *Scarry and Associates* at a cost of \$225.00 per month for 12 months; monies to be taken out of line item 402.330."

Councilman Keedy stated he requested quotes and this will save the City money. He added he is very well qualified.

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

Councilman Keedy wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak reminded residents of the procedures for the winter months. He noted to park on the odd side of the street on odd days and the even side of the street on even number days. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

TZAN:

Councilwoman Tzan wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MCINTIRE:

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Councilwoman Tzan stated the Park and Recreation Board is planning their summer events and if someone would like to join the board, please contact City Hall.

Resolution No. 12-17-2016: "To accept the resignation from Johanna Harden from the Board of Health effective immediately."

Mayor Lincoln thanked Ms. Harden for serving on the board and wished her well. He noted that if anyone is interested in serving on the board, please submit a letter to City Hall.

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

Councilman McIntire and Tom Currey discussed safety issues. Currey added not to plug in electric heaters into power strips because they are not made for that and will catch fire. He asked to please keep extension cords to a minimum.

Mayor Lincoln stated if you are going to leave your animal outside, it must have the proper shelter and water. He added that the police will intervene and the animal will be taken from the owner. Mayor Lincoln noted the City does not want to do that and requested residents be responsible.

Mayor Lincoln announced that there was a fire at North Manor and New Haven Hose responded. He announced the tenant survived, but the dog that saved her life passed away. Mayor Lincoln expressed sympathy for that loss. He stated the repairs to the unit should begin in about a week.

Councilman McIntire wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Lincoln stated he and Councilman Keedy will be jumping in the Polar Bear Plunge. He asked residents to join in or just come down at 11 AM for the fun.

Mayor Lincoln announced the paperwork for the flood victim's buyout was turned in today. He added there were 24 applicants. He thanked Vernon Ohler, City Clerk; Tom Currey, Health Officer; and Shelley Primus, Administrative Secretary for their work. Mayor Lincoln commended Vernon Ohler for the work he put in on top of managing the City. He stated he hopes all 24 applications will be approved.

Mayor Lincoln stated over \$40,000 has been allocated from this fund. He noted there are strict guidelines. He further stated events and give-a-ways for the victims.

Mayor Lincoln wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Lincoln thanked Cassie Calkins, Bookkeeper for bringing the holiday spirit into City Hall. He noted she made everyone ornaments. Lincoln stated he got to see Cassie and Tim Witt at Faith Bible Church. He noted they were awesome. Lincoln stated Cassie makes a wonderful edition to City Hall and he is happy with her.

Resolution No. 12-21-2016: "This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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