

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
October 20, 2015**

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 Geyer, Ritch, Karpiak and Herman. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sherri Cross, Code Enforcement Officer

Melissa Tzan, Recreation Board, passing of David Reed

CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT: Absent

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

CAHS Patriots, Linda Shearer, Wreaths Across America

Connellsville Lion's Club, Requesting Parking Authority Building

Resolution No. 10-11-2015: "To enter into agreement with the Connellsville Lion's Club for the use of the "Old Parking Attendant Shed", located on Orchard Alley to be used as storage and other club related matters. There will be no charge from the City, but the Lions Club has agreed to keep up the maintenance of the building."

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

Redevelopment Authority will be going door to door, with proper ID's, completing surveys for the upcoming CDBG Projects.

Mayor Lincoln announced Governor Wolf was in the City of Connellsville. Lincoln noted he would like for him to come back again and take time to see the area and meet the residents. He added he is disappointed he used City Hall, a public building, to hold a press conference and excluded the public from coming in.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 10-1-2015: "To approve the minutes from the September 15, 2015 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 10-2-2015: "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 Ritch, Karpiak, Geyer and Herman and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Resolution No. 10-3-2015: “To close West Apple Street to North Pittsburgh Street, North Pittsburgh Street to Crawford Avenue, Crawford Avenue to Somerset Trust on Saturday, December 5, 2015 for the Annual New Haven Hose Christmas Parade; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief.”

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

Resolution No. 10-4-2015: “To approve the Parking Lot Lease Agreement with Trailside Lodging, LP, and Lessor’s Estoppel Certificate and Agreement with The Reinvestment Fund, Inc., attached hereto and incorporated herein; and to direct and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute such documents on behalf of the City.”

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

Resolution No. 10-5-2015: “As follows: 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 Ritch, Karpiak, Geyer and Herman and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 10-6-2015: “To adopt the Language Access Plan for Limited English Proficiency Persons as set forth in the attached document.”

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

REMINDERS:

To serve on a City Board or Commission, please submit a letter of interest to the City

The City is searching for a Christmas Tree for in front of City Hall

Halloween Home Decorating Contest: Deadline to register is October 23rd. Winners notified October 26th

Compost will be available starting September 28th at the Public Works Garage and the Sewage Authority

Every Wednesday at 11 AM, Children’s Story Time at Carnegie Library

Every Wednesday at 3 PM – 4:30 PM, Fall Survivor at Carnegie Library

Throughout October, Community Center’s Haunted Hallways. Call 724-603-2275 for times

October 25th, St. Rita's All You Can Eat Pancakes Breakfast, Bucci Hall, 7 AM – 12 Noon

October 27th, Halloween Parade, Contact New Haven Hose for information 724-626-1171

October 30th, Fayette EMS Event, Aaron's Building, 6 PM – 10 PM, 724-628-6811 for info.

October 31st, Trick or Treat, 5 PM – 7 PM

November 7th, 6 PM, Harvest Ball, Aaron's Building, \$75 per person, call 724-626-8420

City Hall offices will be closed November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day

December 5th, New Haven Hose Christmas Parade, Light Up Night and Its A Connellsville Christmas

December 12th, Wreaths across America, CAHS Patriots, lshearer@casdfalcons.org

December 17th from 3 PM – 5 PM, Children's Christmas at City Hall

GEYER:

Geyer echoed Mayor Lincoln pointing to his disappointment with Governor Wolf's visit to the City of Connellsville.

Geyer asked residents to donate to the food bank due to their hardship right now.

Geyer stated the City's budget is looking very strong.

RECORDING STOPPED

Resolution No. 10-7-2015: "To pay \$442,108.00 into the Police and Fire Fighters Pension Plans in order to satisfy the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from General Fund Account. \$365,208.00 to be deposited in the Police Pension Plan and \$76,900.00 to be deposited in the Fire Fighters Pension Plan."

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

Resolution No. 10-8-2015: "To set the Budget Meeting dates for: October 26, 2015, November 10, 2015, November 12, 2015 and November 16, 2015 at 5:30 PM."

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

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 10-9-2015: "To hire James Bigam as Laborer in the Public Works Department effective November 2, 2015; Salary dictated by current Union Contract."

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

Resolution No. 10-10-2015: “To permit “Rolling Thunder, Inc., Chapter 5 PA” to erect a “Memorial Drive” sign at the intersection of Green Street and South Pittsburgh Street, in honor of Shelby J. Feniello. Ceremony and dedication will take place on October 24, 2015 at 11:00 AM.”

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

RITCH:

HERMAN:

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Resolution No. 10-12-2015: “This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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