

Connellsville City Council MINUTES
5 PM – MARCH 19, 2024

This meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 5:00 PM. Attending this meeting was Council members Addis, Keedy, Topper and Tiberio. Mayor Lincoln was absent. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Led by Chuck Hubble

The meeting began with two Public Hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING #1: ARI HOLDINGS, LLC, TO VACATE A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED TWENTY-FOOT ALLEY EXTENDING BETWEEN NORTH THIRD STREET AND NORTH FOURTH STREET

Solicitor Witt stated there was a petition from ARI Holdings, the property owner on both sides of that alley. He noted there are no other affected property owners but the City is required to hold a public hearing. Solicitor Witt added it is a paper alley and is not opened. He reiterated that they must have this public hearing and hear any public comment, if there is any.

Councilman Keedy asked if anyone has a comment on vacating the alley. There was no comment. Councilman Keedy questioned if he could close the hearing.

Solicitor Witt stated they will note that there is no comment in respect to that, so they can close that hearing.

Councilman Keedy announced the second Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING #2: TRAILSIDE LANDING RESTAURANT AND EVENT CENTER, LLC, TO TRANSFER RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE R-14359 INTO THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FOR USE IN OPERATION OF A RESTAURANT AND EVENT CENTER ON PREMISES LOCATED AT 235 NORTH FIRST STREET, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

Councilman Keedy questioned if anyone has a comment on the transfer of the liquor license.

Solicitor Witt stated anytime there is a transfer of a liquor license from one municipality to another, it requires the approval of the governing body of which it is being transferred. He noted under the liquor code, the City is required to do this.

No one was present to speak at this meeting. Councilman Keedy stated they will note there was no public comment and close that hearing.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Absent

Councilman Keedy noted the report is in everyone's packets and the Tax Office has been extremely busy and running extremely well.

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Given by Controller Korba

CORRESPONDENCE:

New Haven Hose, Neon Night 5K Run/Walk, Street closure request on May 4, 2024

Councilman Keedy questioned City Clerk Ohler what the time is for the race.

City Clerk Ohler answered we were not given a time or map.

Councilman Keedy questioned Solicitor Witt what council should do.

Solicitor Witt replied the options for council are to wait to approve it because the information is not available, or to approve it subsequent conditions of the times and approval of the mayor, Penn DOT, Police Chief and Fire Chief.

Resolution No. 3-1-2024: "To approve New Haven Hose's request for the annual Neon Nights 5K on May 4, 2024 subsequent of times and route; pending review and approval of the Mayor, PennDOT, Police Chief and Fire Chief of street closures and times."

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

Solicitor Witt added council does not normally approve an event that way, but this is an event that is held annually with a successful track record.

LeAnne Triggs, Request for music, electric and stage at Yough Park on June 22, 2024

Resolution No. 3-2-2024: "To grant permission for LeAnne Triggs to use electricity at Yough Park and have musical performances on the stage at Yough Park on June 22, 2024 for a graduation party."

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

Mr. McFadden, Connellsville Veterans Commission, Memorial Day Parade, May 27, 2024 at 10 AM

Resolution: “To grant permission to the Connellsville Veterans Commission to sponsor a Memorial Day Parade and service on May 27, 2024; lineup to begin at 9:30 AM at the corner of South 1st and 3rd Streets and parade to begin at 10 AM moving north on 3rd Street to Yough River Park for the service; further authorizing items listed on the Utilization Form be delivered by the Public Works employees to Yough River Park for the Memorial Day Service; Pending review and approval of the Police Chief and Fire Chief.”

Councilwoman Tiberio stated she feels it will be congested in that area.

Councilman Topper added there is not a lot of parking.

Councilman Keedy questioned if the construction will be going on there.

Councilman Topper answered they probably will not be working on Memorial Day, but the equipment will be there.

Councilwoman Tiberio added St. Rita’s has a mass on Memorial Day. She suggested that maybe they could just convene somewhere.

Councilman Addis stated the service is at the Riverpark.

Councilman Topper questioned if they are reaching out to all of the fire departments and “is it going to be as big as it usually is”?

City Clerk Ohler answered that they did not get into specifics and he did tell them the City’s concerns and they still want to have it.

Councilman Keedy asked where they are lining up at.

City Clerk Ohler answered First through Third Streets and up head up to Youghiogheny Glass, with traffic control. He added that it will be congested over there.

Councilman Addis stated no matter what event there is over there, it will all be congested.

City Clerk Ohler added there is no parking for anyone who wants to come and watch.

Councilman Addis noted he hopes they keep this in mind when they do the invites.

Councilwoman Tiberio requested they table it and get more information.

City Clerk Ohler answered they can table it.

Councilman Keedy asked Solicitor Witt if they can do that by email and ratify it at the next City Council Meeting.

Solicitor Witt replied it is not an expenditure of City Funds, so it can be done that way. He noted that is the other alternative if it had to be done by the next meeting.

City Clerk Ohler suggested tabling it and notify them of council's concerns. He added they may change their mind.

Councilwoman Tiberio suggested asking the Police Chief his thoughts on it.

Police Chief Hammerle stated his thoughts are they should limit their invitations to very few. He added they deserve to have it, but not with lots of trucks and only local departments.

Councilman Topper suggested only one truck.

City Clerk Ohler suggested "military only."

Councilwoman Tiberio suggested where the Honor Roll is.

City Clerk Ohler stated that cannot be done because of traffic.

Councilman Keedy stated he is making a motion to table it until they get more information. Councilman Topper seconded the motion. The resolution was tabled.

Connellsville Festival Association, Red, White and Boom Festival, July 6, 2024

Resolution No. 3-3-2024: "To permit the following road closures for the 2024 Red, White and Boom Festival from 9 AM to 11 PM on July 6, 2024, West Crawford Avenue from Pittsburgh Street to Arch Street, Water Street from Peach Street to Fairview Avenue and Apple Street from North Arch Street to Water Street; pending approval from the Police Chief and the Fire Chief; further approving items listed on the Utilization Form."

Councilman Keedy stated things will be done differently this year. He noted it is usually done at the fire station in front of City Hall, but due to the fire truck and ambulance in the station it will be held on Crawford Avenue. He added the main strip is basically shut down anyway. They will be in front of City Hall because people will be walking down here to see the firework, he added.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 3-4-2024: "To accept the minutes from the February 20, 2024 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 3-5-2024: "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 Addis, Keedy, Topper and Tiberio. Mayor Lincoln was absent. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN: Absent

Mayor Lincoln was absent. His department was read by Councilman Keedy.

Police Department Report by Chief Hammerle

Councilman Addis questioned what is going on with the new car.

Chief Hammerle answered he called the outfitter and is waiting for an answer. He noted the last he spoke to them; the equipment is on back order.

Councilman Topper asked if the body cams are working out well.

Chief Hammerle answered the body cams are working out great and car cams are working fantastic. He added he hopes the next grant they apply for; they get so all the cars would be equipped and they will have new portable radios. He added that the new servers are taken care of.

Chief Hammerle discussed the traffic situation on North Pittsburgh Street at 119 and all the congestion. He stated the NO LEFT TURN signs have been installed and no one is listening to them. He added they would have a hard time enforcing that because he would have to send half of his department down there and pull cars over as they come through, which is often. Chief Hammerle stated they are trying to get flashing lights on those signs to make them more aware and people see them better. He added he would like to see Jersey barriers put up but he is not sure if Penn DOT would approve that.

CDBG and CV Programs Report

Resolution No. 3-6-2024: "To approve a RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE REGARDING INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE PURSUANT TO 47 Pa. C.S.A. § 461 (b.3) OF THE LIQUOR CODE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AS AMENDED SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE OWNED BY PATRICIA BROWN WHICH IS PRESENTLY IN SAFEKEEPING WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD, AND WAS FORMERLY USED AT 180

HWY. SUPPLY ROAD, DUNBAR, FAYETTE COUNTY TO TRAILSIDE LANDING RESTAURANT AND EVENT CENTER, LLC FOR USE AT 235 NORTH FIRST STREET, UNIT 1, CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.”

WHEREAS, the Liquor Code of Pennsylvania as amended by Act No. 141 of 2000 to provide, inter alia, that an inter-municipal transfer of a license must first be approved by the governing body of the receiving Municipality when the total number of existing restaurant liquor licenses, eating places and retail dispenser licenses exceed one license per 3,000 inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 47 Pa. C.S.A. § 461 (b.3) of the Liquor Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as amended, the City Council held a public hearing with respect to the proposed transfer of an existing liquor license held by Patricia Brown, which is presently in safekeeping with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (“PLCB”), and was formerly operated at 180 Hwy. Supply Road, Dunbar, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to Trailside Landing Restaurant and Event Center, LLC for use at a premises within the City of Connellsville with an address of 235 North First Street, Unit 1, Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the City Council of the City of Connellsville that the request to transfer an existing liquor license (PLCB Liquor License No. R-14359) held by Patricia Brown to Trailside Landing Restaurant and Event Center, LLC, to a premises within the City of Connellsville with an address of 235 North First Street, Unit 1, Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, is hereby approved.”

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

Resolution No. 3-7-2024: “To permit the City Clerk to apply for a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 902 grant on behalf of the City.”

Councilman Keedy questioned what this grant will be used for.

City Clerk Ohler replied another dump truck for the public works and a composting area by the Public Works garage.

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

Resolution No 3-8-2024: “To grant an easement to West Penn Power for access through the City parking area that borders North 3rd Street, North 2nd Street, and North First Street.”

Councilman Keedy questioned what this is.

City Clerk Ohler responded this is needed for the event center to have electricity.

Councilman Addis questioned if the City could request it be underground to keep a pole out of the parking lot.

City Clerk Ohler stated he will make a phone call.

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

Resolution No. 3-9-2024: "To adopt an "Incident/Accident investigation Policy as recommended by the Safety Committee to be entered into the Employee Policy and Procedure Manual."

Councilman Keedy asked the City Clerk to explain this resolution.

City Clerk Ohler answered through the Safety Committee, we were told through Labor and Industry that we need this. He also noted it makes the City's insurance agent happy.

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

Resolution No. 3-10-2024: "To permit the City Clerk to submit for the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant on behalf of the City."

Councilman Keedy questioned what the City is submitting for.

City Clerk Ohler answered the City is submitting for funding for the Pedestrian Bridge at Dutch Bottom and the Pedestrian Tunnell by Cash Saver.

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

Councilman Keedy stated there is a list of events and reminders that can be found on the City's website and Facebook Page.

Reminders:

March 21st, Connellsville Recreation Board's Spring Fling, Aaron's Building, 7 PM – 9 PM, \$50

March 23rd, Albright United Methodist Church, FREE Easter Dinner, 4 PM – 7 PM, 724-628-7130

March 29th, City Hall Offices are closed to observe Good Friday

March 30th, YRTC Spring Race, Yough River Trail, 8 AM register, 9 AM start, visit:

www.youghrivertrail.com

April 6th, New Haven Hose Hoagie Sales (1st Saturday of each month)

April 20th, Connellsville Recreation Board's City clean-up, volunteers needed

April 27th, Connellsville Recreation Board's Tangled Up in Vines, East Side Fire Hall, 12 PM – 4 PM, \$20

May 2nd, National Day Of Prayer, Lion's Square at Noon

May 4th, Neon Nights 5K Run/Walk, \$25 fee/after April 20th fee is \$30. Packet pickup May 3rd & 4th at New Haven Hose

May 25th, McPoyle Kickball Tournament at McPoyle Field, information available soon

May 31st – June 2nd, Yough River Rally. Visit Facebook: The Yough River Rally for schedule of events

Farmer's Markets begin June 6th at Yough River Park. You can contact the Chamber at 724-628-5500

June 8th, Pride in the Park, Yough Park, 11 AM, visit: Facebook: Connellsville Diversity & Inclusion Board

June 15th, Juneteenth Celebration, North Arch Street, 11 AM, visit: Facebook: Connellsville Diversity & Inclusion Board

June 17th – July 18th, PE In the Park, East Park, visit: healthpekids@gmail.com or 724-433-9608 – Jason

June 22nd, 2nd Annual C.P.O.A. Golf Outing, Pleasant Valley Golf Club, \$110/Golfer, Dinner, Raffles, prizes, 50/50, Lunch, Register 8 AM, Start 9 AM. Cutoff date: June 1st

June 23rd, Friends Day, East Park, Connellsville Recreation Board, Information available soon

June 29th – 30th, Braddock's Crossing, Yough River Park, Visit Facebook: Connellsville Area Historical Society for schedule of events

KEEDY:

Resolution No. 3-11-2024: "To abate and exonerate the City Treasurer from collecting 2024 Real Estate Taxes on City owned properties, which shall be exempt from 2024 City Real Estate Taxes known and

located as follows: Connellsville Community Center, lots 15, 23 and 31, 201 East Fairview Avenue, \$333.59 and Connellsville Community Center, PT Lot 7, South Cottage Avenue, \$55.14.”

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

Resolution No. 3-12-2024: “To approve the eligible list of active volunteers as submitted to the City of Connellsville, for tax credits under Act 172 and Ordinance #1533 of 2018 by "qualified Participants" Fire Chief.”

Solicitor Witt questioned if anyone on City Council is on that list.

Councilman Topper and Councilman Addis were unsure if they are on the list. They both stated they do not use it.

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

Resolution No. 3-13-2024: “To pay monthly to the Fayette County Assessment Office the \$5.00 per UCC Permit Fee on all permit applications submitted to the City for parcel improvements.”

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

COUNCILMAN ADDIS:

Health Officer’s Report
New Haven Hose Report
Fayette EMS Report

Resolution No. 3-14-2024: “To reappoint Dale Cadwallader to the Board of Health; term to expire April 1, 2029.”

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

Resolution No. 3-15-2024: “To appoint Beverly Cuneo to the Board of Health’s vacant seat; term to expire April 1, 2026.”

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

COUNCILMAN TOPPER:

Resolution No. 3-16-2024: “To permit The Girls Softball League to lease Woodruff Field all of April 2024 for practices and beginning May 4, 2024 through July 30, 2024 for games on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights and Saturdays 9 AM until 6 PM; further granting use of lights and concession stand; Lease payment to be in the amount of \$1,000.00; pending contract agreement and proof of insurance.”

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

Resolution No. 3-17-2024: “To permit The Girls Softball League to lease East Park for practices beginning April 2024 through July 2024 with the exception of June 23, 2024 and July 27, 2024; pending contract agreement and proof of insurance.”

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

Resolution No. 3-18-2024: “To permit The Girls Softball League to lease Mountz Creek for practices and some games beginning April 2024 through July 30, 2024 on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights and Saturdays 9 AM until 6 PM; pending contract agreement and proof of insurance.”

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

Resolution No. 3-19-2024: “To approve Dunbar Men's Travel Softball Team use of Woodruff Ball Field on Tuesday and Friday nights starting April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024; Lease payment to be in the amount of \$300.00; pending contract agreement and proof of insurance.”

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

Resolution No. 3-20-2024: “To enter into a contract with James Cox for the use of the concession stand at Yough Park for \$125.00 per month from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.”

Councilman Topper stated this is Yough Coffee and he is excited to have him back again.

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

Resolution No. 3-21-2024: “To hire Amy Shelkey as an ambassador for the Connellsville Visitors Center at a rate of \$16/Hour. Money to be taken from the GO Laurel Highlands Visitors Center Grant.”

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

Resolution No. 3-22-2024: “To extend the lease between the City of Connellsville and the Connellsville Senior Tigers for one year, from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025.”

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

Resolution No. 3-25-2024: “To hire R & R Tree Service to remove trees from behind the stage at Yough Park and to remove a fallen tree between Pavilion #2 and the CMA pump station for a total of \$4,800.50; Money to be taken from the Recreation Account.”

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

Resolution No. 3-26-2024: “To invest \$25,000 into a Certificate of Deposit at Mid Penn Bank for a three-month period at a rate of 5.2%. Money to be taken from the Recreation Account.”

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

Resolution No. 3-27-2024: “To approve street closures beginning 8 AM to 6 PM on April 27, 2024 for Tangled Up in Vines; North Arch Street from Apple Street to Peach Street and West Apple Street from North Arch Street to Water Street; further approving items listed on the utilization form; pending approval by the Police Chief and the Fire Chief.”

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

Resolution No. 3-23-2024: “To open bids received for the COMMUNITY CENTER MASONRY REPAIRS PROJECT.”

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

Bids were opened as follows: **(available upon request)**

CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE
COMMUNITY CENTER MASONRY REPAIRS PROJECT
CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PA

ENGINEER'S PROJECT NO: 23688
BID DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 19, 2024 @ 5:00PM

BASE BID - EXTERIOR PARAPET WALLS AND CHIMNEY				ESCAJEDA MASONRY	GRACIANO CORPORATION	A. RAMONDO, INC	WILSON RESTORATION, INC	MARIANI AND RICHARDS INC	MAKSA, INC	PULLMAN SST, INC	
CONTRACT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	BID QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL ITEM COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL ITEM COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL ITEM COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL ITEM COST
1	Installation	1	LS		\$11,200.00	\$39,500.00	\$39,500.00		\$39,500.00		\$39,500.00
2	Repair and Repointing of Building's Western Parapet Wall per Drawings and Specifications.	136	LP	\$110.00	\$14,960.00	\$85.00	\$11,540.00	\$200.00	\$27,200.00	\$100.00	\$13,760.00
3	Repair and Repointing of Building's Southern Parapet Wall per Drawings and Specifications.	208	LP	\$110.00	\$22,880.00	\$85.00	\$17,680.00	\$198.00	\$41,184.00	\$100.00	\$20,800.00
4	Repair and Repointing of Building's Eastern Parapet Wall per Drawings and Specifications.	136	LP	\$110.00	\$14,960.00	\$85.00	\$11,560.00	\$198.00	\$26,928.00	\$100.00	\$13,600.00
5	Repair and Repointing of Building's Northern Parapet Wall per Drawings and Specifications.	196	LP	\$110.00	\$21,560.00	\$85.00	\$16,660.00	\$200.00	\$39,080.00	\$235.00	\$45,600.00
6	Repair and Repointing of Chimney	1	LS		\$23,000.00	\$30,950.00	\$30,950.00		\$33,000.00		\$33,000.00
TOTAL:					\$111,420.00		\$127,910.00		\$149,790.00		\$136,860.00
					Error in math by Contractor		Error in math by Contractor		\$244,200.00		\$239,416.00
											\$338,420.00
ALTERNATE BID - COURTYARD PARAPET WALLS				ESCAJEDA MASONRY	GRACIANO CORPORATION	A. RAMONDO, INC	WILSON RESTORATION, INC	MARIANI AND RICHARDS INC	MAKSA, INC	PULLMAN SST, INC	
CONTRACT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	BID QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL ITEM COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL ITEM COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL ITEM COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL ITEM COST
7	Repair and Repointing of Building's Courtyard Parapet Walls per Drawings and Specifications.	260	LP	\$110.00	\$28,600.00	\$125.00	\$32,500.00	\$200.00	\$52,000.00	\$210.00	\$54,600.00
TOTAL:					\$28,600.00		\$32,500.00		\$52,000.00		\$54,600.00
									\$61,360.00		\$149,760.00

Kerry Bell, Widmer Engineering, stated it is a match grant funding of \$114,000.

City Clerk Ohler stated what was obligated through the Community Ministries, \$50,000 through the LSA, County LSA money, \$50,000 through Historic Preservation.

Councilman Keedy questioned what the lowest is right now.

City Clerk Ohler answered Escajeda Masonry.

Kerry Bell stated the base bid is the exterior of the Community Center, the brick work and also the chimney that is toppled over on top of the Community Center. He continued the interior is the interior court yards at the gymnasium.

City Clerk Ohler stated the base bid will take care of the safety factors.

Solicitor Witt stated their paperwork is in order. He stated the resolution would be pending City Solicitor and City Engineer approval to review everything. He noted a mathematical error on Escajeda’s bid, adding it would be \$220 higher, and they are still the lowest bidder, but need to honor the lower amount.

Resolution No. 3-24-2024: “To accept the bid of Escajada Masonry in the amount of \$111,200.00 for the parapet wall repairs at the Connellsville Community Center; pending review and approval of City Solicitor and City Engineer.”

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

Councilman Topper stated the Spring Fling is this Thursday and tickets are still available. He added Tangled Up In Vines still has tickets available. He stated the parks will be open between now and the next City Council Meeting. He asked everyone to be responsible because there are cameras in every park now. Councilman Topper asked that everyone be out of the parks by dark and if you do something wrong, we will catch you because there are cameras everywhere.

COUNCILWOMAN TIBERIO:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 3-28-2024: “To introduce Bill No. 1 of 2024: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, approving the vacation of a portion of an unnamed twenty-foot alley located in the City of Connellsville, County of Fayette.

WHEREAS, ARI Holdings, LLC, Kevin Leonard, Casey Leonard, and Barcine Graft have petitioned and requested that a portion of an unnamed twenty-foot alley abutting their properties identified as Tax Parcel Nos. 05-06-0524 an 05-06-0525;

WHEREAS, said portion of said unnamed alley is used as private yard areas and are not used by the public for purposes of public travel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville does not maintain said unnamed twenty-foot alley;

WHEREAS, the Third-Class City Code, 11 Pa.C.S.A. § 12919 requires any street or alley vacation ordinance to be advertised prior to consideration and final passage; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the City Council on the 16th day of April, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the petitioners have agreed to meet certain conditions, including, without limitation and with respect to certain petitioners, the release, waiving, and indemnifying the City of any damages as an adjacent property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the following described portion of an unnamed twenty-foot alley is hereby vacated, except as may be expressly provided in this Ordinance:

Approximately one hundred sixty-five (165) feet of said unnamed twenty-foot alley, being that existing, unopened, and unvacated portion of an unnamed alley extending westwardly from the western right of way line of North Third Street for approximately one hundred sixty-five (165) feet, with a width of twenty (20) feet, to the eastern right of way line of North Fourth Street as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.

SECTION 2: Reservation of Easement. An easement is hereby reserved and retained, as a condition of approval of the petition, for all of that portion of the above vacated property as a perpetual easement or

rights-of way for any existing pipes, pipelines, or other infrastructure, for the construction, maintenance, repair, relocation, and operation of existing pipes, pipelines, or other infrastructure, without any liability for damages on the part of the City, and no permanent buildings or structures shall be located within or upon said easement without the prior written consent of the City. Petitioner shall execute all necessary documents identifying and conveying such easement to the City.

SECTION 3: Conditions of Vacation. The vacation is contingent on the Petitioner providing any releases, easement reservation instruments, or any other confirmatory documents requested by the City. The petitioner, and its successors and assigns, has agreed and acknowledged that no proceedings for the award of damages may be had and no damages as a result of the vacation of the aforementioned road within the City of Connellsville shall under any conditions be awarded to it.

SECTION 4: Constitutionality or Invalidity. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or sentence, of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance, as it is being hereby expressly declared that this ordinance and each section, subsections, clause, phrase, or sentence, hereof would have been prepared, proposed, adopted, and approved and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, clause, phase, or sentence, be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after passage, and publication as provided by law, and upon full completion of the conditions provided herein.

SECTION 6: Recordation. The Petitioner is directed to file this ordinance with the Clerk of Courts, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and record this ordinance with the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 7: Implementation. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this Ordinance.”

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

Resolution No. 3-29-2024: “To rehire Bruce Giles as a seasonal employee for the Connellsville Public Works Department; money to be taken from line item 430.145.”

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

Resolution No. 3-30-2024: “To advertise for seasonal weekday and weekend workers for the Public Works Department; money to be taken out of line item 430.145.”

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

Resolution No. 3-31-2024: “To move the NO PARKING signs from the 300 block of South Pittsburgh Street further south and paint the curb yellow to assist with traffic flow.”

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

Resolution No. 3-32-2024: “To Place Out for Bids the 2024 Paving Project, Bid Packets will be available at Widmer Engineering, 225 West Crawford Ave, Connellsville, PA 15425 on March 27, 2024. All bids must be submitted by April 16, 2024 at 4:00 PM to Widmer Engineering and will be open on April 16, 2024 at 5 PM at Connellsville City Hall, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425.”

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

Resolution No. 3-33-2024: “That this meeting of the City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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