

Connellsville City Council MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ronald Haggerty, Jr., Yough River Rally by Braddock's Fish Club, June 2-4, 2023. Haggerty requested the park, beer and wine sales and a designated smoking area. He noted he filled out his utilization form for all the club would need. Haggerty also asked for permission to paint the stage to match the rest of the park. He stated there is a boy scout who would like to make that his Eagle Scout Project. He added Braddock's Fish Club will cover the cost of everything. Haggerty announced Mark Wilson Painting offered paint and to assist with painting the stage as well. He stated they would like to paint the stage brown to match the stage. Haggerty also requested naming the stage after Dave Tremba since Tremba had a lot to do with creating Yough Park.

Councilman Topper stated he will have that on the next agenda and vote on renaming the stage.

William Werner, Parking, Resident of East Gibson Avenue, questioned if he could park his school bus at home temporarily under the new no parking ordinance.

Chief Hammerle replied, "No, because the big buses on the streets cause a major problem with people at the intersections trying to turn and viewing and getting out safely. We had that problem before on the southside."

Mayor Lincoln agreed, adding there were a lot of issues on the southside in the morning time.

Chief Hammerle continued "On the streets, no, but he is saying something about his driveway."

Mr. Werner stated he is on a dead-end road. He added he doesn't want to see people get their selves into trouble bringing a camper on the street to load up.

Chief Hammerle replied that if someone is parking an hour to load up, there will not be an issue.

Mr. Werner then questioned why the leaves on East Gibson Avenue has not been picked up. He added that they have not been picked out in years and the street sweeper has not been through in years.

Mayor Lincoln told Werner that if residents don't call the City and notify someone of the issues, then there is no way else for Council to know what is going on. He added that the Street Foreman will be out in his neighborhood tomorrow to find out what is going on.

Mr. Werner discussed parking further with City Council.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Marilyn Weaver

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT: William Addis

CORRESPONDENCE:

New Haven Hose, Neon Nights 5K, May 13, 2023

Resolution No. 2-1-2023: "To close the following streets beginning 8:30 PM on May 13, 2023 for the New Haven Hose Neon Nights 5K: South 7th Street to West Crawford Avenue, right onto South Arch Street then left onto West Green Street and straight onto East Green Street, right onto Sycamore Street then right onto Davidson Avenue, right onto Race Street, left onto West Green Street, right onto South Arch Street then left onto West Crawford Avenue and left onto South 7th Street; pending review and approval of the Police Chief and Fire Chief."

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

Connellsville Garden Club, Geranium Fundraiser

Resolution No. 2-2-2023: "To grant permission to the Connellsville Garden Club to use East Side Fire Hall on Thursday, May 18, 2023, Friday, May 19, 2023 and Saturday, May 20, 2023 for their annual Geranium Fundraiser; further authorizing traffic control by the Police Auxiliary upon approval of the Police Chief."

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2-3-2023: "To accept the minutes from the January 17, 2023 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 2-4-2023: "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 Karpiak, Topper, Keedy and Tiberio and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report by Police Chief William Hammerle

Chief Hammerle discussed an incident where a truck took out a pole, which landed on North Pittsburgh Street, which knocked out power and traffic lights. He noted West Penn Power took 2 ½ hours to respond to this incident. He requested someone contact West Penn Power to find out why it took so long to respond and ensure this does not happen again. He stated after that incident, there was another issue on South Arch Street in which the pole was down and the transformer was down on the roadway. Hammerle stated the police left one scene and went right to the other one.

Council and Chief Hammerle discussed other incidents.

Mayor Lincoln then discussed the Civil Service Police Officer Testing. He stated there are three candidates.

Chief Hammerle added out of the three, two have more experience and he would like to see them hired. He added towards the end of the year, he is expecting another vacancy. Hammerle explained he requested their starting dates be staggered so it would be easier to train them.

Mayor Lincoln then thanked Shanea for designing the flyers that go out with the taxes. He requested all residents hold onto the flyers and keep them, noting they contain information important to living in the city.

Resolution No. 2-5-2023: “To adopt Bill No: 2 of 2023; Introduced: January 17, 2023, By: Mayor Greg Lincoln, Enacted: February 21, 2023, Ordinance No: 1571, On-Street Parking Ordinance, An Ordinance of the City of Connellsville, Fayette County, PA known as the On-Street Large Vehicle Parking Ordinance.

ARTICLE I

1. Purpose.

The City of Connellsville has determined that hazardous and unsafe traffic conditions within the City exist because Large Vehicles and Trailers are often parked or stored on streets. These hazardous and unsafe traffic conditions create a nuisance, reduce visibility and are detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and others, impede emergency vehicles and interfere with peaceful and quiet enjoyment of the residents in their homes and neighborhoods.

2. Title.

The Ordinance shall be known as the ON-STREET PARKING ORDINANCE.

3. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context in which the word is used clearly indicates otherwise:

- 3.1. Large Vehicles. Shall mean the following recreational, commercial or private vehicles, and as amended from time to time: Articulated Bus, School Bus, Combination, Construction Truck, construction trailer, contractor trailer, farm equipment, full trailer, house trailer, limousine (capable of carrying ten or more passengers), maxi cube vehicle, mobile home, motor carrier vehicle, motor home, recreational vehicle or trailer, semitrailer, stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter, tow dolly, tow truck, trailer, truck-camper, truck trailer and truck tractor.
- 3.2. Motor Vehicle. Shall mean a vehicle which is self-propelled except a self-propelled wheel chair, and electric personal assistive mobility device, or a vehicle which is propelled solely by a human power. Motor vehicles include Large Vehicles as defined herein.
- 3.3. Nuisance. Shall mean any condition, structure or improvement which constitutes a danger or potential danger to the health, safety or welfare of citizens of the City or causes a blighting effect in any City neighborhood.
- 3.4. Park or Parking. Shall mean the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers.
- 3.5. Person. Shall mean a natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other legal entity.
- 3.6. Recreational Vehicle. Shall mean a vehicle used customarily for human habitation or recreational activities during tours or vacation periods including, but not limited to, travel homes, travel trailers, motor homes, tiny houses, truck campers, tent campers, trailers, boats and trailers, snowmobiles and trailers, jet ski and trailer, and any other similar vehicle.
- 3.7. Private Vehicle. Shall mean a vehicle used for domestic, non-commercial use.
- 3.8. Street. Shall mean any road, street, avenue, highway, court, cul-de-sac, alley, public way, right of way, walkway, dedicated but un-opened right of way, or public square that is used or could be used as a public thoroughfare within the municipal limits of the City.
- 3.9. Trailer. Shall mean a vehicle designed to be towed by a motor vehicle.
- 3.10. Truck. Shall mean any large commercial motor vehicle which is or may be used for attaching or pulling a trailer. This term shall also refer to but not be limited to a, tractor trailer and/or truck tractor, straight body truck, stake-body truck, flatbed truck, storage truck, refrigerator truck, and large commercial motor vehicle, dump truck, tow truck, tri-axle vehicle, and/or any heavy motor vehicle designed for carrying or pulling heavy loads.
- 3.11. Truck Trailer. Shall mean any motor vehicle which attaches to a trailer and which is primarily used for the transportation of goods, merchandise and materials, and which, when in combination or on its own, totals thirty (30) feet or more in length. This term is not meant to include vehicle which are making local deliveries in permitted areas.

ARTICLE II

4. Street Parking of Large Vehicles Restricted.

No person shall park, cause to be parked, or permit to be parked any Large Vehicle on any street within the municipal limits of the City.

5. Exceptions.

The regulations set for the in this Ordinance shall not apply to provided they do not create a nuisance:

- 5.1. Emergency Vehicles as defined by the PA Motor Vehicle Code.

- 5.2. City Owned Motor Vehicles.
- 5.3. Motor Vehicles operated by the US Postal Service
- 5.4. Motor Vehicles actively engaged in construction or repair of streets, curbs, sidewalks, or utilities.
- 5.5. The parking of any large vehicle, truck or truck trailer or tri-axle vehicle for the purposes of the delivery or pick-up of merchandise, material, or goods provided that the parking of the said vehicle shall terminate immediately upon conclusion of the deliver or pick-up of merchandise, material or goods and not to exceed one hour.

ARTICLE III

6. Violations.

- 6.1. Prosecution of violation. Any person failing to comply with any part of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor or summary offense as determined by the local municipality, and the violation shall be deemed a strict liability offense.
- 6.2. Violation penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by state or local laws. That conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50) and no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), and in default of payment, to imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

ARTICLE IV

6.3. Scofflaw.

- 6.3.1. The City of Connellsville does hereby authorize the Police Department to remove and impound any large vehicle parked on the streets of the City of Connellsville in violation of this ordinance or any provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 6.3.2. If any large vehicle is parked in the City of Connellsville, and whose owner is delinquent in payment of fines and costs imposed by a magisterial district judge, and for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued by a magisterial district judge or whose owner is delinquent in payment of fines and penalties as a result of his or her violation of the this ordinance of the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, then that owner's large vehicle shall be seized, removed and impounded.
- 6.3.3. A large vehicle shall also be seized, removed and impounded upon conviction of, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for one or more violations of this ordinance or the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 6.3.4. The owner of any large vehicle impounded under this Part may obtain possession of the large vehicle by paying all fines and costs associate with the impoundment or making arrangements with the appropriate authority to make payments of all fines and costs by installments

This Ordinance is duly **ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Connellsville at a duly advertised public meeting held on the 21st day of February, 2023."

Mayor Lincoln questioned Solicitor Witt as to how long they have to wait before this ordinance can be enforced.

Solicitor Witt replied ten days.

Mayor Lincoln stated March 3, 2023 it will go into effect.

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

Resolution No. 2-6-2023: “For Connellsville Council’s full support for developing the “Connellsville Urban Loop Trail with Iron Horse Bridge Park “through a US Department of Transportation RAISE Grant for project planning, design and cost estimating.”

Mayor Lincoln stated this project will be a huge impact to the area and this is the first step of the project.

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

Resolution No. 2-7-2023: “To accept the resignation of Connor Tibbe, retroactive on February 8, 2023, from the Connellsville Police Department.”

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

Mayor Lincoln stated there were two letters of interest to be appointed to the Redevelopment Authority. He added City Council is trying to get each of them on the authorities and boards. He stated they are on all of them except this board. Mayor Lincoln noted the Redevelopment Authority is looking forward to Bob Topper’s expertise in Real Estate.

Resolution No. 2-8-2023: “To appoint Bob Topper, Jr. to the Connellsville Redevelopment Authority; term to expire January 1, 2024.”

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

Resolution No. 2-9-2023: “To grant permission for the Connellsville Festival Association and the Connellsville Recreation Board to hold the 2nd Annual Red White and Boom Festival on Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 12 PM until 10 PM with fireworks at 9:30 PM; further granting permission to sale alcohol with proper permits from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; further authorizing the closure of

North Arch Street from West Crawford Avenue to Peach Street and West Apple Street, from the Daily Courier parking lot to Water Street; further approving items requested in the Utilization Form; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief.”

Councilman Keedy stated they really wanted to get the streets approved so they can work on the layout and have maps printed out this year. He stated they want to be able to say who is going where. He announced Shaffer will be doing the fireworks again this year.

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

Resolution No. 2-10-2023: “WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, is most vulnerable to natural and human-made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville acknowledges the requirement of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Fayette County Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with other County departments and officials and citizens of the City of Connellsville, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Connellsville:

* The Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the City of Connellsville, and

* The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.”

Mayor Lincoln stated if any residents on the north end who were not interested in the program before, are interested now, contact the City Clerk and he can discuss it with FEMA to see if a third application can take place.

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

Resolution No. 2-11-2023: “To appoint Blaine Brown to the Shade Tree Commission; term to expire January 1, 2026.”

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

Resolution No. 2-12-2023: “To hire Gerald Myers as a Patrolman for the Connellsville Police Department starting March 15, 2023, at a salary reflected by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Connellsville Police Officers Association; funds taken from line item 410.142.”

Mayor Lincoln questioned if any of the three applicants live in the City of Connellsville.

Chief Hammerle answered all three are from Connellsville and graduated from Connellsville. He added they all live close by.

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

Resolution No. 2-13-2023: “To hire Douglas Brighton as a Patrolman for the Connellsville Police Department starting April 15, 2023, at a salary reflected by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Connellsville Police Officers Association; funds taken from line item 410.142.”

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

Reminders available on the City’s website: connellsville@connellsville.us

Visit “Connellsville’s First Fridays” on Facebook for sales and events throughout Connellsville

Thursdays, January 19th – April 6th, 3:35 PM – 5 PM, Faith Bible Church’s Good News Club at West Crawford Elementary, Room 118, visit Faith Bible Church of Connellsville on Facebook for registration or call Faith Bible Church, Pastor Bobby Reed, 724-858-8793

February 25th at 7:30 PM & 26th at 2 PM, Conn-Area Catholic presents “Winnie the Pooh KIDS”, Edwin Porter Theatre, Free admission

March 4th & 5th, 11 AM – 5 PM, Spring Craft & Vendor Show, New Haven Hose Firehall, Call Pam Heinbaugh for vendor information at 724-252-5208

March 11th, 1 PM – 9 PM, Heart to Hope Telethon at the Community Center, 724-626-1120 to donate. Their goal is \$50,000 and it is put back into the community.

March 11th, 11 AM – 2 PM, Simply Soup Walk, Tickets \$10 are available throughout town

April 8th, Yough River Trail Race, Registration 8 AM, Race 9 AM, \$20 by March 29th, \$30 race day, For more information: 724-628-6078

April 29th, 12 noon – 4 PM, Tangled Up In Vines, East Side Fire Hall, Tickets \$20 at City Hall, Atkins and Brillhart's and West Side Jewelry. This money helps hire summer workers to maintain the parks and keep the parks clean and up to date and working

KEEDY:

COUNCILMAN KARPIAK:

Health Officer's Report

Councilman Karpiak stated it is almost grass cutting season and residents will not get away with cutting it once a summer.

New Haven Hose Report by Bill Addis

Councilman Karpiak "The unfortunate incident in Ohio with the trains, how much, if at all, are you guys in touch with the railroad, to know the chain of command and know what we are dealing with."

Mr. Addis replied "Anything in bulk and in the tank car, if they have a placard on them, they don't have to notify us of anything. They are a federal entity and don't have to notify us. They don't have to include the police department either. We have our Hazmat Books and know what is in the cars once we see them and read the placards."

Councilman Karpiak "I was wondering if there is any way we can begin now to be such a pain that they can fill us in on what procedures can be done, what are their responsibilities and what are our responsibilities, and then, for us a catastrophic event, how do we and how will we get rid of all of the people here."

Mr. Addis stated that question is above him.

Councilman Karpiak stated "We need to get this on the burner."

Mayor Lincoln questioned if New Haven has the materials to put a chemical fire out.

Mr. Addis answered yes and they are capable of handling a substantial amount. He added they would also call their Fayette County Hazmat Team and if it is that bad they call into the other counties.

Councilman Karpiak stated he is concerned with evacuation and putting it out. He added if we lead the investigation now to cross all t's and dot all I's, what is the reasonable response. Mr. Karpiak stated he is up for training on this as well.

Mayor Lincoln stated maybe the City Clerk can contact CSX and set up a meeting to discuss an emergency and get Emergency Management down here. He noted maybe they can come up with a game plan and put it in place and then we just have to open a book.

Mr. Addis stated this could be answered better by the EMA Director.

Councilman Karpiak requested the EMA Director attend the next meeting.

Mr. Addis replied absolutely. He stated he will have Ryan reach out to Mr. Karpiak and they can go from there.

Resolution No. 2-14-2023: "To reappoint Ernest Nordic Shreve to the UCC Appeals Board; term to expire the first Monday in January 2028."

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

Mayor Lincoln stated the Iron Horse Bridge has not been easy and the City Clerk has done a huge amount of work to assist the County and Fay Penn. He added Vernon has also been working on another grant with the recycling bins. He said he wants to let the community know that soon the city will have those 45-gallon recycling bins with wheels. Mayor Lincoln stated they will be ready to purchase for \$3.00. He stated there are 3,100 and he hopes all homes will have them and recycling helps the city get recycling grants. Mayor Lincoln thanked Vernon Ohler for all he does.

COUNCILMAN TOPPER:

Resolution No. 2-15-2023: "To grant General Braddock's Fish Club, in conjunction with the Connellsville Recreation Board, use of Yough Park on June 2, 3 and 4, 2023, for the Yough River Rally; further approving items listed on the Utilization form; further granting permission to have beer and wine sales with proper permits from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board."

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

Resolution No. 2-16-2023: "To approve a designated area of Yough River Park as a "Smoking Area" during the Yough River Rally, June 2, 3 and 4, 2023."

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

Resolution No. 2-17-2023: “To accept the resignation of Jason Prutz as a voting member from the Connellsville Recreation Board and appoint him as a non-voting member effective February 21, 2023.”

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

Resolution No. 2-18-2023: “To appoint Melissa Tzan, as a voting member, to the Connellsville Recreation Board; term to expire January 1, 2024.”

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

Resolution No. 2-19-2023: “To approve Connellsville Girls Softball League use of East Park Ball Field and Woodruff Ball Field for the 2023 season starting April 1, 2023 until July 31, 2023. East Park field will be used every day and Woodruff Field being used on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights; pending contract agreement and proof of insurance.”

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

Resolution No. 2-20-2023: “To approve 35 and Older League Men's Softball League use of Woodruff Ball Field on Sundays starting May 1, 2023 until September 30, 2023; pending contract agreement and proof of insurance.”

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

Resolution No. 2-21-2023: “To approve Dunbar Men's Travel Softball Team use of Woodruff Ball Field on Tuesday and Friday nights starting April 15, 2023 to September 30, 2023; pending contract agreement and proof of insurance.”

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

Councilman Topper stated they are glad to see all of the leagues coming back into play after covid. He added the Recreation Board has some really good things coming into play soon.

Resolution No. 2-22-2023: “To approve street closures on April 29, 2023 for Tangled Up in Vines for North Arch Street from Apple Street to Peach Street and West Apple Street from North Arch Street to Water Street; pending approval by the Police Chief and the Fire Chief.”

Councilman Topper stated they sold around 100 tickets the first couple of days, so residents need to get their tickets now. He added they have wineries still signing up and entertainers lined up. He stated the cause is two hire two new street department workers, adding the two young part timers last year were huge taking care of the parks.

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

Councilman Topper announced that James Flynn, who is a great member of the Recreation Board, put together a Recreation Board Gala. He stated it is March 21st from 7 PM – 9 PM at the Aaron’s Building with great entertainers. He added tickets are \$50 and goes to the Recreation Board budget. Topper stated they are hoping to get some business sponsors for the parks. He explained there can be prime sponsors or sponsor an aspect of the park. He added they are trying to raise money for the mulch they put down every year. He clarified the goes is to take the burden off the tax payers. He announced this gala is a Tuesday and will support the Recreation Board. Councilman Topper stated there are a lot of events geared towards kids this summer. He stated there is PE In The Park and Friends Day and Aaron Zolbrod is talking about doing something again with basketball and there is the Blue Bird House. He added the Recreation Board will be hitting the calendar hard over the summer. He noted there are events for just about every age. Councilman Topper thanked the Recreation Board members for being so helpful.

Councilman Karpiak reminded Council when he came on City Council, they did not have a penny. He commended the Recreation Board for pushing on and turning it into a wonderful thing. He noted Recreation does not have a line item in the budget, which is remarkable.

COUNCILWOMAN TIBERIO:

Public Works Report

Mayor Lincoln added there is a button to click on the City’s website connellsville.us to report your street light out and West Penn Power is really quick.

Resolution No. 2-23-2023: “To adopt Bill No. 1 of 2023; Mandating Motor Vehicles to make a Right Turn Only when exiting Highland Avenue onto Route 119. Bill No. 1 of 2023, Introduced: January 17, 2023 By: Councilwoman Carol Tiberio, Enacted: February 21, 2023, Ordinance No.: 1570:

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THAT ALL MOTOR VEHICLES MAKE A RIGHT TURN ONTO SAID STREET BELOW TO PERMIT FINES AND PENALTIES ALLOWED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR VEHICLE CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Connellsville, as is hereby ordained and enacted by the Authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The following location be established as “Right Turn Only” and such signs be erected in a position as to face traffic approaching the named street.

RIGHT TURN ONLY

Traffic approaching State Route 119 in either direction on Highland Avenue must make a “Right Turn Only” onto State Route 119.

SECTION 2. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, pay a fine and costs established by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

This Ordinance is duly **ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Connellsville at a duly advertised public meeting held on the 21st day of February, 2023.”

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

Resolution No. 2-24-2023: “To accept the retirement of David Weimer from the Public Works Department; last day of work will be Thursday, March 2, 2023.”

Councilwoman Tiberio announced that Dave has served the city for 41 years and they wish him well on his retirement.

Mayor Lincoln stated the city is very fortunate to have employees that have been here so many years. He wishes Dave Weimer a happy retirement.

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

Resolution No. 2-25-2023: “To ratify and approve a 3-year contract agreement between the City of Connellsville and the United Steelworkers of America Local Union 13836-10, the Public Works Union; contract retroactive to January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.”

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

Resolution No. 2-26-2023: “That this meeting of the City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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