

**Connellsville City Council  
MINUTES  
December 18, 2018**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Father Dan

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:**

Controller Witt wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Weaver noted the Tax Office has received 126 business license payments already totaling \$7,340.00. She discussed her office has crossed trained and running smoothly. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Daniel Cocks, Downtown Connellsville and Cultural Trust, Reviewed programs available and planter review

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 12-1-2018:** "To approve the minutes from the November 20, 2018 City Council Meeting."

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

**Resolution No. 12-2-2018:** "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 Topper, Tzan, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln questioned Chief Hammerle about the shooting.

Chief Hammerle stated there is a warrant to a female but could not answer any further questions.

Chief Hammerle and Officer Garlick discussed a K9 Unit Bank Account and stated it would be helpful with drug activity. Chief further stated Garlick is soliciting funds and grants for it.

**Resolution No.12-10-2018:** "To authorize the City Clerk and Chief of Police to open a deposit account for K9 Unit fundraising and donations; to authorize Chief of Police, K9 Officer and Police Secretary as signatories for such account; and restrict the use of all funds from such account for purposes of starting, operating, administering, and supporting a Connellsville Police Department K9 Unit, including related and ancillary expenses for or of such Unit."

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

Proclamation: Connellsville School Choice Week

**Resolution No. 12-3-2018:** "To enter into an Agreement with Fayette County to provide the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code. This agreement shall take effect December 31, 2018 and end on December 31, 2022. The City of Connellsville agrees to adopt the Fayette County fee schedule for the Uniform Construction Code."

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

**Resolution No. 12-4-2018:** "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 2020."

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

**Resolution No. 12-5-2018:** "To set the 2019 City Council Meetings for the following dates: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17, 2019; meetings will begin at 6:00 PM."

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

**Resolution No. 12-6-2018:** "To approve Penn State Fayette student Gunnar Lynch of Connellsville for an internship with the Connellsville Police Department beginning January 7, 2019."

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

**Resolution No. 12-7-2018:** "To revise their FFY 2015 CDBG Program to reallocate \$ 9,249.58 from Code Enforcement Activity to Road Reconstruction Activity, and to direct the Connellsville Redevelopment Authority to file the appropriate paperwork with DCED. This will allow for the completion of all 2015 Activities and prepare for project closeout."

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

**Resolution No. 12-8-2018:** "To make a donation to Fayette EMS of \$2,500 for services rendered for the City. Money to be taken from line item 489.546 Miscellaneous Expense."

Mayor Lincoln explained Fayette EMS mailed letters to all of the municipalities they serve asking for financial support. He added EMS is having financial burdens right now. Mayor Lincoln stated they are located in the City and he is thankful for them. He added he hopes all of council is all on board with this.

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

**Resolution No. 12-9-2018:** "To Hire Samuel Mardis and David Collins as on call dispatchers for the Police Department. Wages to be taken from line item 410.145."

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

#### **REMINDERS:**

December 24th, City Hall Offices will close at noon.

Recycling is December 26th and December 27<sup>th</sup>

January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Polar Bear Club plunge at Yough Park

Mayor Lincoln asked that residents bring canned food for the Bill Swan Food Pantry. He thanked Fayette EMS, New Haven Hose, Connellsville Police and the Auxiliary Police for being there during the event and providing safety. He further thanked the Polar Bear Club for providing this event each year.

Mayor Lincoln reminded residents not to drink and drive and to have a designated driver.

#### **KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 12-11-2018:** "To adopt Bill No. 4 of 2018, Ordinance No. 1536; AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES PAYABLE BY THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FOR THE VARIOUS POSITIONS ENUMERATED HEREIN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH."

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

**Resolution No. 12-12-2018:** "To adopt Bill No. 5 of 2018, Ordinance No. 1537; 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 2019, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith."

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

**Resolution No. 12-13-2018:** "To adopt Bill No. 6 of 2018, Ordinance No. 1538; 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 2019 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 Topper, Tzan, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 12-14-2018:** “To open a non-interest yielding account for the RACP Grant with Highlands Hospital; account will require the signatures of the City Treasurer, City Controller and the Head of Accounts and Finance.”

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

Councilman Keedy thanked everyone for working together and not having to get a Tax Anticipation Loan this year. He added not getting the loan is huge and has not happened in decades.

Mayor Lincoln agreed and thanked the City auditor, Clayton Gregg, for his guidance.

Councilman Keedy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, noting to stay safe.

#### **KARPIAK:**

Councilman Karpiak discussed the budget and thanked the unions for their concessions, employees for taking 0 percent increases, department heads and office personnel. He added this administration has worked together to get to the point of no Tax Anticipation Loan. Councilman Karpiak noted businesses have opened, adding that doesn't happen overnight – “it takes years.” He stated he is proud to be a part of the changes and thanked everyone for their part.

Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 12-15-2018:** "To authorize the City Clerk permission to file for the 2019 DEP 902 Recycling Grant."

Councilman Karpiak added there are cameras now at the recycling dumpster. He added not to put TV's there.

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

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

#### **TZAN:**

Councilwoman Tzan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and health New Year.

#### **TOPPER:**

Health/Code Officer Report

## New Haven Hose Report

Councilman Topper wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Mayor Lincoln stated garbage pickup has now been going smooth. He did note the Commercial pickup has been a problem and business owners don't like that to happen. "When they pay a fee, they expect the service" he noted.

Advanced Disposal's Representative stated the garbage company hired more drivers, therefore the pick up should now go smoothly.

**Resolution No. 12-16-2018:** "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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