

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
July 21, 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, Zolbrod and Karpiak. Also attending was Solicitor Witt and Administrative Secretary Shelley Primus. Absent was Councilman Ritch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ethan Keedy, Keedy's Pizzeria and "Don't Trash My Turf" Campaign

CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT: Absent

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT: Absent

CORRESPONDENCE:

Downtown Connellsville, Mum Festival September 12, 2015

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 7-1-2015: "To approve the minutes from the June 16, 2015 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 7-2-2015: "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 Councilmen Karpiak, Ritch and Geyer and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Lincoln thanked the members of the Police Department for detaining the persons responsible for the City wide vandalism.

Resolution No. 7-3-2015: "Direct the Connellsville Redevelopment Authority to revise the City of Connellsville's FFY's 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program as follows: Decrease the approved Clearance/Demolition Activity Budget from \$ 50,000 to \$ 25,000, -Increase the approved Recreation – East Park Activity Budget from \$ 15,000 to \$ 40,000."

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

REMINDERS:

July 24th, East Park, The Lego Movie

July 26th, Lion's Square, Eric Harvey Band from 7 PM – 9 PM

August 1st and 2nd, St. John's Church and IC Church, at Somerset Bank, Catholic Festival

August 7th, East Park, Raiders of the Lost Arc Movie

August 8th, Savor the Avenue, 3:30 PM – 10 PM

August 21st, East Park, Muppet Movie

GEYER:

Geyer explained the delinquent tax notices have never been sent out before and is being done now to comply with regulations. He further explained all glitches have been worked out.

Geyer also noted the 2013 Audit is almost ready to publish. He noted the 2014 Audit will begin soon.

Geyer thanked the Police Department for capturing the vandals.

Resolution No. 7-4-2015: "To adopt the following Policy and Procedures: Requisition Processing, implemented July 28, 2014; City Parks, implemented September 8, 2014; City Reimbursements, implemented September 8, 2014; Public Participation during City Council Meetings, implemented October 7, 2014; Background Checks on new City employees, implemented March 18, 2015 (revised based on background procedures); Payroll Processing, implemented July 1, 2015 (revised based on Police participation)."

Geyer noted Joyce Shaffer brought her knowledge and experience from her previous employers to help implement the Policy and Procedures.

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

Resolution No. 7-5-2015: "To close the following six (6) PLGIT Accounts: General Fund, #5049011, \$23,872.13; Recreation, 5049040, \$287.95; Parking and Revitalization, 5049053, \$112,122.40; Capitol Improvement, 5049066, \$51,641.99; Investment, 5049079, \$60.66; Capital Reserve, 5049092, \$6,045.89, all of which were earning an interest rate of .03%. Further authorizing these monies from General Fund, #5049011, \$23,872.13 to be transferred to PNC General Fund Account #2003790; Recreation, 5049040, \$287.95 to be transferred to PNC Recreation #1819499; Parking and Revitalization, 5049053, \$112,122.40; Capitol Improvement, 5049066, \$51,641.99; Investment, 5049079, \$60.66; Capital Reserve, 5049092, \$6,045.89 will be transferred to a new account at Charleroi Federal Bank with a three (3) year Certificate with an interest rate of 1.25%."

Geyer explained PLGIT interest rates are not high like they use to be and now we will have less to reconcile.

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

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 7-6-2015: "To enter into an agreement with Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, where Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania will make an upfront payment of \$7,000.00 to cover the costs of road openings within the City of Connellsville and continue to make such payments after said funds have been exhausted."

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

Karpiak read Ritch's Department:

Resolution No. 7-7-2015: "To appoint Dr. Jamie Delfine to the Recreation Board as a non-voting member effectively immediately."

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

Resolution No. 7-8-2015: "To place an invitation for bid for the sale of the City owned vacant property on West Peach and North Arch Streets (Parcel ID 05-06-0363). Bids are to be received no later than Monday, August 17, 2015 at 4:00 PM and to be opened on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:00 PM at City Hall during the regular scheduled Council Meeting."

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

Karpiak noted that this would allow a rescue boat to be placed in the water.

Resolution No. 7-9-2015: "To ratify, authorize and execute the Authorized Official Resolution for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant of \$70,110.00 for a boat ramp at Yough River Park, retroactive to June 16, 2015."

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

RITCH: Absent

ZOLBROD

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Council discussed the garbage bids.

Tom Currey explained there were two bids that are almost identical (tape recorder could not make out all words).

Council further discussed the garbage bids.

Geyer introduced the following resolution:

Resolution No. 7-10-2015: "To go into Executive Session to discuss legal and contractual issues."

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

Resolution No. 7-11-2015: "To reject all proposals for the City of Connellsville's three year garbage service contract, with an option for four years, beginning November 1, 2015 and ending October 31, 2018."

Zolbrod stated why they are rejecting bids is due to Commercial prices are too high and hoping they can get lower prices.

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

Resolution No. 7-12-2015: “To reject all proposals for the garbage service contract and rebid the three year garbage service contract with an option for additional extension(s), beginning November 1, 2015, and ending October 31, 2018; bids to be received no later than August 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM and to be opened on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 6:00 PM at City Hall during the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.”

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

Resolution No. 7-13-2015: “This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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