

**Connellsville City Council  
MINUTES  
JUNE 28, 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:** Rev. Matt Goldsberry

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:**

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Shirley Rosenberger/Ann Nicholson, Appalachian Creativity Center/ Project Talent

Rev. Matt Goldsberry spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club thanking City Council for their support. He discussed improving the Veteran's Plaza and stated the Rotary Club gave out \$15,000.00 in scholarships.

Calli Tony, President of the Recreation Board, Updates on the Recreation Board: 30 kids signed up for the summer sports camp, Recreation Board will be selling 50/50 tickets at the Rib Fest and discussed upcoming events.

Mayor Lincoln announced on July 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Ballfield Dedication at Mountz Creek Park. He stated there will be a celebrity wiffleball tournament against their employees after the tournament. Mayor Lincoln stated all City Council is invited to play, noting it is Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. He added Kevin Harrison will be doing the announcing.

Calli Tony then discussed Wellness on the Yough, noting it is free. She added it is a day of learning how to live a different lifestyle. She then discussed a new playground at second ward noting it will be handicap accessible.

Executive Session was called at 6:33 PM.

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

City Treasurer Weaver stated each business in the City will receive a letter stating their cost and they will receive their license when paid. She also stated credit cards payments are suspended this year, noting they will accept cash, check or money orders.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Cathy Kumor, Yoga on the Yough request

**Resolution No. 6-1-2018:** "To grant permission to Cathy Kumor to use Yough Park on Saturday mornings for Yoga on the Park; classes from 9 AM – 10:30 AM, June 18th through September 2018."

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.

Brent Rockwell, Closing of alley for event request

**Resolution No. 6-2-2018:** "To grant permission to close the alley from 1100 block of Chestnut Street to the 1100 block of Oak Street from 9 AM June 30, 2018 until 9 AM July 1, 2018 for a neighborhood block party; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

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.

CAHS Patriots:

Warriors Rock Concert on November 11, 2018, 3 PM, Connellsville Sr. High School

Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, October 10, 2018, Dinner/Show

Kenneth Brooks, Request to be appointed to the Senior Center

**Resolution No. 6-3-2018:** "To appoint Kenneth L. Brooks to the Connellsville Senior Center Board with term to expire January 1, 2022."

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.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 6-4-2018:** "To approve the minutes from the May 15, 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. 6-5-2018:** "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 reminded residents that smoking is prohibited in all ten of the City parks and cameras are also in the parks which are being monitored 24/7 at the police station. He noted if anyone is smoking in the parks, they will be caught. Mayor Lincoln stated crosswalks will also be enforced and curfew is in place at 10 PM Sunday through Thursday and 11 PM Friday and Saturday. Mayor Lincoln reminded residents of Peddlers going door to door must have and show you their license to peddle and if they do not, call 911 and the police will escort them out of town.

City Clerk, Vernon Ohler, stated the historical background was approved for the cell tower and it is moving forward.

Mayor Lincoln stated the South Side Elementary School has been purchased. He added bricks from the building will be donated to the City which will sell them as mementoes as a fundraiser for the Recreation Board.

**Resolution No. 6-6-2018:** "To close Water Street from West Fairview Avenue to West Peach Street for fireworks on Saturday, July 7, 2018, with a rain date of Sunday, July 8, 2018; contingent upon review and approval of the Police Chief and Fire Chief."

Councilman Keedy and Mayor Lincoln encouraged residents to be down town at the Rib Fest for the fireworks, noting that is the best place to watch the fireworks.

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. 6-7-2018:** "To approve Falcon Football Parents Association's Overhead Banner Request, as submitted. Overhead banner is to be erected on West Cedar Avenue and South Arch Street from July 15, 2018 and removed November 15, 2018."

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. 6-8-2018:** "To close North Arch Street from Crawford Avenue to West Peach on July 20, 2018 from 4:45 PM until 6:15 PM for Halloween in July, sponsored by the Appalachian Creativity Center; contingent upon review and approval of the Police Chief and Fire Chief."

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. 6-9-2018:** "To temporarily relieve Fayette Festivals from City of Connellsville Ordinance #1449, as amended, and allow a "billboard" to be erected on the corner of Crawford and Arch until July 9, 2018."

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:**

The 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, 11:30 AM - 1 PM, FREE Community Lunch, Christian Church of Connellsville, 212 S Pittsburgh Street, 724-628-3802

Each Sunday in July and August at Lions Square, Concerts from 7 PM - 9 PM

June 30th, Central Fellowship Church, Hope Floats, register 6 PM - 7 PM, Walk at 7 PM, Lanterns light at 8 PM, \$5

Farmers Market, Saturdays from 8 AM - Noon

Carnegie Library, Summer Events for kids schedule, 724-628-1380 for events schedule

July 6th, 7th and 8th, Fayette Festival's Rib Fest, <https://fayettefestivals.co/rockin-rib-fest>

July 11th, John Woodruff 5 K Run/Walk, 7 PM

July 12th, Kids Art with Liz Jones, Yough Park, 6 PM - 7:30 PM

July 12th, 13th and 14th, St. Rita's Festival

July 20th and 21st at 7 PM, Free family movie "I can only imagine", Christian Church of Connellsville, 212 S Pittsburgh Street, 724-628-3802

Sign up for Code Red Alerts at [www.fcema.org/codered](http://www.fcema.org/codered) and save the severe weather warning phone number to your phone: 800-566-9780

Recycling in July will be: 10th, 11th, 24th and 25th

View reminders and pavilion rental dates on the City's website: [www.connellsville.us](http://www.connellsville.us)

Mayor Lincoln announced the Kickstand Restaurant opened and they are thankful for the community support.

#### **KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 6-10-2018:** "To have the Connellsville Senior Center financial accounts be put under the direction of the City of Connellsville with all checks and disbursements signed by the Director of Accounts and Finance, the City Treasurer and the City Controller effective immediately."

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:** "Indicating Opposition to House Resolution No. 291 and opposing any changes to the collection of Local Earned Income Taxes in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Mayor Lincoln stated he contacted the local representative about this because he had questions.

Councilman Keedy stated what this means is the local taxes will be under the control of Harrisburg rather than the local Southwest Regional Tax Bureau. He added Southwest asked local municipalities to pass this resolution hoping that things will stay the same.

Mayor Lincoln replied Southwest charges the City maybe 3% to collected but what if the state doesn't charge, then that is a savings to the City. Mayor Lincoln then read a letter explaining a letter explaining House Resolution 291.

Councilwoman Tzan stressed it is a study and the middle man will be cut out which could save the City money.

Councilman Karpiak added that maybe this resolution should be tabled for now and view the results.

City Council decided to table the resolution.

**Resolution No. 6-11-2018:** "To authorize the City Bookkeeper to pay certain utility bills online each month; bills shall include: water, electric, gas, Armstrong and other bills as directed by the Director 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.

**Resolution No. 6-12-2018:** "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."

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. 6-13-2018:** "To accept the resignation of Joyce Shaffer retroactive to June 8, 2018."

Mayor Lincoln thanked Joyce Shaffer for her service to the City and wished her well at her new job.

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.

#### **KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak stated paving is going well and there is more to be done in the fall. He then thanked Lee's Plumbing for helping the City out with the traffic loops. Karpiak stated the crack sealer will save the City more money in four years than what it cost.

Mayor Lincoln thanked Magistrate Haggerty for the community service workers.

#### **TZAN:**

Mayor Lincoln announced there is a "Dog Park" in the works at the north end.

#### **TOPPER:**

Health/Code Officer Report

New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 6-14-2018:** "To adopt Bill No. 2 of 2018: Ordinance No. 1534; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT RECLAMATION AND REVITALIZATION (Act 90 of 2010)."

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 Topper reminded residents to keep their grass cut.

Mayor Lincoln reminded residents that your garbage must be in a container. He noted this is going to be enforced.

**Resolution No. 6-15-2018:** "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.