

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
May 16, 2017**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Pastor Don Smith

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

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rep. Ryan Warner, Presented Mayor Lincoln (the City of Connellsville) with three Flags, State Flag, US Flag and POW Flag. He gave updates on upcoming events.

Chuck Hubble, Pennies for Polio.

Bob Topper, Jr., Recreation Board update, Summer Sports Camps and movie night upcoming.

Mayor Lincoln thanked Michael Edwards and Paula Grubac from the Redevelopment Authority for their hard work on obtaining a grant to fix Cat's Court, redo tennis courts and fix East Park. He also noted New Haven Hose will get a new Rescue Boat.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

New Haven Hose, Flag Display Project

Resolution No. 5-1-2017: "To sign a contract with New Haven Hose Company Volunteer Fire Department for two 50 star large American Flags, mounted on a pole and displayed in front of City Hall and in front of the Police Department on ten holidays. Total cost for the contract will be \$80.00."

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

Nancy Jones, VFW Auxiliary Post 21, "Buddy Poppy Campaign" May 25th, 26th and 27th, 2017

Resolution No. 5-2-2017: "To grant permission to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #21 to hold their annual Buddy Poppy Campaign on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 25th, 26th and 27th, 2017."

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

Ron Haggerty, Jr., Drive 4UR School Fundraiser, Request to block off Street during Geranium Festival

Mayor Lincoln stated he needs 300 people to go to the Geranium Festival and test drive one of Davies Ford vehicles. He noted they will donate \$20 for each test drive.

Resolution No. 5-3-2017: "To block off North Arch from Orchard Alley to Crawford Avenue on Saturday, May 27, 2017 as part of the Geranium Festival; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

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

Connellsville Garden Club, Request to renovate Veterans Plaza

Resolution No. 5-4-2017: "To grant permission to the Connellsville Area Garden Club to renovate the Veterans Plaza as plans submitted and provided updates be submitted to the City Clerk."

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

Cathy Kumor, Yoga on the Yough 2017

Resolution No. 5-5-2017: "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, early June through September 2017."

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 5-6-2017: "To approve the minutes from the April 18, 2017 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 5-7-2017: "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 Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln announced the Police Department has a sub-station at Highlands Hospital

Mayor Lincoln announced the City will receive a \$10,000 grant from the DA's Office.

Resolution No. 5-8-2017: "To accept the Fayette County District Attorney's Grant for Cameras-2016 JAG under 10K updating Police equipment, Fayette County Grant ID #27816."

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

Resolution No. 5-9-2017: "To reschedule the July 18, 2017 City Council Meeting to July 13, 2017 at 6 PM; further authorizing the City Clerk to advertise the same."

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

Resolution No. 5-10-2017: "COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) FUNDS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE BUDGET, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Office of the Budget, administers the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program and is making these funds available for primarily economic development projects which have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact, and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues or other measures of economic activity.

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville desires to submit an application to the Office of the Budget for Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funds on behalf of Highlands Hospital (the "Sub-Grantee") to renovate and create a Women's Health Center-Highlands Hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Connellsville that:

1. The City of Connellsville supports the Grant to the Sub-Grantee (Highlands Hospital) in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), for the purpose of completing the Project and agrees to serve as the public applicant for the Grant and to administer the Grant funds, in accordance with all statutory and program requirements, to effectuate the construction of the Project.
2. The Project in the total application amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) is eligible and has been approved by the Pennsylvania Governor's Office of the Budget.
3. The City of Connellsville in conjunction with Highlands Hospital are authorized and directed to execute a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant Application and the Grant Agreement to effectuate the receipt of the Grant for the Project.
4. The City of Connellsville in conjunction with Highlands Hospital are authorized to provide such assurances, certificates and supplemental data or revised data that the Commonwealth may request in connection with the application."

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

Resolution No. 5-11-2017: "To introduce and advertise Bill #2 of 2017; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 963 of 1964, ORDINANCE NO. 1169 OF 1978 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1246 OF 1985, THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE; AND TO SCHEDULE ONE OR MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS ON SUCH ORDINANCE."

Councilman Karpiak suggested the State not handle flood insurance. He added residents "free will" is now gone, even though you "building along the river and do it well". Karpiak announced the State noted the City cannot get Flood Insurance if Council does not approve this resolution. He again requested the State not be involved in Flood Insurance, noting the State is making it difficult for Council to "grow a town which thrives on the waters that surround it."

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

Resolution No. 5-12-2017: "To accept the resignation of Brooke Deason from the Board of Directors for the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center effective immediately."

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

REMINDERS:

May 2017 is Fayette County Mental Health Awareness Month

May 15th - May 21st is National Police Week

May 23rd and 24th, Recycling

May 25th, 26th and 27th, Buddy Poppy Campaign - Auxiliary VFW

May 27th, Geranium Festival

May 29th, Memorial Day Parade, 10 AM

June 3rd, New Haven Hose Hoagie Sales

June 5th, Wesley Health Center's Stop Smoking '8 week class', 5:30 PM - 7 PM

June 6th, Rededication of the Memorial at 7 PM (Mayor thanked Ron Rulli for his work)

June 10th, Auxiliary Police Hoagie Sales

June 10th, Atkin's Music Festival at East Park (Mayor announced they are looking for sponsorships and donations for the Chinese Auction).

Beginning June 11th and each Sunday until August 27th, Summer Concerts begin at Lions Square, 7 PM - 9 PM. June 11th will be "Del Sols".

June 13th, 14th, 27th and 28th are Recycling Days

June 24th and 25th, Braddock's Crossing and Art on the Yough sponsored by the Cultural Trust

June 3rd will be "Paint a Horseshoe" at Kiley's Pavilion at Mountz Park from 12 noon until 2 PM. It's a free event.

KEEDY:

Councilman Keedy announced the City just made a payment of \$100,000.00 toward the TAN Loan. He noted \$100,000.00 was already paid so the balance would be \$100,000.00.

Councilman Keedy thanked the Office Staff, Joyce Shaffer, Shelley Primus, Cassie Calkins and Tom Currey for working together and completing the work load.

Councilman Keedy stated Calkins cleaned up the Payroll Account and thanked her.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 5-13-2017: "To open bids for the 2017 Street Paving Program."

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

Councilman Karpiak opened bids as follows:
El Grande Industries, Inc., \$76,740.00
Morgan Excavating LP, \$70,501.50
Victor Paving & Construction, Inc., \$63,128.50

Resolution No. 5-14-2017: "To accept the bid of Victor Paving & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$63,128.50 for the 2017 Street Paving Program; pending review and approval of City Solicitor."

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

Resolution No. 5-15-2017: "Remove One Hour Parking Signs on West Crawford Avenue as requested by the Traffic Committee."

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

Resolution 5-16-2017: “To place “Not an Exit” sign at the alley next to Sheetz and place “No Outlet” on same alley to prohibit vehicle access to Route 119 South from this direction as recommended by the Connellsville Traffic Committee.”

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

TZAN:

Resolution No. 5-17-2017: "To permit Williams Company to build dugouts at the Mountz Creek ball field as per the approved engineer’s plans and planning commission."

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

Mayor Lincoln stated Mountz Park will really be a premier park for the City.

MCINTIRE:

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Tom Currey, Health/Code/Zoning Officer stated to keep grass that is on your property below 12” and kill poison ivy.

Mayor Lincoln stated if you walk your dog, pick up after your dog – “it is out of respect for everyone.”

Mayor Lincoln also announced it is that time of year where people will be floating down the river. He noted that persons need to throw away whatever garbage they bring to the river. Lincoln also asked that everyone use live preservers.

Mayor Lincoln asked that everyone who goes to Yough Park, “please be sure you know how to swim”. He added there is a part of the river in which the current is extremely strong and he just wants everyone to be safe.

Mayor Lincoln then wished Tony Sonita from the Daily Courier well and success on his new job.

Resolution No. 5-18-2017: “This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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