

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
December 15, 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, Ritch, Karpiak and Herman. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Higbee and Ben Higbee, Higbee Insurance update

Linda Shearer, Patriots Blue Light Project

Karen Marco, Change in garbage pickup

Dave from Advanced Disposal, Alley and Street pickup of recycling and garbage

Clayton Gregg from McClure and Wolf Auditing, 2014 Audit

CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT: Not present

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT: Not present

CORRESPONDENCE:

Joe Mancuso, Requesting reappointment to Redevelopment Authority Board

Mayor Lincoln reappointed Joe Mancuso to the Redevelopment Authority for a term of 5 years.

Robert McDowell, Requesting to be appointed to the Municipal Authority Board

Resolution No. 12-1-2015: "To appoint Robert McDowell to the Connellsville Municipal Authority Board effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2021."

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 12-2-2015: "To approve the minutes from the November 17, 2015 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 12-3-2015: "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 Councilmembers Ritch, Herman, Geyer and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Resolution No. 12-4-2015: "To schedule the Reorganization Meeting for January 4, 2016 at 6 PM.in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425."

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

Resolution No. 12-5-2015: "To permit Deanne Burnsworth, CA University of PA Student, to perform her Law Enforcement internship with the Connellsville Police Department on January 19, 2016 to March 1, 2016."

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

Resolution No. 12-6-2015: "To accept the proposal for the codification of the City's ordinances; and authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk, and other City officials to execute any and all documents related to such proposal."

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

REMINDERS:

December 17th from 3 PM – 5 PM, Children are invited to place a homemade ornament on the Christmas Tree in front of City Hall; each child will receive a gift and treat bag. Santa will be present.

December 19th and 20th at 7:30 PM, Faith Bible Church's The Living Christmas Tree, 425 South Arch Street

December 19, 2015, Carnegie Free Library presents a Christmas Movie Marathon at 12 noon until 4 PM, 724-628-1380

December 24th City Hall Offices will close at noon and be closed December 25th.

Polar Bear Club jump January 1, 2016 at 11 AM at Yough River Park.

GEYER:

Resolution No. 12-7-2015: "To adopt Bill No. 4 of 2015, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES PAYABLE BY THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FOR THE VARIOUS POSITIONS ENUMERATED HEREIN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH."

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

Resolution No. 12-8-2015: “To adopt Bill No. 5 of 2015, 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 A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Ritch, Herman, Geyer and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

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Resolution 12-9-12015: “To adopt Bill No. 6 of 2015, 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 2016 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 INCONSISTANT HEREWITH.”

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

Resolution No. 12-10-2015: “To accept the 2014 Audit as prepared by McClure and Wolf, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.”

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

Resolution No. 12-11-2015: “To accept a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$350,000.00 from Somerset Bank for a term of One Year, contingent upon solicitor’s review.”

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

Councilman Geyer reflected upon the years he served as Councilman and his observations of changes.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 12-12-2015: “To enter into an Agreement with Bullskin Township, Connellsville Township and South Connellsville to apply for a DCED MAP (Municipal Assistant Program) Grant, for the purchase of a “Crack Sealing Machine”.

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

RITCH:

Resolution No. 12-13-2015: “To appoint the following persons to the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center, Inc., Board of Directors pursuant to Section 3.02 and 3.03 of the Bylaws of said corporation, such

terms to begin on January 1, 2016: (1) Angie Hammond for a term of five years; (2) Brooke Deason for a term of four years; (3) Larry Herman for a term of three years; (4) Gary Colatch for a term of two years; and (5) Dolly Tissue for a term of one year; and to enter into a five-year lease agreement with the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center, Inc. for the Community Center property, to be prepared and approved by the City Solicitor and the Board of Directors of the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center, Inc.; and authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk, and other City officials to execute such lease agreement.”

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

Councilman Ritch reflected on his years serving as a Councilman and changes he has seen.

Councilman Karpiak thanked Councilman Ritch for his work building up the Community Center and selling off excess City properties.

HERMAN:

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Resolution No. 12-14-2015: “This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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