

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
February 23, 2023

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Reese, Shearer, and Herr were present. Councilman Christy joined via telephone. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Fr. David Hicks, St. Peter's Anglican Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on February 9, 2023.

Mayor Dandoy made the following statement in honor of Black History Month:

"America is a culture of varied and distinctive races and ethnicities, and the city of Butler has long reflected this diversity. In 1976 as part of the U.S. Bicentennial, the United States government expanded a then week-long celebration and officially recognized "Black History Month". This celebration acknowledges much of the history and contributions of African- Americans with greater awareness and appreciation than has been historically recognized. It is a culture and history that has been and continues to be vital to the core beliefs, values, and growth of our nation and of our city. As both mayor and community member, I recognize the month of February as "Black History Month" and I urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and to continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all."

PRESENTATION:

Pennsylvania American Water representatives Sam Miller, Project Manager; Maggie Weitzel, Environmental Scientist; and Jon Natale, Senior Manager of Operations presented PAWC Act 537. This document is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Herr to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of February 23, 2023. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Reese to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2023. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Reese to acknowledge receipt of the monthly minutes from RACB, including the CDBG/HOME Program activities. All voted aye.

MONTHLY BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES LIAISON REPORTS

Liaisons gave brief reports from boards and authorities that met in February.

MONTHLY & ANNUAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

(Note: Department Reports Distributed to Council electronically)

Motion to accept the monthly reports from the Office of the City Clerk, the Police Department, Fire Department, Office of Business & Community Development/Code Enforcement, Department of Public Works and Parking Department for the month of January. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Reese

1.Motion to install "Residential Parking Only" signs at Pillow Street from the corner of Second Avenue to 110 Pillow Street on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

2.Motion to install a "No Parking Here to Corner" for one parking space on the south right side of Hickory Street at the intersection of Cupps Street on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

3.Motion for the approval and adoption of **City Resolution No. 2023-02-23A**, a resolution of the City of Butler authorizing the destruction of records maintained by the Office of the City Clerk pursuant to the Municipal Records Manual of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

4.Motion to reappoint Mark Wilson to the **Civil Service Commission** for a four-year term ending December 2025. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

5.Motion to reappoint Cindy Bowser to the **Civil Service Commission** for a four-year term ending December 2023. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

6.Motion to accept a **Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service grant** in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner and execute the required grant agreement. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

7.Motion to approve an extension of active military leave for Joshua Abbott until March 1, 2023. Second by Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

8.Motion to waive the \$100.00 Sewage Facilities Planning Module fee for the Memorial Park project. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

9.Motion to designate Veronica Walker as the **City's Fair Housing Officer** for 2023. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

10.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2023-02-23**, the City of Butler's Fair Housing Resolution. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

11.Motion to reappoint Kerry Dowdy as the city's **Section 504/ADA Officer** for 2023. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

12.Motion to appoint **Wigton Eyecare Associates Inc.** as the city's Civil Service Vision Examiner. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve an agreement with the **Butler County Humane Society** for use of the Farmer's Market for the Annual Rabies Clinic to be held on May 20, 2023, beginning at 2:00 PM. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

14.Motion to accept the donation of office furniture from the **Department of HUD** to be used in the police department. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

15.Motion to approve closing Main Street from Wayne Street to West Pearl Street for the **Cruise-A-Palooza** event, sponsored by the Rodfathers of Butler, to be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

16.Motion to approve closing Main Street from Diamond Park to Penn Street for the **Butler Road Race** event, sponsored by Butler County Family YMCA, to be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 8:15 AM until 10:45 AM. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Barb Long has been appointed to the City Shade Tree Commission to replace Diane Bowman for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2026.

Arlene Roth has been appointed to the City Shade Tree Commission to replace Pamela Taylor for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2026.

The City Treasurer presented a Monthly Intake Report for January 2023.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$972,407.74; from the parking fund - \$45,674.68; from the capital projects fund - \$235,108.26 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$76,764.82; for a **grand total of \$1,329,955.50**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

February Public Announcement - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to follow the manufacturer's recommendations for salting driveways and sidewalks. If too much salt is applied, it will runoff into the storm sewer system and impact our local waterways. Please keep the de-icing materials away from landscaping and keep it isolated to the walkway or driveway. Also, if you change the fluids in your automobile, please recycle the used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Do not dump these chemicals down the storm drains or dispose of them in the trash. If you want to temporarily store any of these chemicals on your property, just make sure that they are in sealed containers that will not rust or leak and try to keep them in a dry place

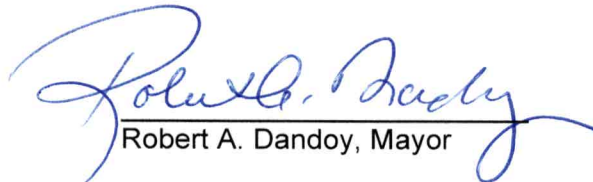
Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk



Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

