

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
October 26, 2023

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Reese, Shearer, Christy, and Herr were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Father Philip Farrell, Vicariate Office.

ACTIONS AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON October 12, 2023:

There were no persons to be heard.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Herr to approve the action items for the forum meeting of October 12, 2023. All voted aye.

1. Motion to approve an agreement with St. Luke's Lutheran Church to hold a Trunk or Treat event at Father Marinaro Park on October 21, 2023, from 10 AM until 2 PM. Motion by CM Herr. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

2. Motion to approve an agreement with Everett Brandon Roy to hold Butler Hip Hop's Community Day at Memorial Park on October 21, 2023, from noon until 6 PM. Motion by CM Herr. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

3. Motion to approve the request from First English Lutheran Church to use the North Main Street parking lot on Sunday, October 22nd from 11AM until 1PM for a Trunk or Treat Event. Motion by CM Christy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 26, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor recessed the meeting at 6:03 PM to discuss legal matters in an executive session.

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:43 PM.

PRESENTATION:

Jason W. Ross, Relevate Business Advisors LLC explained his process of evaluating the interested parties for management of the BASA funds.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Reese to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of October 26, 2023. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Christy with a second from CM Reese to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2023. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Herr 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 September.

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 September. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Reese

1. Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1817**, an ordinance of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania amending the City's traffic control schedules contained in Chapter 245 of the codified ordinances of the City of Butler by making permanent the experimental regulations previously adopted by city council on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

2. Motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$223,749.20 to the County of Butler for debt service for the **2019 Butler County Infrastructure Loan Payment**. (Note: This payment includes principal payment of \$220,000.00 plus interest payment of \$3,749.20; due November 1st.) Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

3. Motion to approve the quote from **C. W. Howard Insurance Agency, Inc.** for the renewal of the Law Enforcement Liability Policy for 2024 in the amount of \$55,631.00. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

4. Motion to approve payment to USBank in the amount of \$330,400.02 for the bond payment due on the **2015 General Obligation Bonds** as follows (due December 1st): LIN 01 472 801 Principal \$235,000.00. LIN 01 472 800 Interest \$95,400.02. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

5. Motion to direct the City Clerk to release a request for proposals for a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of one million dollars for Fiscal Year 2024. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

6. Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Liam F. Fodor** as a full-time Firefighter in the City of Butler Bureau of Fire. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

7. Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Tyler J. Sowers** as a full-time Firefighter in the City of Butler Bureau of Fire. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

8. Motion to waive the building permit fees for the shelter and the restrooms to be constructed in Memorial Park for the **Community Development Block Grant – CV Discretionary** (CDBG-CV DISC). Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

9. Motion to extend the agreement with **Butler Downtown** for use of the Farmers Market until the last day of November 2023. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

10. Motion to accept the resignation of **Patrol Officer Vincent Beaver** from the City of Butler Bureau of Police effective October 27, 2023. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

11. Motion to approve active military leave for **Daniel A. Decaria** effective October 14, 2023. Second by Christy. All voted aye.

12. Motion to enter into an **Assignment of Accounts and Agency Agreement** with Butler Area Sewer Authority, Butler Township and Sharp Collections, Inc. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13. Motion to approve closing of E. Diamond Street from Main Street to McKean Street on Friday, February 9, 2024, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and the closing of Main Street from Wayne Street to Cunningham Street, and Diamond St. from Washington Street to McKean Street on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, for the **Carved in Ice Event**, sponsored by Butler AM Rotary Club. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

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

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$906,846.41; from the parking fund - \$50,434.24; from the capital projects - \$44,640.00 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$25,196.20; for a **grand total of \$1,027,116.85**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to properly clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paints to local organizations. Also, sweep and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar. Always protect your hands, eyes, and ears when working and touching construction materials containing chemicals. If you are unsure how to properly dispose of construction waste, please contact your local municipality. Never dump anything into the storm sewer system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Trick or Treat, Tuesday, October 31st from 6PM to 7PM
- Turkey Trot, November 4th from 8AM to 11:30AM
- City Building closed Friday, November 10th in honor of Veterans' Day.
- Veterans Day Parade, November 11th beginning at 10:40AM.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

SUBMITTED:



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED



Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

