

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
October 24, 2024

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Shearer, Christy and Herr were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Rev. David Phillips, St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on October 10, 2024.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Christy to approve the agenda items for the forum meeting of October 10, 2024. All voted aye

1.Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between members of the **Brownsfield Coalition Partnership**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve the retirement of **Captain Donald P. Crawford** from the Butler Bureau of Fire following 23 years of service, effective October 13, 2024. Motion by CM Christy. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

3.Motion to approve an agreement with St. Luke's Lutheran Church to hold a **Trunk or Treat event** at Father Marinaro Park on October 19, 2024, from 8 AM until 5 PM. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

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CITY COUNCIL, ACTING AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH, and under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 11 Cities; Chapter 123 Public Health; Subchapter B – Public Nuisances Detrimental to Public Health; §12321 Abatement of public nuisances by designated department; finds the following subject structure detrimental to public health and orders its removal by demolition:

34 Thomas Avenue

Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy to amend the agenda by adding the motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1828**, an ordinance of the City of Butler, Butler County, Pennsylvania to repeal Chapter 217. Sewers, Article III, Certifications of Sanitary Sewer Status, Section 217-10 through 217-23. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of October 24, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Douthett with a second from CM Shearer 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 October.

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 CM Herr. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1826**, 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.

2.Motion to change the two "One-Hour Parking" to "Limited 20-Minute Parking" on West Cunningham Street 100 feet east of S Bluff Street. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

3.Motion to approve payment to USBank in the amount of \$332,609.39 for the bond payment due on the **2015 General Obligation Bonds** as follows (due December 1st): LIN 01 472 801 Principal \$240,000.00. LIN 01 472 800 Interest \$92,609.39. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

4.Motion to direct the City Clerk to release a request for proposals for a **Tax Revenue Anticipation Note** in the amount of one million - five hundred thousand dollars for Fiscal Year 2025. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

5.Motion to approve an addendum submitted by **Maher Duessel Certified Public Accountants** for auditing services for Fiscal Year 2024 through 2026 as outlined in their engagement letter of February 14, 2022, and to authorize the City Clerk to sign said letter on behalf of City Council. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

6.Motion to approve **Mariner Institutional's** recommended trades in the City's pension plans as requested from the Pension Board. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

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

8.Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Jonathan R. Mann** as a full-time Firefighter in the City of Butler Bureau of Fire. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

9.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No.1827**; an ordinance increasing the indebtedness of the City of Butler, Butler County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the general obligations of the City of Butler through 2024. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

10.Motion to approve closing of E. Diamond Street from Main Street to McKean Street on Friday, February 21, 2025, 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 22, 2025, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, for the **Carved in Ice Event**, sponsored by Butler AM Rotary Club. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

11.Motion to approve **City Council's 2025** meeting schedule, a copy of which will be published in a local newspaper to comply with the Sunshine Act and attached to the minutes of this meeting. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

12.Motion to approve closing Main Street from Penn Street to Wayne Street and intersecting streets from McKean Street to Washington Street, beginning at 4:30 PM for approximately 2-1/2 hours, for the **Spirit of Christmas Parade** sponsored by Butler Radio Network, to be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve the resignation of **Patrol Officer Kory L. Fleming**, following 8 years of service, effective November 3, 2024. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

14. Motion to approve the final closing documents related to the sale of the Butler Area Sewer Authority system to Pennsylvania American Water pursuant to City Resolution 2022-10-13A, approved October 13, 2022, subject to the Solicitor's approval of the closing and related documents. Further, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all documentation necessary to finalize the sale, including, but not limited to, the Wind-down Agreement between the City of Butler, the Township of Butler, and the Butler Area Sewer Authority. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

15. Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1828**, an ordinance of the City of Butler, Butler County, Pennsylvania to repeal Chapter 217. Sewers, Article III, Certifications of Sanitary Sewer Status, Section 217-10 through 217-23. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Due to the absence of the City Treasurer, there was no Monthly Intake Report for September, 2024.

The City Controller, presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$1,108,850.45; from the parking fund - \$68,898.21; from the capital fund - \$264,094.52 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$22,784.27; for a **grand total of \$1,464,627.45**. Motion by CM Shearer with second from CM Christy 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, Thursday, October 31st from 6PM to 7PM
- Turkey Trot, Saturday, November 2nd from 9AM to Noon.
- City Building closed Monday, November 11th in honor of Veterans' Day.
- Veterans Day Parade, Monday, November 11th beginning at 10:40AM.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Joyce and Joe Novosat spoke about concerns over the numerous accidents and speeding vehicles on S. Monroe Street.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor