

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
March 27, 2025

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Shearer, Christy and Herr were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Pastor Dwight Dunn, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on March 13, 2025:

Mayor and Council met in an executive session to labor and legal issues at 6:30 PM prior to the Forum meeting. No action was taken.

There were no "Persons to be heard".

Motion by Mayor Dandoy to approve the agenda for March 13, 2025. Second by CM Shearer.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy to amend the agenda to add motions no. 2 through no. 7 (below). Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

All voted aye. Agenda amended.

1. Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-03-13**; for the project "City of Butler – Emily Brittain Playground Rehabilitation – Community Park – Phase II." Motion by CM Herr. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

2. Motion to approve the recommendation of our consultant (5) and enter into the contract with **Freepoint** to be the City's electrical supplier for a period of 48 months beginning November, 2025 through December, 2029 at a contract rate of \$0.08330. (current rate is \$0.08893). Motion by CM Shearer. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

3. Motion to approve the promotion of **Patrol Officer Benjamin Rogers** to the rank of Sergeant in the Butler Bureau of Police effective March 23, 2025. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

4. Motion to approve the promotion of **Sergeant Nicholas Shulik** to the rank of Lieutenant in the Butler Bureau of Police effective March 23, 2025. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

5. Motion to approve the conditional lateral hiring of **Brian Johns** for patrol officer in the City of Butler Bureau of Police to fill the vacancy from the resignation of Patrol Officer Eric Klopfer. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

6. Based on recommendation from his chain of command and satisfactory completion of his probationary period, motion to grant permanent employment status as of March 13, 2025, to **Patrol Officer Richard Pechin**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

7. Motion to approve up to \$35,000 for payments for operating expenses and repairs and renovations to Pullman Park. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy made the following statement concerning Historic Pullman Park:

Pullman Park has been a part of the Butler community for generations, with a rich history and a strong tradition of bringing people together. To ensure it remains a valuable asset, the park requires repairs, upgrades, and ongoing maintenance to support its long-term use and impact.

Both Pullman Park and Butler Area School District are dedicated to maximizing its use for the benefit of students, residents, and the broader community. To explore new opportunities, we are beginning discussions regarding a potential partnership that could enhance the park's impact while ensuring its long-term sustainability.

Together, we will carefully evaluate how this collaboration can best serve our organizations and the community. Our goal is to strengthen this important resource in a way that generates sufficient revenue to remain self-sustaining, without creating an additional financial burden on taxpayers.

As we move forward, we appreciate your patience and support. These discussions will take time, and we are committed to keeping the community informed with regular updates as we explore the best path forward.

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PRESENTATION: Steve Mitnick presented his plans for the Junior High School building. He is requesting the zoning ordinance be amended to include self-storage units as a conditional use for the R3 zoned properties.

Motion by CM Herr with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of March 27, 2025. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Christy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2025. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy 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 March.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Mayor Dandoy

1. Motion to approve a quote from **Penn Global Signs and Graphics** in the amount of \$8,961.99 for street signs and related brackets to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
2. Motion to approve a proposal from **Bruce & Merrilees** for the replacement of 1 EZ Matrix sensor radar at Hansen Avenue and Pillow Street in the amount of \$7,262.86 to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
3. Motion to approve a proposal from **Bruce & Merrilees** for the installation of a Matrix sensor radar at Hansen Avenue & Renaissance Drive in the amount of \$11,580.06 to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

4. Motion to approve the confirmation of the City's engagement with **Acrisure** (formerly Mockenhaupt) to provide actuarial service for the City's three pension plans. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
5. Motion to approve **Investment Policy Statements** for the City's three pension plans as presented by Mariner Institutional. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
6. Motion to approve the **Mariner Institutional** recommended trades in the City's pension plans. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
7. Motion to approve the Statement of Work from the City's IT (**PSI**) in the amount of \$6,209.40 for the server area secure-rack installation, cleanup and wiring modifications, and installing a wired connection for the telephone in the zoning and code office. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
8. Motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$2,511.60 to the County of Butler for debt service for the **Butler County Infrastructure Loan Payment**. (Note: This payment is for the current interest; due May 1st.) Second by Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

9. Motion to approve the lease agreement with **Butler County YMCA** for the use of the Pickle Ball courts 1 - 7 and parking lots adjacent hereto in Ritts Park from May 5, 2025, until October 1, 2025. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
10. Motion to approve the quote from **Throwers Home Improvement and Service** in the amount of \$5,750.00 for repairs to the Bauer Shelter roof. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

11.Motion to approve the maintenance agreement for the generator at the safety building from **Curtis Power Solutions** in the amount of \$1,240.00 semi-annually, contingent upon the solicitor's review. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

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12.Motion to approve the resignation of **Patrol Officer Bryce Foreback**, effective March 27, 2025. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1832**, an ordinance of the City of Butler amending Chapter 14; Capital Funds, to add §14-3; City of Butler Legacy Trust. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

14.Motion to approve a transfer from the BASA fund, in the amount of \$50,000,000.00, to be deposited into the **Butler Legacy Trust (PNC)**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

15.Motion to approve the request from the Butler YMCA for the closing of N. Washington Street from the intersection of W. Penn and W. Brady Streets from 9:30 until 2:00 on May 3, 2025, for the **Healthy Kids Day event**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

16.Motion to approve closing Main Street from West Pearl Street to Wayne Street for the **Memorial Day Parade**, sponsored by Butler County Veterans Services, to be held on Monday May 26, 2025, from 10:15 AM until 12:45 PM. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

17.Motion to approve Pennsylvania Heart & Lung Act benefits for **Patrol Officer Trevon Williams** for a work-related injury he sustained on March 2, 2025. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

18.Motion to advertise for proposals for the **2025 Farmers Market Project**, to include repairs, renovations, ADA upgrades and the installation of restrooms. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

19.Motion to waive the civil service application fee for entry-level police officer for the year 2025. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

20.Motion to approve closing Main Street from Wayne Street to West Pearl Street (leaving North Streets open for fire and EMS) for the **Cruise-A-Palooza** event, sponsored by the Rodfathers of Butler, to be held on Sunday, June 22, 2025, from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

21.Motion to accept the bid from Ringwood Auto, Inc. for the **2015 Ford Interceptor** in the amount of \$1,080.00. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

22. Motion to approve the following street closures for **Butler Italian Days** event, sponsored by the Sons & Daughters of Italy:

August 22, 2025

- No parking on Main Street, from noon to 11PM from Wayne to Cunningham Street.
- No parking on East Diamond Street from noon to 11PM.
- East Diamond Street closed beginning at 1PM until 11PM.
- Main Street closed from Wayne Street to Cunningham Street from 3PM until 11PM.

August 23, 2025

- No parking on Main Street or East Diamond Street from 7am until 10pm.
- East Diamond Street closed beginning at 9AM until 10PM.
- Main Street closed from Wayne Street to Cunningham Street from 9AM until 10PM.

Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

23. Based on recommendation from his chain of command and satisfactory completion of his probationary period, motion to grant permanent employment status as of March 30, 2025, to **Patrol Officer Taylor Kerlin**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

24. Motion to approve the purchase of a **2022 Ford Interceptor** from Lancaster Township in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Full cost is \$20,000 – Butler County has paid \$10,000). (paid from K9 fund) Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

25. Motion to approve the quote from **West Penn Vehicle Specialist LLC** in the amount of \$4,400.00 for the upfitting of the 2022 Ford Interceptor. Costars Contract #012-E24-376. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

26. Motion to direct the City Clerk to advertise for sale one used **2018 Ford Explorer** from the City's Bureau of Police that is surplus to the needs of the Police Department. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

27. Motion to approve a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the City of Butler Bureau of Police, Fraternal Lodge #32. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

The City of Butler consented to the sale of 732 Center Avenue, Butler City, Ward 1, to be sold from the Butler County Repository by the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau to Dustin Kepple (tax parcel 561-37-223-0000) in the amount of \$600.00.

The City of Butler consented to the sale of 109 Glenn Avenue, Butler City, Ward 1, to be sold from the Butler County Repository by the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau to Daniel P. Stutz (tax parcel 561-29-111-0000) in the amount of \$600.00.

The City Treasurer presented a Monthly Intake Report for February 2025.

In the absence of The City Controller, the City Clerk presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$801,423.74; from the capital projects fund - \$40,189.75; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$27,084.43; and from the BASA proceeds fund - \$149,506.45 for a **grand total of \$868,697.92**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

March 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:

City Building will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2025, in observance of Good Friday.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

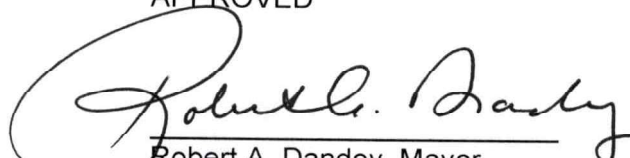
John Kramer – expressed gratitude to the City of Butler Bureau of Police for the drug bust at 420 W. Penn Street. Mr. Kramer voiced concerns over Vogel and their customer service.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

SUBMITTED:


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

