

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
May 29, 2025

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 Deacon Mitch Natali, All Saints Parish.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on May 15, 2025:

There were no "Persons to be heard".

- **Henry Wilson and David Harvey from PNC Financial;** trust lending policy and performance.
- **Proclamation for Kids Day America May 10, 2025 (25th year)**
- **Donna Smith** presented a City Neighborhood Clean-up Project that the Shade Tree Commission will offer from June 1 – September 30.

Mayor Dandoy recessed the meeting to hold an executive session concerning a personnel issue. Mayor Dandoy reconvened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Motion by CM Shearer to approve the agenda for May 15, 2025. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

1. Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1833**, an ordinance of the City of Butler, Butler County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 14 Capital Funds; to amend §14-3 Butler Legacy Trust; G. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

2. Motion to approve the retirement of **Captain Benjamin Spangler** with an effective date of June 2, 2025, from the City of Butler Police Department after 27 years of service. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

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PRESENTATION: Mayor Dandoy presented a Proclamation for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Firefighter Dave Greco presented a request from the Butler Bureau of Fire to adopt Arlo from the Butler County Humane Society to become the "Station Dog".

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Christy to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of May 29, 2025. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2025. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Douthett 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 May.

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 April. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1. Motion to accept the bid from **CH&D Enterprises** in the amount of \$ 148,900.00 the base bid and not to award Alternate 1 or 2 for the South Monroe Street Bridge Repairs based on the recommendation of the City Engineer. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

2. Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1834**, 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.

3. Motion to relocate the "No Parking Here to Corner" sign 30 feet to the other side of 326 Reo Street on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Herr. CM Douthett, CM Christy, CM Herr and Mayor Dandoy voted aye. CM Shearer abstained.

4. Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-05-29A**; a resolution to direct the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler to revise the 2022 CDBG program as follows: Decrease the Graffiti Removal line item by \$30,000 and reallocate \$30,000 to the Housing Rehabilitation line item. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

5. Motion to approve the quote from **McCandless Ford** in the amount of \$60,145.00 for a 2025 Ford F550 for use in the Streets Department to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Revenue Fund. (Costar Contract #025-E22-552). Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

6.Motion to give permission to West Penn Power, per a request from **First Baptist Church**, to remove street light pole number 1109, located on the right of way between First Baptist Christian Church and the Baptist Youth Center. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

7.Motion to accept the bid from **Neumeric + Weblinx** in the amount of \$59,500 (project cost) and \$9,000 - \$15,000 per year, for the design and development of the City's website. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

8.Motion to approve a five (5) year agreement with **Guardian Protection** for fire monitoring in the safety building at a cost of \$64.94/month. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve the renewal agreement with **2Krew Security & Surveillance** at a quarterly cost of \$106.35 for the fire alarm system and the security system in the treasurer's office for a 36-month period. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

10.Motion to approve the renewal agreement with **2Krew Security & Surveillance** at a quarterly cost of \$121.35 for the fire alarm system and the security system in the City Building for a 36-month period. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

11.Motion to approve the lease agreement with **Faith Fellowship Alliance Church** for the use of the Pickle Ball courts 1 - 7 and parking lots adjacent hereto in Ritts Park on May 31, 2025, with a rain date of June 1, 2025. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

12.Motion to approve the purchase of a Kubota zero turn mower from **M & R Power Equipment** in the amount of \$17,202.31. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13.Motion to accept the bids for Father Marinaro Park from **Hiles Excavating LLC**, in the amount of \$353,243.20 base bid and \$35,135.90 add alternate for a total of \$388,379.10. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

14.Motion to approve an agreement with Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank for use of the Farmer's Market from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month, August 2025 through December 2025, for the **Food Bank Distribution Program**. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

15.Motion to accept the bid from Ringwood Auto, Inc. for the **2018 Ford Explorer** in the amount of \$1,880.00. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

16.Motion to approve an agreement with CCR for use of the Farmers Market from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm Thursday, October 9, 2025, and Friday, October 10, 2025, for the **Bundle Up Butler (BUB)** event. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

17.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-05-29**; a resolution of the City of Butler supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semi-Quincentennial (AMERICA250Pa). Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

18.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-05-29B**; a resolution of the City of Butler, Butler County, Pennsylvania, approving the Certificate of Termination of Butler Area Sewer Authority. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

19.Motion to approve continuing payments for operating expenses and repairs and renovations to Pullman Park. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

20.Motion to remove three (3) parking meters on the north side of West Cunningham Street at the intersection with South Main Street, contingent upon Wiest Asphalt receiving their H.O.P. (Highway Occupancy Permit) within 90 days. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

21.Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with **AFSCME Local No. 757** concerning the creation of a part-time position in the public safety building. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

22.Motion to approve the creation of a part-time **Public Safety Records Clerk** position in the public safety building . Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

23.Motion to approve the **Public Safety Records Clerk** job description. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

24.Motion to direct the city clerk to advertise for a **Public Safety Records Clerk**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

25.Motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City and **AFSCME, Local No. 757**, for the duration effective January 1, 2025 and terminating on December 31, 2027. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

26.Motion to approve the Investment Policy Statement for the City of Butler Legacy Trust with **PNC, Institutional Asset Management**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

27.Motion to approve the agreement for operational management of the stadium with the **Butler Area School District** contingent upon final review by solicitor. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

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

In the absence of The City Controller, the City Clerk presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$645,857.80; from the capital projects fund - \$7,064.75; from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$26,765.96; and from BASA Proceeds to cover costs in Capital and General Funds - \$19,075.75; for a **grand total of \$698,764.26**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

May Public Announcement – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to please use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly on their lawns. When necessary, use these chemicals in their recommended amounts. Avoid applying chemicals if rain is in the forecast because the rain will wash all of the chemicals off the lawn area into the storm sewers and into the local streams. Don't over-water your lawns and if you are going to water, do it during the cool times of the day and don't let the water runoff into the streets.

Also, check your cars, boats, lawn mowers, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible, and clean any spills up with an absorbent type material such as kitty litter or sand. Do not rinse any spills into the streets or storm sewers. This will go directly into local streams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- City Building will be closed Friday, June 13th in observance of Flag Day and Thursday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

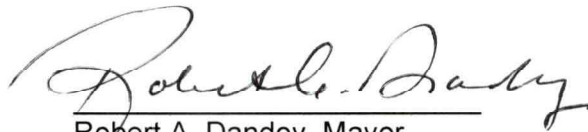
John Kramer voiced concerns about Vogel Disposal's customer service.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

