

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
February 25, 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 Mayor Dandoy.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on February 13, 2025.

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

There were no "Persons to be heard".

Motion by CM Shearer to approve the agenda for February 13, 2025. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

1. Motion to approve the transfer of **Zach Kordes** from the Streets Department to the Parks Department effective February 23, 2025. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

2. Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Adam Bergbigler** for the position of Truck Driver in the Streets Department. Motion by CM Douthett. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

3. Motion to approve Pennsylvania Heart & Lung Act benefits for **Captain Benjamin Spangler** beginning on July 17, 2024, and ending on January 8, 2025, for a work-related injury he sustained on September 8, 2023. Motion by CM Herr. Second by CM Christy. All voted no. Motion not passed.

4. Motion to approve additional funds from the City of Butler in the amount of \$13,996 for the ADA upgrades to the **Mercer Street Retaining Wall / Sidewalk Project** as part of the **2024 CDBG** application. Motion by CM Shearer. 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:

213 Walker Avenue

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

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Christy to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of February 25, 2025.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Herr to amend the agenda to add the motion to reimburse the health inspector for gasoline expenses in the amount of \$500 for the year 2025. All voted aye.
All voted aye. Agenda approved.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Herr to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 30, 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 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 Shearer. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Mayor Dandoy

1.Motion to approve the Peoples Gas request to have the option to repair North Church Street between West Locust Street and West Brady Street with blacktop the entire work area curb to curb and bricks removed in the entire paved area. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

2.Motion to direct the city clerk to advertise for proposals for Website Design and Development for the City of Butler, PA. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

3.Motion to approve payment to the **Butler Area Public Library** in the amount of \$29,285.03 that represents the proceeds from the City's 2024 library tax. LIN 01 456 540. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

4.Motion to designate **John Nath of Professional Code Services, Inc.**, as the City of Butler's Building Code Official with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

5.Motion to review and approve a subdivision plan as requested by Catherine and Dennis Glasgow for **505 South Washington Street**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

6.Motion to accept a **Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services** grant in the amount of \$15,246.13 from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner and execute the required grant agreement. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

7.Motion to accept a proposal from **Overhead Door Company of Greater Pittsburgh**, in the amount of \$56,431.00, for the replacement of four (4) garage doors in the fire station, including associated operators, track, controls, wiring, hardware, and safety sensors, along with options for an antenna and high-cycle torsion springs (100,000 cycle). Funded through a Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner Municipal Fire Department Capital Grant. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

8.Motion to accept the quote from **Air Duct Maintenance, Inc.** for commercial HVAC System cleaning in the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$5,200.00 Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

9.Motion to accept the quote from **VHC Vantine Heating & Cooling LLC** for three new Sterling 125k BTU hanging heaters in the streets department in the amount of \$10,500.00. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

10.Motion to approve the resignation of **Patrol Officer Marc Howard** as of February 23, 2025, after 9 years of service. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

11.Motion to approve the retirement of **Lieutenant Chad Rensel** with an effective date of March 16, 2025, from the City of Butler Police Department after 24 years of service. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

12.Motion to direct the City Clerk to advertise for sale one used **2015 Ford Interceptor** from the City's Bureau of Police that is surplus to the needs of the Police Department. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve closing Main Street from West Pearl Street to Wayne Street for **the Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival** event, sponsored by Friends of the Bantam Jeep Association, to be held on Friday, June 13, 2025, from 4 PM until 10 PM. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

14.Motion for the introduction and first reading 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.

15.Motion to approve closing Main Street from Diamond Park to Penn Street and W. Penn Street from Main Street to the flagpole in Alameda Park, for the **Butler Road Race event**, sponsored by Butler County Family YMCA, to be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 8:15 AM until 10:45 AM. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

16.Motion to reject the bid for the South Monroe Street Bridge Repairs received from **JF Shea Construction, Inc.** with a Base Bid of \$299,050.00. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

17. Motion to re-bid the **South Monroe Street Bridge Repairs** project. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

18. Motion to reimburse the health inspector for gasoline expenses in the amount of \$500.00 for the year 2025. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$737,624.69; from the parking fund - \$96.34; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$163,952.35 ; for a **grand total of \$901,673.38** . 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.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Sara Omstead voiced concerns about the City's solid waste hauler, Vogel stating that large containers cannot be used in the City. She suggested that 1. The waste hauler provide bins for bin uniformity. 2. There should be a sliding scale for waste collection. 3. The waste hauler needs to provide recycling bins that have lids.

Mark Krenitsky spoke about judicial sales to be used for landbanks. He also doesn't like the City adding new positions/employees.

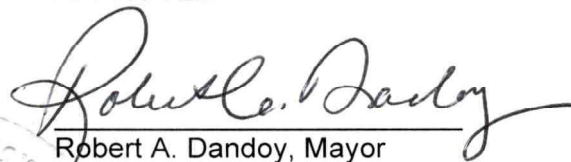
Lee Bannister voices his concerns about people running through the stop signs at Mercer and Wood Streets. The City needs to be proactive and not reactive.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

