

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
January 29, 2026

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Quebedeaux, Painter, 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 January 15, 2026:

Mayor Dandoy called the Forum meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Quebedeaux, Painter, and Herr were present.

There were no "Persons to be heard".

Motion by Mayor Dandoy to approve the agenda for January 15, 2026. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

1. Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1839**; an ordinance of the City of Butler to amend Ordinance No. 1837; an ordinance of the City of Butler fixing the wages and salaries of employees of the City in conformance with the budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Painter. All voted aye.

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Motion by Mayor Dandoy to approve the agenda. Second by CM Painter. Mayor made a motion to amend the agenda to add the following motion: Motion to approve the emergency purchase from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$175,936.00 for a CAT 920-14 small wheel loader. Costars 4400028102. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Agenda Approval Vote:
All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CW Quebedeaux to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 5, 2026 and the regular meeting of December 18, 20025. All voted aye.

Motion by CW Quebedeaux 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

There were no reports from boards and authorities.

MONTHLY & ANNUAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

(Note: Department Reports Distributed to Council electronically)

Motion to accept the monthly and 2025 annual 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 November. Motion by CM Herr. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

- 1.Motion to wave the street opening permit fee for the County to repair the sink hole behind of the courthouse. Second by CM Painter. All voted aye.
- 2.Motion to approve the emergency purchase from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$175,936.00 for a CAT 920-14 small wheel loader. Costars 4400028102. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Councilman Painter

- 3.Motion to approve payment to the **Butler Area Public Library** in the amount of \$29,277.22 that represents the proceeds from the City's 2025 Library tax. LIN 01 456 540. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
- 4.Motion to approve payment to the **Shade Tree Commission** in the amount of \$5,864.79 that represents the proceeds from the City's 2025 Shade Tree Commission tax. LIN 01 455 540. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
- 5.Motion to approve payment to **Neumeric Technologies Corporation** in the amount of \$38,250.00 for the City's website. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Councilwoman Quebedeaux

- 6.Motion to make a prepayment in the amount of \$411,789.76 to **Glick Fire Equipment Company** for the Chassis for the Pierce Saber Pumper. LIN 18 411 270. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

- 7.Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Brian Foley** for the position of Laborer in the Parks Department. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

- 8.Motion to designate Veronica Walker as the City's **Fair Housing Officer** for the year 2026. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.
- 9.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2026-01-29**; the City of Butler's Fair Housing Resolution. Second by CW Quebedeaux. All voted aye.

10. Motion to reappoint Kerry Dowdy as the City's **Section 504/ADA Officer** for the year 2026. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

11. Based upon the recommendation of her chain of command and satisfactory completion of her probationary period, motion to grant permanent employment status as of January 28, 2026, to **Patrol Officer Tiffany Fox**. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

12. Based upon the recommendation of his chain of command and satisfactory completion of his probationary period, motion to grant permanent employment status as of January 15, 2026, to **Patrol Officer Ryan Johns**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

13. Based upon the recommendation of his chain of command and satisfactory completion of his probationary period, motion to grant permanent employment status as of December 26, 2025, to **Patrol Officer John McFadden**. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

14. Motion to approve the Tentative Agreement by and between the City and the **Fraternal Order of Police, Butler City Lodge #32**, for the duration effective as of January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2028. Second by CW Quebedeaux. All voted aye.

15. Motion to approve Pay Application #3, to **Hiles Excavating, Inc.** in the amount of \$144,836.46 for the Father Marinaro Park Improvement Project. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

16. Motion to approve Pay Application #5, to **Troy Jay Construction, Inc.** in the amount of \$17,542.59 for the Farmers Market Project. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

17. Motion to reappoint John Reddick and David Malarkey to **the Butler County-City Connoquenessing Creek Flood Control Authority** for a four-year term which expires December 31, 2029. Second by CM Painter. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy thanked the streets department and the parks department for their hard work cleaning up during and after the winter storm Fern.

The City Treasurer presented the intake for December 2025.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the General fund - \$1,402,863.50; from the Capital Projects fund - \$476,034.11; from the Liquid Fuels Tax fund - \$22,425.67; and from Legacy fund to cover costs in Capital and General Funds - \$762,581.52; for a **grand total of \$2,663,904.80**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Painter to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to ensure that local residents are aware of the two types of systems that are within Butler City and the other local municipalities. The one system is the sanitary sewer system, in which toilets, sinks and garbage disposals are all connected and flow into a treatment facility that removes all of the contaminants and then discharges clean water into a local waterway. The storm sewer system is made up of catch basins that are usually placed along curbs in streets and parking lots and direct stormwater runoff through a series of pipes directly into the local waterway. Please be aware that there is no treatment for stormwater, so do not dump anything into the storm sewer catch basins. If you are unsure about the proper disposal of any type of waste material, please contact your local municipality.

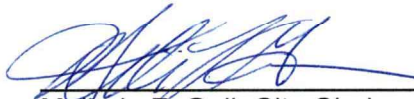
Persons to be heard:

Residents of W. Locust Street voiced concerns about City employees clearing parking lots instead of clearing streets after winter storm Fern.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor





FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 2026-01-29

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Butler that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the City of Butler/Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Additionally, it is illegal to retaliate against a person who has filed a fair housing complaint or assisted in a fair housing investigation. Therefore, the City of Butler/Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the City of Butler/Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Butler/Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

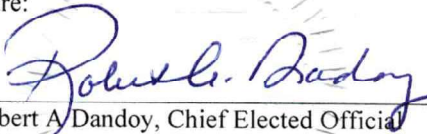
FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts
 - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

If you are a person with a disability or have Limited English Proficiency and require reasonable accommodation or document translation, please contact the business offices of Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler, 129 West Cunningham Street, Butler, PA 16001, 724-283-0116, racb@zoominternet.net; www.RedevlopmentAuthorityCityofButler.net.)

Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Butler held January 29, 2026.

Signature:


Robert A Dandoy, Chief Elected Official

2/6/26
Date

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