

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
April 21, 2022

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 Fr. David Hicks, St. Peter's Anglican Church.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Dandoy read a Proclamation presented to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to designate May 1-7, 2022, as "Elks National Youth Week".

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of April 21, 2022.

Councilman Shearer made a motion to strike motion number 2. *Motion to approve the recommendation of our consultant (BidURenergy) and enter into the contract with **AEP Energy** to be the City's electrical supplier for a period of 36 months beginning November, 2022 through December, 2025 at a contract rate of \$0.07185. (current rate is \$0.04936) (alternate 12 month contract at \$0.08589).*
Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

With above motion stricken, all voted aye to approve the agenda.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2022. All voted aye.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 10801 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes – Title 11, motion to appoint **Frederick W. Reese** to the position of City Council to fill the vacancy created by the death of Michael E. Walter for a term to expire on the first Monday in January 2024. Motion by Councilman Herr. Second by Mayor Dandoy. 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 & 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 March. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Shearer

1.Motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$4,362.40 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 CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

2.Motion to approve a Department of **Veterans Affairs Mutual Firefighting Assistance Agreement**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

3.Motion to authorize the city clerk to advertise for bids to replace the in-line 6 cyl. 9L engine on a 2011 Spartan Metro Star chassis (Engine 1-2, as operated by the Bureau of Fire) with an ENG ISL 8.9 07B 280@2200. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

4.Motion to approve the lease agreement with **Butler County YMCA** for the use of the Pickle Ball court 1 - 6 and parking lots adjacent hereto in Ritts Park beginning June 1, 2022 until September 14, 2022. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

5.Motion to enter into an agreement with the **Butler Fastpitch Association** to lease the T-Ball Field in Memorial Park commencing April 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

6.Motion to approve an agreement with the **Butler Midget Football League** for the 2022 season. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

7.Motion to approve the agreement with the County of Butler for the **County of Butler, Park Renovation Grant Program**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

8.Motion to approve closing Main Street from Wayne Street to West Pearl Street, as well as side streets from Main to Washington and McKean Streets, for the **Cruise-A-Palooza** event, sponsored by the Rodfathers of Butler, to be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve closing East Diamond Street for the **America First Rally** event, sponsored by the Butler PA Patriots, to be held on Friday, May 13, 2022 from 2:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

10.Motion to approve closing Main Street from West Pearl Street to Wayne Street for the **Memorial Day Parade**, sponsored by Veterans Services, to be held on Monday, May 30, 2022 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

11.Motion to approve closing Main Street from Wayne Street to West Penn Street for the **Butler Fall Festival** event, sponsored by the Butler Fall Festival of Butler, to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Second by CM Herr. CM Shearer abstained. CM Christy, CM Herr and Mayor Dandoy voted aye.

12.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2022-04-21**; the City of Butler's Fair Housing Resolution. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13.Motion to consent to the sale of **112 Kittanning Street**. - 0.04 AC, Butler City, Ward 2, to be sold from the Butler County Repository by the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau to Mark Harvey (tax parcel 562-25-23-0000) in the amount of \$600.00. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

14.Motion to authorize the city clerk to approve all tax parcel sale requests from the Butler County Repository by the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

15.Motion to install two "No Parking Here to Corner" signs on the south side of West New Castle St. at the intersection of Wagner Ave. on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

16.Motion to approve Pennsylvania Heart & Lung Act benefits for **Sergeant Jeremy Walters** beginning on July 8, 2021, for a work-related injury he sustained on December 14, 2018. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

The City Treasurer presented a Monthly Intake Report for March 2022.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$520,673.11; from the parking fund - \$43,118.04; from the capital projects fund - \$4,155.75 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$13,979.11; for a **grand total of \$581,926.01**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

April Public Announcement - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents that when walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving the waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into storm drains and eventually into the local streams.

Also, if you plan on washing your vehicle, use a commercial car wash if possible. Car washes are setup to treat or recycle the wastewater. If you want to wash your vehicle, pull the car onto a lawn area to wash it. This way, all of the soap and water will infiltrate into the ground. Try not to wash the car on a paved surface as all the runoff will flow onto the street and into a nearby storm sewer. Soaps, wax, and other chemicals used to clean cars are toxic to fish and aquatic organisms.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- First Responder Light Up Night – Saturday, April 23rd

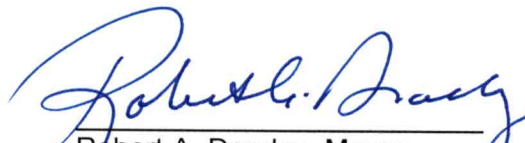
Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

SUBMITTED:



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED



Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor



FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 2022-04-21

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, 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, 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. Therefore, 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, 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're a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification, please contact the business offices of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler, 129 West Cunningham Street, Butler, Pennsylvania 16001, 724-283-0116, racb@zoominternet.net; www.RedevlopmentAuthorityCityofButler.net.

If you have Limited English Proficiency and require a document translation of any notification, please contact the business offices of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler, 129 West Cunningham Street, Butler, Pennsylvania 16001, 724-283-0116, racb@zoominternet.net; www.RedevlopmentAuthorityCityofButler.net

Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Butler held April 21, 2022.

Signature:

Robert Dandoy, Mayor

April 21, 2022
Date

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