

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
August 25, 2022

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Reese, Shearer, Christy and Herr were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Reverend David Phillips, St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on August 11, 2022:

Mayor Dandoy made a motion to extend the Confidentiality Agreement with **Pennsylvania American Water Company** until September 30, 2022. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Dandoy presented a proclamation Peter Talleri proclaiming Friday, August 26, 2022 as Major General Peter Talleri USMC Day.

Molly Horstman, representative of State Representative Marci Mustello, presented Peter Talleri with a State House citation and flag.

Renee Porterfield, Assistant Manager Berkshire Hathaway presented a contribution for the City of Butler K9 Fund.

Denny Offstein presented contributions for the City of Butler K9 Fund from Thompson Miller Funeral Home.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Bill May requested council to use the LED lights on the pickleball courts in Ritts Park to permit players to play beyond dusk.

Motion by CM Herr with a second from CM Christy to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of August 25, 2022. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Reese to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2022. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Reese 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 July. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Reese

1.Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1811**, 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.

2.Motion to direct the city clerk to advertise for a **Dump Truck** for use in the streets department and to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

3.Motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$4,536.31 to **Computershare Corporate Trust** for an interest payment for the **General Obligation Refunding Bond Series of 2005**. LIN 01 472 700. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

4.Motion to accept a Fiscal Year **2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant** in the amount of \$27,515.00 for the purchase of two thermal imaging cameras, two automated external defibrillators, and a rapid intervention team (RIT) pack with air cylinder. The federal share of the grant is \$26,204.76, with a city match of \$1,310.24. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

5.Motion to approve Pennsylvania Heart & Lung Act benefits for **Captain Michael Huey** beginning on August 22, 2022, for a work-related injury he sustained on July 26, 2022. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

6.Motion to approve an agreement with **Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank** for use of the Farmer's Market from 2:30 pm until 7:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month, July through December for the Walk-up Food Distribution Program. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

7.Motion to approve a community skateboard competition at Father Marinaro skatepark on Sunday, September 11, 2022 starting at 1:00 PM and ending at sundown, with a "rain date" of September 25, 2022. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

8.Motion to designate Mayor Robert A. Dandoy as the City's Voting Delegate to the **2022 Resolutions Committee and Annual Business Meetings** for the 2022 Municipal Leadership Summit scheduled for October 6-9, 2022, in Pittsburgh. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve preliminary design for signs in **Rotary Cultural District** contingent upon engineering review and zoning approval. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

10.Motion to approve **2022 Butler Downtown Revolving Loan Fund** guidelines and the Butler Downtown Revolving Loan Application. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

The City Treasurer presented a Monthly Intake Report for May, June and July 2022.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$933,751.89; from the parking fund - \$47,580.39; from the capital projects fund - \$1,943.50 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$14,052.58; for a **grand total of \$997,328.36**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents that if you plan to drain your pool, only drain it when your test kit does not detect any chlorine levels. Chlorine is considered toxic to fish and aquatic organisms. Whenever possible, drain the pool or spa into the sanitary sewer system. Contact your local municipality if you have any questions regarding how to properly drain your pool or spa.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- First Responder Light Up Night – Saturday, August 27th
- City Building will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day and Monday, September 12th in observance of Patriots Day.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Dennis Batiste requested rumble strips on Second Street at the intersection with Carbon Street to slow drivers down as they approach the Institute Hill Playground.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor



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Butler City K-9 Fund Raiser
140 W. North Street
Butler PA 16001

Attention Butler City Mayor, Robert A Dandoy & Council members,

We were so pleased and excited when Denny Offstein presented us with the opportunity to participate in this very important program to assist in raising funds that provide, what we consider to be, one of the most important components in our local law enforcement effort.

In our opinion the K-9 is a critical member of law enforcement. Not only are they instrumental in drug search and detection, critical to keeping drugs off our streets, but their presence on the job saves lives. They are an important part of public safety. Whereas the criminal may feel inclined to challenge an officer, there is no compromising with the K-9 officers. They are laser focused and undistracted, they know their mission and won't give up until they have completed their appointed task. We at Berkshire Hathaway are honored to be in on the ground floor of this effort. Butler is our home and the safety of Butler's citizens and our brave law enforcement personnel is of utmost importance to us. We are humbled to be a part of this very worthwhile project, we and our associates look forward to continued participation in the future.

Very truly yours,
Gary Straub
Butler Branch Manager
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