

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
December 22, 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 Pastor Theo Edwards, First Baptist Church.

The following presentation took place at the Forum Meeting held on December 8, 2022:

The City of Butler Police Bureau received the **2022 Community Traffic Safety Gold Award** presented by AAA thanks to the hard work by Lieutenant Dave Villotti. Lt. Villotti coordinated the various traffic safety programs for the department the last several years in order to create a safer community for pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

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:

331-333 E. Brady St.

Motion by CM Shearer. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Reese with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of December 22, 2022. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Christy with a second from CM Herr to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2022. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Herr with a second from Reese to acknowledge receipt of the monthly minutes from RACB, including the CDBG/HOME Program activities. All voted aye.

MONTHLY BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES LIAISON REPORTS

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 November. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Reese

1.Motion to direct the city clerk to advertise for bids for the sale of the **1998 Viking Trailer** that is surplus of the needs of the streets department. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

2.Motion to install "No Parking Here to Corner" signs on West Wayne Street at the rear entrance to the Butler Eagle on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

3.Motion to approve payment for **Application #1, to Fuller Home Building, Inc.** in the amount of \$85,592.83 for the Streets Department Roof Replacement Project. LIN 18 409 610. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

4.Motion to approve a change order from **Fuller Home Building, Inc.** for an increase of \$1,450.00, for the Streets Department Roof Replacement Project. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

5.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1812**, an ordinance of the City of Butler fixing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

6.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1813**, an ordinance of the City of Butler adopting the annual budget and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City government as set forth therein during Fiscal Year 2023. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

7.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1814**, 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 2023. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

8.Motion to approve the Pension Board's recommendation to approve the recommended trades for rebalancing the City's pension plans by **AndCo Consulting**.

	<u>Firefighter</u>	<u>Non-uniform</u>	<u>Police</u>
<i>Vanguard Institutional Index Fun-sell</i> \$400,000	-\$500,000	-\$200,000	-
Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund-buy \$200,000	\$300,000	\$100,000	
Vanguard Total Bond Index Fund-buy \$600,000	\$1,000,000	\$300,000	
<i>Vanguard Short Term Bond Index Fund-sell</i> \$300,000	-\$500,000	-\$150,000	-
<i>Federated Treasury Cash Reserve-sell</i> \$100,000	-\$300,000	-\$50,000	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	-0-	-0-	-0-

Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$77,036.22 to NexTier Bank for the **City's 2021-Series General Obligation Bonds**. (Note: This payment includes principal of \$57,771.28 and interest of \$19,264.94; due December 31st.) Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

10.Motion to accept a proposal from **R.L. Sligh Limited Consultants** for Professional Standards Training in the Bureau of Fire conducted by Chief Darryl Jones, Ph.D., at a rate of \$83/hour and a total estimated cost of approximately \$1,000. Second by CM Reese. CM Reese, CM Christy, CM Herr and Mayor Dandoy voted aye. CM Shearer voted no.

11.Motion to accept a proposal from **Retired Fire Chief John Senft** for Professional Standards Training in the Bureau of Fire at a total estimated cost, including travel, of \$2,800. Second by Mayor Dandoy. CM Reese, CM Christy, CM Herr and Mayor Dandoy voted aye. CM Shearer voted no.

Mayor Dandoy

12.Motion to approve the employment renewal agreement with Robert S. O'Neill for the year 2023. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13.Motion to reappoint Mavrik Goepfert to the **Butler Area Sewer Authority** for a 5-year term ending in December 2027. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

14.Motion to approve the **Revolving Loan Fund Committee** as proposed by the Economic Restructuring Committee of Butler Downtown. The seven members are: Lisa Campbell (BC3), Joe Gray (City of Butler Engineer, Arris Construction and Ashlar Architecture & Engineering), Ron Germani (NexTier Bank), Steve Braden (Upper Crust), Tim Yerace (Kenmac Rentals) the City Solicitor and Robert A. Dandoy (Ex-officio). Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

15. Motion to permit Butler Downtown to reserve the North Main Parking lot on the following Fridays in 2023; May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, and August 18th for the **Foodie Friday Events**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Mayor and council reviewed the current agreement with public works and do not feel any changes need to be made to the agreement.

Council will be contacting the two applicants for the appointed position of city treasurer in the next week and reconvene the council meeting on December 29th at 9:00 AM.

The City of Butler consented to the sale of 214 S. Monroe Street, Butler City, Ward 1, to be sold from the Butler County Repository by the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau to Carl Spivey and Jessica Wilson (tax parcel 561-27-4-0000) in the amount of \$601.50.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$815,621.99; from the parking fund - \$54,455.23; from the capital projects fund - \$92,603.28 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$43,581.13; for a **grand total of \$1,006,261.63**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

December 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.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- First Responder Light Up Night – Saturday, December 24th
- City building closed Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas and Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.

- **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

David Gold spoke about issues with walls, sidewalks, and drainage around properties he owns in the city.

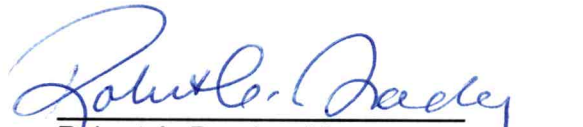
Mayor Dandoy recessed the meeting at 7:41 PM. Council will reconvene on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at 9:00 AM to appoint a city treasurer to fill the vacant seat.

SUBMITTED:



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED



Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

