

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
February 24, 2022

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Shearer, Christy and Herr were present. Councilman Walters joined via telephone. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Pastor Theo Edwards, First Baptist Church.

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 structures detrimental to public health and orders their removal by demolition:

308 Roosevelt Blvd.
127 W. Brady St.

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

Mayor Dandoy recessed the meeting at 7:05 PM for an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Meeting reconvened at 7:20 PM.

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

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Christy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2022, and the special meeting of February 1, 2022. 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 January. 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 \$229,074.95 to Computershare Trust Company, N. A. for debt service for the **City's 2005 general obligation bonds**. (Note: This payment includes principal of \$220,000.00 and interest of \$9,074.95; due March 1st.) Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
2. Motion to accept the proposal from **NexTier Bank** for a general obligation loan of \$409,600.00 for 2022 Police and Parks Department vehicle, paving and streets department garage improvements with an interest rate of **3.22%** per annum. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
3. Motion to approve a proposal submitted by **Caruso & Spencer, PC, Certified Public Accountants** for monthly auditing services for Fiscal Year 2022 as outlined in their engagement letter of January 20, 2022 and to authorize the City Clerk to sign said letter on behalf of City Council. Second by CM Walter. All voted aye.
4. Motion to approve payment to the **Butler Area Public Library** in the amount of \$31,826.46 that represents the proceeds from the City's 2021 library tax. LIN 01 456 540. Second by CM Walter. All voted aye.
5. Motion to approve payment to the **Shade Tree Commission** in the amount of \$149.34 that represents the remaining proceeds from the City's 2021 shade tree tax. LIN 01 455 540. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
6. Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2022-02-24A**; a resolution of the City of Butler authorizing the destruction of records maintained by the Office of the City Treasurer pursuant to the Municipal Records Manual of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Second by CM Walter. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

7. Motion to extend the expiration date of the firefighter Lieutenant Certified List from February 6, 2022 to February 27, 2022, as approved by the Civil Service Commission. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
8. Motion to approve the promotion of **Firefighter Floyd Lohr III** to the rank of Lieutenant within the Butler Bureau of Fire, effective February 27, 2022. Second by CM Walter. All voted aye.
9. Motion to approve the promotion of **Firefighter Jeffrey Scott** to the rank of Lieutenant within the Butler Bureau of Fire, effective February 27, 2022. Second by CM Walter. CM Walter, CM Christy, CM Herr and Mayor Dandoy voted aye. CM Shearer voted no. Motion passed.
10. Motion to approve the promotion of **Lieutenant Michael Huey** to the rank of Captain within the Butler Bureau of Fire, effective February 27, 2022. Second by CM Walter. All voted aye.

11.Motion to accept a Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner and execute the required grant agreement. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

12.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2022-02-24**; the City of Butler agrees to comply with the requirements of the Butler County Parks Renovation Program for the purpose of obtaining grant funds for the renovation of Father Marinaro Park. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve an agreement with the **Butler Youth Lacrosse Association** to utilize Memorial Park and Father Marinaro Park beginning March 1st and ending June 14th for their Spring Youth Lacrosse Season contingent upon execution of the lease agreement and the receipt of proof of insurance. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

14.Motion to approve an agreement between the City of Butler and the County of Butler to provide administration services for the **Community Conservation Partnership Program**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

15.Motion to approve the following City Council Liaison Appointments:

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler – CM Shearer
Butler Area Sewer Authority – CM Walter
Butler County/City Connoquenessing Creek Flood Control Authority – CM Walter
City of Butler Planning & Zoning Commission – CM Christy
Zoning Hearing Board – CM Christy
Code Management Appeals Board – CM Christy
City Shade Tree Commission – CM Herr
Pension Investment Advisory Board; **Director of Accounts/Finance** – CM Shearer
Butler Area Public Library – Mayor Dandoy
City of Butler Parks, Recreation Grounds & Facilities Authority – CM Herr
BAMM Plan Oversight Committee – CM Herr
Bicycle Advisory Commission – CM Walter
Butler Downtown – Mayor Dandoy
Rotary Arts District – Mayor Dandoy

Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

16.Motion to approve City Council's **updated 2022 meeting schedule**, a copy of which will be published in a local newspaper to comply with the Sunshine Act and attached to the minutes of this meeting. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

17.Motion to approve an extension of the 2002 Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler for administration of the City's Community Development Block Grant Program Funds, HOME Program funds and other State and Federal funds with such extension running through October 1, 2023. Second by CM Walter. All voted aye.

18. Motion to approve the grievance settlement and general release agreement subject to the solicitor and city clerk's approval of final calculations and terms. Second by CM Walter. All voted aye.

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

Berkheimer Tax Innovations will be collecting the 2022 City of Butler Real Estate and Per Capita Tax bills this year. There will be a few changes with Berkheimer as the Deputy Tax Collector. The City Per Capita Tax is no longer included on the same bill as the Real Estate. If you have received a combined Real Estate and Per Capita Tax Bill in the past, you will receive two (2) bills starting in 2022. Checks may be payable to HAB-MISC or you may pay your taxes online at WWW.HAB-INC.COM using a credit card. You may also pay by credit card or bank draft by using our Berk APP or by phone at 866-225-8451. Berkheimer also has an office at 103 S Duffy Road, please check the website at WWW.HAB-INC.COM for office hours. Berkheimer does not accept cash. If you have any questions, the Berkheimer Customer Care Department can be reached at 610-599-3143.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$521,578.50; from the parking fund - \$45,866.36; from the capital projects fund - \$2,443.04 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$94,186.09; for a **grand total of \$899,600.99**. 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, the Department of Environmental Protection would like to remind local residents to use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently. Please follow the directions listed on the product. If not used properly, the fertilizer will wash into a storm sewer, which leads into a waterway without being treated. The fertilizer then causes algae to grow that uses up oxygen that fish need to survive.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

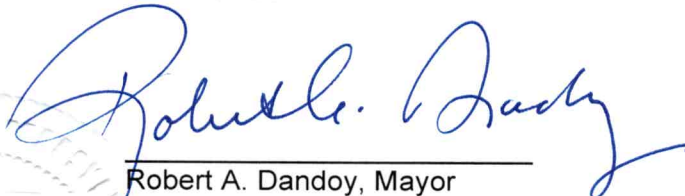
- First Responder Light Up Night – Saturday, February 26th

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

LEGAL NOTICE

To: All residents and taxpayers of the City of Butler, Butler County, PA, and all other interested parties.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Butler has amended its regular meeting schedule for 2022 as follows:

Inauguration & Swearing-in of Newly Elected Officials with reorganization meeting to follow: Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Forum Meeting	Time	Council Meeting	Time
13-Jan	6:30 PM	27-Jan	7:00 PM
10-Feb	6:30 PM	24-Feb	7:00 PM
10-Mar	6:30 PM	24-Mar	7:00 PM
7-Apr	6:30 PM	21-Apr	7:00 PM
5-May	6:30 PM	26-May	7:00 PM
9-Jun	6:30 PM	23-Jun	7:00 PM
7-Jul	6:30 PM	21-Jul	7:00 PM
11-Aug	6:30 PM	25-Aug	7:00 PM
8-Sep	6:30 PM	22-Sep	7:00 PM
13-Oct	6:30 PM	27-Oct	7:00 PM
3-Nov	6:30 PM	17-Nov	7:00 PM
8-Dec	6:30 PM	22-Dec	7:00 PM

All meetings will take place in the public meeting room on the third floor of the City Building at 140 West North Street unless otherwise advertised, and all meetings are open to the public.

Mindy F. Gall
February 25, 2022

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