

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
May 26, 2022

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Kerry M. Dowdy – lay pastor at East Butler Presbyterian Church. Mayor Dandoy had a moment of silence in remembrance of the children and lives lost from the recent Texas school shooting.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on May 5, 2022:

Mayor Robert A. Dandoy administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Frederick W. Reese at the Forum Meeting held on May 5, 2022.

Motion to approve the purchase of a replacement backup unit from **Perfection Services, Inc.** in the amount of \$2,989.00 and monthly backup services for all three servers in the city building in the amount of \$729.00 for 3TB. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

PRESENTATIONS:

Pamala Taylor, co-chairwoman of Shade Tree Commission presented an update and Shade Tree members explained the importance of tree selection and tree care for the City of Butler Streetscape project so that the trees will last a lifetime rather than a few years.

Mayor Dandoy recessed the meeting for an executive session to discuss legal issues. Mayor Dandoy reconvened the meeting.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Christy to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of May 26, 2022.

Councilman Shearer made a motion to strike motion number 3. *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 \$0.07722. (current rate is \$0.04936) (alternate 12 month contract at \$0.09680).* 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 April 21, 2022. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Christy 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 April. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Reese

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler (RACB) had an audit via telephone for CDBG 2015-2019 and Home Program 2017-2019. He reported there were no issues with the audits.

Councilman Shearer

1.Motion for the adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1810**; an ordinance increasing the indebtedness of the City of Butler, Butler County, Pennsylvania by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$409,600.00 for the purpose of streets department garage repairs, paving, and 2022 police and parks department vehicles. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve payment to USBank in the amount of \$97,843.04 for interest due on the **General Obligation Bonds Series B-2015**. LIN 01 472 800. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

3.Motion to accept the bid from **Penn Power Group** in the amount of \$47,208.62 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.

4. Motion to approve active military leave by **Joshua Abbott** effective June 5, 2022, until February 24, 2023. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

5.Motion to not renew the agreement with **Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP** (formerly Tyco Simplex Grinnell) for the security system in the Tier Parking Garage - current agreement expires May 31, 2022. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

6.Motion to accept the quote from **2Krew Security & Surveillance** in the amount of an initial cost of \$1,069.00 and annual cost of \$1,209.40 for the security system in the Tier Parking Garage and offices. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

7. Motion to accept the bid from **Fuller Building Group** for the Base Bid of \$105,975.00 and the Alternate Bid of \$108,060.00 for a total of \$214,035.00 for the Street Department Garage Roof Replacement Project. (Capital Projects LIN 18 409 610). Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

8. Motion to approve the agreement between the City of Butler and **Grace Youth and Family Foundation** for the Summer Recreation Program for 2022. (LIN 1.452.380). Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

The pickleball courts are waiting to be painted, signs are being made, and we have the nets. They should be ready by the middle to end of June.

Mayor Dandoy

9. Motion to approve a Judicial Sale of the property located at **109 Glenn Avenue**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

10. Motion to approve a Judicial Sale of the property located at **123-125 Knox Avenue**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

11. Motion to approve a Judicial Sale of the property located at **230 Morton Avenue**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

12. Motion to approve a Judicial Sale of the property located at **510 Fairground Hill Road**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13. Motion to approve a Judicial Sale of the property located at **510 Negley Avenue**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

14. Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Christian J. Loeffler** for patrol officer to fill a vacancy in the Butler City Police Department created by the resignation of Patrol Officer Dakota Fennell. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

15. Motion to terminate the agreement with **Onsolve, LLC**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

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

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler – CM Reese
Butler Area Sewer Authority – CM Christy
Butler County/City Connoquenessing Creek Flood Control Authority – CM Herr
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 Shearer
BAMM Plan Oversight Committee – CM Reese
Bicycle Advisory Commission – CM Herr
Butler Downtown – Mayor Dandoy
Rotary Arts District – Mayor Dandoy

Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

17. Motion to direct the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the Butler Area Public Library Projects to be paid from the Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

18. Motion to appoint Heidi Fleming to the City of Butler Parks, Recreation, Grounds, & Facilities Authority to fill a term which expires January 2026. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

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

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$785,691.91; from the parking fund - \$149,458.65; from the capital projects fund - \$4,505.10 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$19,682.85; for a **grand total of \$959,338.51**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Reese to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to please use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly on their lawns. When necessary, use these chemicals in their recommended amounts. Avoid applying chemicals if rain is in the forecast because the rain will wash all of the chemicals off the lawn area into the storm sewers and into the local streams. Don't over-water your lawns and if you are going to water, do it during the cool times of the day and don't let the water runoff into the streets. Also, check your cars, boats, lawn mowers, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible, and clean any spills up with an absorbent type material such as kitty litter or sand. Do not rinse any spills into the streets or storm sewers. This will go directly into local streams.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

- First Responder Light Up Night – Saturday, May 28th
- Italian Festival to be held at the end of the summer (August 26-28, 2022)
- Appoint Troy Douthett to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler to fill a five-year term which expires June 2025

- Appoint Steve Boyer to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler to fill a five-year term which expires June 2026
- Memorial Day Parade – Monday May 30th starting at 10:30am
- City of Butler Farmer's Market Grand opening – Saturday May 28th from 8:30am-12:30pm
- Blue Sox Home Opener game – NexTier Bank Appreciation Night with fireworks June 3 starting at 7pm
- Butler Iron Bucks home opener game – June 4 starting at 12pm

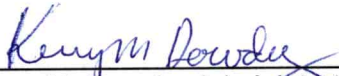
• **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

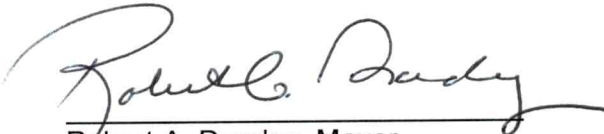
- MaryAnn Petrigni and Sally Kudamik – concerns for Heim Avenue and Pike Alley in need of repairs.
- Jen GV Gilliland Vanasdale – concerns with the Parking System and Stadium Authority.
- Gary Vanasdale – concerns with the Parking System and Stadium Authority.
- Erik Hulick – concerns for Pullman Park that more help is needed for the authority.
- Ryan Covert – concerns for Pullman Park that more help is needed for the authority.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED


Kerry M. Dowdy, Administrative Assistant


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

