

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
November 17, 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 Father Martin Johnson, St. Anthony Orthodox Church.

PRESENTATION: Leanne Heaton, Logan Family Trust – K9 Fund

The Trust donates the interest received to charitable organizations and the K9 Fund was selected to receive 1/3 interest in the amount of \$30,000.00. The trust stipulates that the funds can be used for the purchase and training of new dogs if and when the dogs retire.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on November 3, 2022:

Mayor Dandoy called the forum meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Reese, Shearer, Christy and Herr were present.

Motion by CM Shearer to direct the City Clerk and the heads of all departments to obtain approval of Finance Director for any and all discretionary purchases and expenditures for a period not to exceed 90 days. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

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

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Herr to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 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 BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Dandoy attended Butler Downtown's event last night and commented on how well it was organized and the shared vision of Butler downtown. The Mayor presented proclamations and keys to the City to Brian McCafferty and Vicki Hinterberger. Also, Congressman Mike Kelly, State Representative Marci Mustello, and Senator Scott Hutchinson presented them with citations.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Reese

1.Motion to approve bids submitted by and award the Fiscal Year 2023 contract for supply of the City's asphalt materials to:

Wiest Asphalt Products & Paving Inc. as follows:

9.5MM Superpave Wearing Course FOB; \$82.50 per ton and 19MM Superpave FOB; \$70.50 per ton. Total Contract: \$61,200.00.

Russell Standard Corporation as follows:

E-3 Emulsion Placed; \$4.55/gallon; Total Contract: \$11,375.00.
Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve a bid submitted by and award the Fiscal Year 2023 contract for supply of the City's limestone materials to **Allegheny Mineral Corporation** as follows:
Unit Price Delivered at Job Site: #2A – \$20.00 per ton; #4 - \$22.50 per ton; #8 - \$27.50 per ton; #57 – \$22.50 per ton. Total Contract: \$92,500.00. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

3.Motion to accept a proposal from **SEI Stephenson Equipment, Inc.**, in the amount of \$28,549.00 for a plow, spreader and to convert hydraulics for the 2023 Ford F750 truck to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Revenue Fund. (Costars #25-E22-432). Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

4.Motion to install a "No Parking" sign on the east side of Main Street between East Penn Street and WISR Way on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

5.Motion to install a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on the west side of Main Street from West Penn Street north 100 feet on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

6.Motion for the introduction and first reading 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.

7.Motion for the introduction and first reading 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 Herr. All voted aye.

8.Motion for the introduction and first reading 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 Christy. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve payment to USBank in the amount of \$327,830.75 for the bond payment due on the **2015 General Obligation Bonds** as follows:

LIN 01 472 801 Principal \$230,000.00 LIN 01 472 800 Interest \$97,830.75

Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

10.Motion to accept a proposal submitted by **NexTier Bank** for a 2023 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 at an annual interest rate of 5.81% percent per annum. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

Councilman Herr

11.Motion not to renew the pickleball association agreement as written for the year 2023. A new agreement may be considered provided certain criteria are met and the language can be agreed upon by both the city and the association. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

12.Motion to appoint John Morgan to the **City of Butler Parks, Recreation Grounds & Facilities Authority** to fill the unexpired term of Heidi Fleming which expires January 1, 2026. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

APPOINTMENT:

City Shade Tree Commission:

Donna Smith for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2025.

Jack Hutchinson for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2025.

Jim Smith for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2024.

Treasurer Aaron Bonus announced that he will resign, effective December 1, 2022.

City Council is seeking City residents interested in filling the position of City Treasurer through the end of 2023. In addition to being a City resident for at least one year, applicants must be 21 years of age and must be an accountant. Send letters of interest to Mayor Dandoy's attention, not later than noon on December 19, 2022 to the City Building at 140 West North Street, or call (724) 285 – 4124, extension 205 for more information.

The City Treasurer, presented reports for the month of October.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$667,159.74; from the parking fund - \$237,559.68; from the capital projects fund - \$1,460.00 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$125,714.38; for a **grand total of \$1,031,893.80**. Motion by CM Shearer with second from CM Reese to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to ensure that local residents are aware of the two types of systems that are within Butler City and the other local municipalities. The one system is the sanitary sewer system, in which toilets, sinks and garbage disposals are all connected and flow into a treatment facility that removes all of the contaminants and then discharges clean water into a local waterway. The storm sewer system is made up of catch basins that are usually placed along curbs in streets and parking lots and direct stormwater runoff through a series of pipes directly into the local waterway. Please be aware that there is no treatment for stormwater, so do not dump anything into the storm sewer catch basins. If you are unsure about the proper disposal of any type of waste material, please contact your local municipality.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- First Responder Light Up Night – Saturday, November 26th
- Small Business Saturday – Saturday, November 26th
- Spirit of Christmas Parade – Saturday, November 26th
- City Building Closed – November 24th & 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Butler is named one of the country's best small towns to visit by Only In Your State.

- **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

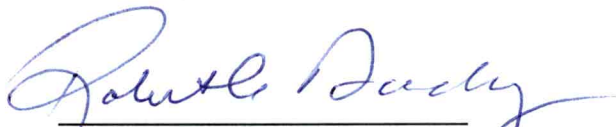
- Marie Porter – Father Marinero Skate Park – future plans/fundraising

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

SUBMITTED:


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

Honorable Mayor Dandoy, Members of Butler City Council, Chief Robert O'Neill, Denny Offstein, Marcy King, and Tom Breth. Thank you very much for allowing me to officially acknowledge this presentation of a donation to the Butler K9 Fund from the Glenn R Logan and Rhea Jean McCandless Logan Family Trust.

Allow me to give a synopsis of the history of the Logan Fund.

This Trust was established by my Father Robert R. Heaton, Tomas W. King III, and the late State Senator C Timothy Shaffer in memory of their friends Glenn Logan and his wife Rhea Jean McCandless Logan. Following Glenn's death, they set up a trust with the wealth Glenn had entrusted to them, on the stipulation that the principle of the fund remain untouched. and the interest would be available to qualified organizations in the Butler area for what Dad referred to as "bricks and mortar projects. It has been a great honor for me to follow my Dad as a member of the board of the Logan Trust.

Some years earlier Glenn and my Dad joined in a successful business partnership named RHGL, Inc. They became more than partners, Glenn became a friend, mentor, and second father to Dad.

Now to the reason I'm here this evening. Over the intervening years, the Logan Fund the source of many grants made to deserving organizations and local needs such as helping locals recover from the last flooding of Sullivan's Run, donating kitchen equipment to the Society of St, Vincent de Paul, helping the Salvation Army in times of need in our community, the Butler Blind Association, and, of course, an initial donation of \$10,000.00 to the original K9 initiative. There are countless other worthy causes which received funds – some by letters of request and others for needs alone.

This past year the growth of the funds has been very successful, thanks to the guardianship of Aligned Partners in Pittsburgh. And there few requests for funding, thus Ms. King, Mr. Breth and I had the important but delightful task of disposing of the accumulated interest before the end of September in order to maintain the Logan Trust's charitable status.

This happy circumstance allowed each board member to designate a third of that money to a worthy 501-C3 recipient. Mr. Breth chose Butler Catholic Schools. Ms

King opted to support Montessori Schools. I was struggling with my decision. There were so many options.

That was about the time I saw an article in the Butler Eagle concerned with the need to support Butler's K9 unit that had come into existence April 25, 2012. Upon calling Denny Offstein I learned that donations were being received from individuals and other business sources. Those gifts could be channeled into day-to-day expenses such as food, shelter, veterinary care, grooming and specialized vehicles.

Knowing that the active working time span for K9 dogs is about 6 years and that Glenn and Rhea Jean and my own family were dog lovers, the choice was Kismet. My portion of the available funds be awarded to the K9 unit with a stipulation that it be placed in a secure fiduciary account to be used to purchase and train replacement dogs when our current dogs retire. It would be the Logans and my parents happy.

K9 animals also meet the criterion of benefiting our community as well. They serve as protectors of the public, their handlers, search and rescue operations, and of enforcing the law as well as prohibiting people from attempting to break the law or endanger others. K9 officers are heroic. They exist to serve.

K9 dogs are trained at the Pittsburgh Police training center, not abroad – a win-win situation that will have long-term benefits to Butler.

So, it is with pride and honor that I present this check for \$30,000.00 grant from the Glenn R. Logan and Rhea Jean McCandless Logan Family Trust to the K9 unit of Butler. The job is not complete. I'm certain that anyone wishing to offer a donation no matter what amount, the money will be put to good use right here in our home town.

Thank you for your time and attention