

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
August 22, 2024

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Shearer, Christy and Herr were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Rev. Leigh Benish, Hill United Presbyterian Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on August 8, 2024:

A **Public Hearing** was held to discuss rezoning tax parcels 563-6-22, 563-6-23, AND 563-6-24, Currently zoned - R-2 to M-1 light industrial district (Liberty Street). Skye MacMaster voiced concerns about if this change will decrease parking in that area. Mr. Mossman responded that entrance to the storage facility would be from Wayne Street and there would be no impact on residents' parking. There were no more public comments.

Sara Reed, Maher Duessel Audit Manager, presented the single audit report for the year 2023.

There were no "Persons to be heard".

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda items for the forum meeting of August 8, 2024. All voted aye.

1. Motion to approve a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the City of Butler Bureau of Police, Fraternal Lodge #32 concerning lateral hiring. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

2. Motion to approve **City Resolution 2024-08-08** revising the City's administrative fee schedule as of August 8, 2024. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

3. Motion to approve an agreement between the City of Butler and the Rotary Club for the installation and maintenance of signage poles in the **Rotary Arts and Cultural District** upon final review by the city solicitor. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:04 PM to discuss personnel issues in an executive session.

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Douthett to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of August 22, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Herr to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Douthett 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

Liaisons gave brief reports from the City's boards and authorities.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1. Motion to approve the resignation of **Thomas Stoughton** from the Streets Department after six years of service, Effective August 16, 2024. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

2. Motion to authorize the City Clerk to begin the hiring process to fill the vacancy in the **Streets Department** created by the resignation of Thomas Stoughton. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

3. Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1824**; an ordinance of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania to repeal Chapter 212; Rental Occupancy Reports, and replace Chapter 212 with Rental Occupancy, of the codified ordinances of the City of Butler. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

4. Motion to approve the **2025 Minimum Municipal Obligations** for the City's three pension plans as follows: for the Firefighters Pension Plan - \$103,878 and for the Police Pension Plan - \$228,670 and the Officers and Employees Pension Plan – \$-0-. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

5. Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1823**; an ordinance of the City of Butler amending Chapter 260, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Butler, to rezone parcels 563-6-22, 563-6-23, and 563-6-24, which are currently zoned in an R-2 zoning district, to M-1 light industrial district. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

6.Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1825**; an ordinance of the City of Butler amending Chapter, 260, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Butler, to amend Article XIII; Miscellaneous Development Standards; §260-89 Mobile homes on their own lots. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

7.Motion to accept the promotion of **Lieutenant Donald Crawford** to the rank of Captain within the City of Butler Bureau of Fire, effective upon his return to full unrestricted duty. The probation period will begin on the effective date of the promotion. Second by CM Herr. CM Shearer voted no. CM Douthett, CM Christy, CM Herr and Mayor Dandoy voted aye.

Councilman Herr

8.Motion to approve the lease agreement with **Butler Youth Lacrosse** for the use of the Ritts Park Pickle Ball courts on September 28th and 29th from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

9.Motion to approve the resignation of **Patrol Officer Lee Niebel** effective August 26, 2024. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

10.Motion to approve the conditional lateral hiring of **Ross Oler** for patrol officer in the City of Butler Bureau of Police to fill the vacancy from the resignation of Lieutenant David Villotti. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

11.Motion to authorize the City Clerk to begin the hiring process to hire **Parking Violation Monitors**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

12. Motion to acknowledge that **BASA** temporarily waives their right to exercise a termination of the Asset Purchase Agreement under Section 14.01(c)(i) of the Agreement until the date that is sixty (60) days after the date the Commonwealth Court renders its opinion. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve closing Main Street from West Pearl Street to Wayne Street, for the **Veterans Day Parade**, sponsored by Butler County Veterans Committee, to be held on Monday, November 11, 2024 from 10:15 AM until 12:45 PM. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Due to the absence of the City Treasurer, there was no Monthly Intake Report for July 2024.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$629,214.57; from the parking fund - \$64,381.86; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$20,427.04; for a **grand total of \$714,023.47**. 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:

- City Building will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day and Wednesday, September 11th in observance of Patriots Day.
- Taste of Italy Crawl will be held downtown Saturday, August 24th from 11AM-7PM.
- Jim Smith was reappointed to the Shade Tree Commission for a three-year term ending June 2027

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Several residents voiced concerns about serious issues on Federal Street.

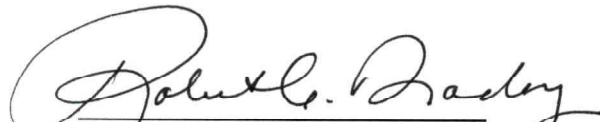
David Gold spoke about an issue with a drainpipe in the alley behind 306-308 Fairview Avenue.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

SUBMITTED:


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

