

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
March 21, 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 Pastor Dwight Dunn, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on March 7, 2024.

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Shearer, Christy, and Herr were present.

There were no "Persons To Be Heard".

Chris Marlar, the EMC for the City of Butler, gave a quick update about the National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda of action items for the forum meeting of March 7, 2024. All voted aye.

1.Motion to accept the Cyber insurance proposal from the **Beazley Group** in the amount of \$3,170.00 (Total premium \$3,810 divided by 10 months @ \$317) subject to review of policy criteria by the insurance company and City solicitor. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

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PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Mark Krenitsky read an article from the Wall Street Journal concerning affordable housing in the state of California. Mr. Krenitsky stated that he did not like regulations.

Motion by CM Douthett with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of March 21, 2024.

CM Herr made a motion to amend the agenda by adding a motion to approve City Resolution No. 2024-03-21A; for the project "City of Butler – Emily Brittain Playground Rehabilitation." Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

All voted aye to approve the agenda.

Motion by CM Christy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Douthett with a second from CM Herr 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 boards and authorities that met in March.

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 February. Motion by CM Christy. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1.Motion to approve the quote from **Shultz Ford-Lincoln** in the amount of \$67,422.00 for a 2023 Ford F550 for use in the Streets Department to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Revenue Fund. (Costar Contract #025-E22-467). Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve the estimate of \$4,500.00 from **Bauer Excavating** for catch basin clean-up on Hansen Avenue (near the walk to the high school) to be paid from LIN 01 430 373. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

3.Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1821**, an ordinance requiring conditions of residential units be reported to the City of Butler before occupancy other than owners; and providing for reporting and notice requirements prescribing penalties for violations. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

4.Motion to review and approve a lot consolidation plan as requested by the **Butler County Tourism Bureau** – 153 - 155 N. Main St. and 157 - 161 N. Main St. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

5.Motion to approve the deferred retirement of **Lieutenant Jeffrey Scott**, from the Butler Bureau of Fire, following 15 years of service, effective April 1, 2024. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

6.Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Jeremy R. Moore** as a full-time Firefighter in the City of Butler Bureau of Fire. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

7.Motion to approve the request from Butler Nazarene for the use of Father Marinaro Park for an **Easter Egg Hunt** on March 26th from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

8.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2024-03-21A**; for the project "City of Butler – Emily Brittain Playground Rehabilitation." Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

9. Motion to designate Police Chief Robert O'Neill as Parade Manager; the City official authorized to issue, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Butler, a street permit to individuals or organizations who sponsor a parade or special event. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.
10. Motion to approve the request from the Butler YMCA for the closing of N. Washington Street from the intersection of W. Penn and W. Brady Streets from 10:30 until 1:30 on April 20, 2024, for the **Healthy Kids Day event**. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
11. Motion to approve closing Main Street from West Pearl Street to Wayne Street for the **Memorial Day Parade**, sponsored by Butler County Veterans Services, to be held on Monday May 27, 2024, from 10:15 AM until 12:45 PM. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
12. Motion to approve closing Main Street from Wayne Street to West Pearl Street (leaving North Streets open for fire and EMS) for the **Cruise-A-Palooza** event, sponsored by the Rodfathers of Butler, to be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
13. Motion to authorize the City Clerk to sign the updated Engagement/Fee agreement letter of February 29, 2024, for legal representation by the firm of Campbell Durrant, P.C. in all areas of labor and employment matters, including but not limited to collective bargaining, contract administration issues, grievances, and arbitration hearing defense. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
14. Motion to approve **City Resolution 2024-03-21** revising the City's administrative fee schedule as of April 1, 2024. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
15. Motion to authorize the mayor to sign agreements and accept the right of way offers from PennDOT for transportation improvements as follows: \$500.00 – Northeast corner of Rotary Park at the intersection of Cunningham Street and Chestnut Street. \$500.00 – Northwest corner of the Farmers' Market at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Race Street. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
16. Motion to approve closing Main Street from Diamond Park to Penn Street for the **Butler Road Race** event, sponsored by Butler County Family YMCA, to be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 8:15 AM until 10:45 AM. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Building will be closed on Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

The City Treasurer presented a Monthly Intake Report for February 2024.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$621,851.82; from the parking fund - \$63,308.29; from the capital projects fund - \$13,699.00; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$20,811.23; for a **grand total of \$719,670.34**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

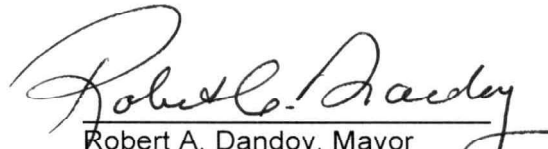
As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to properly clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program or donate unused paints to local organizations. Also, sweep and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar. Always protect your hands, eyes, and ears when working and touching construction materials containing chemicals. If you are unsure how to properly dispose of construction waste, please contact your local municipality. Never dump anything into the storm sewer system.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

SUBMITTED:


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

