

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

City of Butler, Pennsylvania

December 18, 2025

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the offices of the RACB. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Shearer, Christy and Herr were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Fr. Martin Johnson, St. Anothony Orthodox Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on December 4, 2025:

Council meeting was held at RACB. Mayor Dandoy called the Forum meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Shearer, Christy and Herr were present.

There were no "Persons to be heard".

Motion by Mayor Dandoy to approve the agenda for December 4, 2025. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

1.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-12-04**; a resolution appointing authorized officers on behalf of the City with respect to escrow agreements and rescinding inconsistent resolutions. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve the quote from **RestoPros of Pittsburgh** in the amount of \$23,539.95 for water mitigation in the city building. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

3.Motion to allocate \$86,549 towards the **Mercer Street Retaining Wall & Sidewalk project** in the 2024 Community Development Block Grant". Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

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Persons to be heard:

- Frank Kennedy thanked CM Douthett and CM Shearer for their help removing trees on Hazel Avenue.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of December 18, 2025. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 18, 2025 and the regular meeting of November 19, 2025. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Herr 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

There were no reports from 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 November. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1838**, an ordinance of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania amending the City's traffic control schedules contained in Chapter 245 of the codified ordinances of the City of Butler by making permanent the experimental regulations previously adopted by city council on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve a bid submitted by and award the Fiscal Year 2026 contract for supply of the City's limestone materials to **Allegheny Mineral Corporation** as follows: Unit Price Delivered at Job Site: #2A – \$25.40 per ton; #4 - \$27.40 per ton; #8 - \$33.40 per ton; #57 – \$27.40 per ton. Total Contract: \$113,600.00. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

3.Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$14,861.75 (Pay Application #2-Final) to **Shields Paving, Inc.** for Contract #1, curb/sidewalk/ADA Ramps. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

4.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1835**, an ordinance of the City of Butler fixing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

5.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1836**, 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 2026. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

6.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1837**, 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 2026. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

7.Motion to approve **City Resolution 2025-12-18** revising the City's administrative fee schedule as of January 1, 2026. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

8.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-12-18A**; 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 Herr. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve the quote from MRM Property & Liability Trust for the renewal of the Property and Liability Insurance Policy for 2026 in the amount of \$108,890.00. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

10.Motion to approve the quote from MRM Property & Liability Trust for the Cyber Insurance Policy for 2026 in the amount of \$3,350.00. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

11.Motion to approve the quote from MRM Property & Liability Trust for the 2026 Cyber Insurance Policy for the police department in the amount of \$2,050.00. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

12.Motion to approve Pennsylvania Heart & Lung Act Benefits for **Firefighter Jonathon Feicht** per the IAFF request of November 26, 2025. Second by CM Herr. All voted no. Motion not passed.

13.Motion to sell 3 SCBA face pieces, that are surplus to the needs of the Bureau of Fire, to Adams Area Fire District for \$225. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

14.Motion to sell a RIT Pack, that is surplus to the needs of the Bureau of Fire, to Rayburn Township Volunteer Fire Company for \$200. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

15.Motion to direct the City Clerk to advertise for sale on Municibid nozzles and apparatus appliances that are surplus to the needs of the Bureau of Fire. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

16.Motion to approve the purchase of a boiler for the City Building in the amount of \$16,723.52 from **CSI Comfort Supply Inc.**, Costars Contract # 149641 account 008-367. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

17. Motion to accept the quote from M & R Power Equipment Group in the amount of \$6,650.00 for the purchase of a salt spreader. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

18.Motion to acknowledge receipt of the **STAMP Report**, dated November 2025, and express the City's sincere appreciation for the diligent work required to thoroughly evaluate the operations of the City. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

19. Motion to reject all bids for the **Center City Garage Repairs project** and alter of the scope and specs for subsequent rebidding. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

20. Motion to enter into an agreement with the **Housing Authority of the County of Butler** to provide police services in the amount of \$25,000.00 (not to exceed one year) to the 384 rental housing units that are in the City of Butler. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

21. Motion to approve the agreement for the Policy and Procedure for Consultant Selection with PennDOT for the **South Monroe Street Bridge Project**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

22. Motion to accept the quote from **CM Eichenlaub Co.** in the amount of \$53,334.00 for installation of netting at Pullman Park. Costars #014-E23-315. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

23. Motion to approve the Engagement Letter with **Christina Craig, Craig Accounting Company** for as needed hourly accounting and bookkeeping services in conjunction with the Stadium Authority. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

24. Motion to approve payment to **Troy Jay Construction, Inc.** for Application Request #4, in the amount of \$132,955.17 for the **City of Butler Farmers' Market Project**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

You are invited to enjoy the holiday season in Downtown Butler with free parking December 20, 2025, through January 1, 2025, at any street metered parking space. There are also 2 hours of free parking on Main Street. Enforcement will continue at the garages and parking lots. Come downtown. Get in the holiday spirit and enjoy the free parking and support your local shops and restaurants.

Mayor Dandoy:

"Tonight, I want to take a few minutes to recognize and thank two people who have given a lot of themselves to this city: Larry Christy and Don Shearer. Serving on City Council isn't always glamorous work. It means long meetings, tough conversations, and decisions that don't come with easy answers. Larry and Don both stepped up to that responsibility, not for recognition, but because they care about Butler. Larry Christy brought a calm, steady presence to Council. He was thoughtful, practical, and always focused on doing what made sense for the city and for the people who live here. Larry didn't need to be the loudest voice in the room to make a difference; his impact came from asking good questions and keeping us grounded in reality. Don Shearer served with passion and conviction. You always knew where Don stood, and you always knew it came from a genuine concern for Butler's future. He wasn't afraid to speak his mind, and he brought an important perspective to our discussions that made this council better and stronger.

What both Larry and Don share is this: they answered the call to serve their neighbors. That's what local government is really about: people willing to step forward, give their time, and do their best for the community they love.

On behalf of the City of Butler and its residents, thank you, Larry and Don, for your service, your dedication, and your commitment to this city. I have been told on numerous occasions that this has been the most congenial, cooperative Council that has served the City in years. I concur and thank you. We truly appreciate all you've done, and we wish you both the very best in whatever comes next."

The City Treasurer presented the intake for November 2025.

In the absence of The City Controller, CM Shearer presented bills for payment as follows: from the General fund - \$797,080.39; from the Capital Projects fund - \$301,056.71; from the Liquid Fuels Tax fund - \$53,656.39; and from Legacy fund to cover costs in Capital and General Funds - \$88,945.75; for a **grand total of \$1,240,739.24**. Motion by CM Shearer with second from Mayor Dandoy to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

December Public Announcement – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to follow the manufacturers' recommendations for salting driveways and sidewalks. If too much salt is applied, it will run off into the storm sewer system and impact our local waterways. Please keep the de-icing materials away from landscaping and keep it isolated to the walkway or driveway.

Also, if you change the fluids in your automobile, please recycle the used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Do not dump these chemicals down the storm drains or dispose of them in the trash. If you want to temporarily store any of these chemicals on your property, just make sure that they are in sealed containers that will not rust or leak and try to keep them in a dry place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The city building will be closed Thursday, December 25th in observance of Christmas and Thursday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.
- Monday, January 5, 2026 – Oath of Office and Reorganization Meeting at 11 AM.

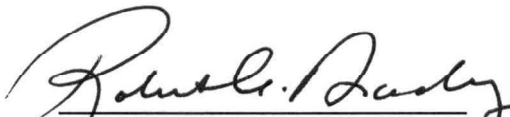
Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk



Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

