MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
October 23, 2025

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 Fr. David Hicks, St. Peter's Anglican Church.

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The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on October 9, 2025:

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

- **PRESENTATION:**

  Chad Quinn - Dollar Energy Fund

  NexTier Financial – update on investments

  Demita Passley, Public Affairs Specialist, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience (SBA)

There were no "Persons to be heard".

Motion by CM Shearer to approve the agenda for October 9, 2025. Second by CM Christy.

Mayor Dandoy made a motion to amend the agenda to add the following motions:

6.Motion to accept the Statement of Work from PSI in the amount of $1,683.47 for the installation of a proper Ubiquity Unify Mesh WiFi Network in the City Building.

7.Motion to approve the change order in the amount of $8,985.00 for the Diamond Street Wall Project for tree removal and to install an additional buttress along the portion of the wall along E. Diamond Street.

Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye to amend the agenda. All voted aye to approve the agenda.

Mayor Dandoy

1.Motion to review and approve of the land development plans for the **Armco Credit Union**. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve a payment in the amount of $225,511.60 to the County of Butler for debt service for the **2019 Butler County Infrastructure Loan Payment**. (Note: This payment includes principal payment of $223,000.00 plus interest payment of $2,511.60; due November 1st.) Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

3.Motion to approve payment to **Hiles Excavating** for Application Request #1, in the amount of $115,830.41 and Application Request #2, in the amount of $82,919.60 for the **City of Butler Parking Lot Improvements Project.** Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

4. Motion to approve payment to **Troy Jay Construction, Inc.** for Application Request #1, in the amount of $100,586.70 for the **City of Butler Farmers' Market Project**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

5. Motion to approve payment to **Hiles Excavating** for Application Request #1, in the amount of $90,883.85 for the **Father Marinaro Park Improvements Project**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

6.Motion to accept the **Statement of Work from PSI** in the amount of $1,683.47 for the installation of a proper Ubiquity Unify Mesh WiFi Network in the City Building. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

7.Motion to approve the change order in the amount of $8,985.00 for the **Diamond Street Wall Project** for tree removal and to install an additional buttress along the portion of the wall along E. Diamond Street. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

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PRESENTATION:

Henry Wilson and David Harvery gave an update for the PNC – Legacy Trust

Alex Rodkey presented the Enterprise Fleet Management program.

Kevin Foster, Asst Location Manager, discussed the requests of the City for the **Parallax** filming on October 30, 2025.

Persons to be heard:

Mark Krenitsky voiced his concern about the refuse collection contract and how it relates to bulk items.

John Kramer spoke about bulky items in the new refuse collection contract.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of October 23, 2025.

Mayor made a motion to amend the agenda to add the following motions and to amend motion 15.: Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

*Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-10-23A**; a resolution of the City of Butler, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the CDBG Program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program.*

*Motion to allocate $268,725 towards the **2025 CDBG** application for the Butler Memorial Park Improvements Project.*

*15.Motion to accept the bid from **Keystone Sports Construction** in the amount of $87,744.29 ~~$48,665.06~~ for the excavation and installation of the warning track at Pullman Park. (COSTARS 14-E23-312).*

All voted aye. Agenda amended.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2025. 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 boards and authorities that met in September.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1.Motion to accept the bid from **Wiest Asphalt Products & Paving, Inc**. in the amount of $9,200 for the **Monroe Street Bridge – Seal Coating Project**. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

2.Motion to accept a proposal from and award a contract to **Vogel Disposal Service, Inc.** for the collection of residential solid waste and recyclable materials for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028. (A copy of the fee schedule shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting.) Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

3.Motion to install **School Zone Flashing Lights** on East Locust Street between N. Monroe Street and Cecelia Street on a 90-day trial basis. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

4.Motion to approve the **REVISED 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligations** for the City's three pension plans as follows: for the Firefighters Pension Plan - $97,905 and for the Police Pension Plan - $164,939 and the Officers and Employees Pension Plan – $0. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

5.Motion to approve Pennsylvania Heart & Lung Act benefits for **Firefighter Zachariah Pfeifer** for a work-related injury he sustained on July 31, 2025. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

6.Motion to approve a Grievance Settlement Agreement with the **International Association of Firefighters Local 114.** Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

7.Motion to fill the **Category 4, Laborer**, that has been vacant since 2005 in the Parks Department. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

8.Motion to direct the city clerk to advertise for the position of **Category 4, Laborer** in the parks department. This position would begin in 2026. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-10-23A;** a resolution of the City of Butler, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the CDBG Program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

10.Motion to allocate $268,725 towards the **2025 CDBG** application for the **Butler Memorial Park Improvements Project.** Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

11.Motion to approve **Resolution 2025-10-23**; updating voting delegates to the tax collection committee. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

12.Motion to approve an agreement with Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank for use of the Farmer's Market from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month, January 2026 through June 2026, for the **Food Bank Distribution Program.** Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve **City Council's 2026** meeting schedule, a copy of which will be published in a local newspaper to comply with the Sunshine Act and attached to the minutes of this meeting. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

14.Motion to approve payment to **Butts Ticket Systems**, in the amount of $70,472.11 for the Parking System Project. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

15.Motion to accept the bid from **Keystone Sports Construction** in the amount of $87,744.29 for the excavation and installation of the warning track at Pullman Park. (COSTARS 14-E23-312). Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

16.Motion to enter into an agreement with the production crew of "**PARALLAX**" to permit their use of the North Street Lot and the section of the Main Street lot closest to First English Lutheran Church beginning 4:45 PM October 29, 2025, through the end of day on October 30th, after review by the city solicitor. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

17.Motion to enter into an agreement with the production crew of "**PARALLAX**" to permit their use of the top level of the Tier Garage for crew parking beginning 4:45 PM October 29, 2025, through the end of day on October 30th, after review by the city solicitor. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

18.Motion to approve closing of E. Diamond Street from Main Street to McKean Street on Friday, February 20, 2026, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Saturday, February 21, 2026, and the closing of Main Street from Wayne Street to Cunningham Street, and Diamond St. from Washington Street to McKean Street on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, for the **Carved in Ice Event**, sponsored by Butler AM Rotary Club. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

November 20, 2025, scheduled council meeting has been changed to November 19, 2025.

The City Treasurer presented the intake for September, 2025.

In the absence of The City Controller, CM Shearer presented bills for payment as follows: from the General fund - $1,418,454.73; from the Capital Projects fund - $497,936.46; from the Liquid Fuels Tax fund - $21,339.02; and from Legacy fund to cover costs in Capital and General Funds - $554,201.06; for a **grand total of $2,491,931.27**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Herr to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

October 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Trick or Treat**, Friday, October 31st from 6PM to 7PM
- **Turkey Trot**, Saturday, November 1st from 8AM to 11:30AM.
- **City Building closed** Tuesday, November 11th in honor of Veterans' Day.
- **Veterans Day Parade**, Tuesday, November 11th beginning at 10:40AM.
- **Butler Downtown Holiday Market**, Saturday, December 13th beginning at 10AM until 5PM. (streets to close at 8AM until 6PM)
- **Leaf Disposal** Area in Memorial Park Open Beginning Saturday, Oct. 25th through Saturday, December 13th. Weekdays: 8 AM – 2 PM Weekends/Holidays: 9 AM – 5 PM

Persons to be heard:

David Gold shared concerns about the Mercer Street retaining wall, draining issues on Fairview Avenue and his property on 1st Street.

Frank Kennedy shared concerns about water draining on Chestnut Street.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

SUBMITTED:

Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED

Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

Bid Summary
Proposals for Collection of Solid Waste
January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028

BID SUBMITTED BY: Vogel Disposal, Inc.

	2026	2027	2028
Garbage & Household Rubbish	24.90	25.76	26.65
Recycling	3.00	3.00	3.00
Total Monthly Cost	**27.90**	**28.76**	**29.65**
Per Quarter:	**83.70**	**86.28**	**88.95**

Current Price Schedule with Vogel Disposal

Service Level 1	2023	2024	2025
Garbage & Household Rubbish	18.00	19.68	20.59
Recycling	3.00	3.00	3.00
Total Monthly Cost	**21.00**	**22.68**	**23.59**
Quarterly	**63.00**	**68.04**	**70.77**

	2026	2027	2028
additional costs per month:	**4.31**	**0.86**	**0.89**

City of Butler
2026 Schedule of City Council Meetings

Monday, January 5, 2026			**11:00 AM**	**Inauguration & Swearing-in of Newly Council Reorganization Meeting**
Forum Meeting	**Time**	**Council Meeting**	**Time**	**Remarks**
15-Jan	7:00 PM	29-Jan	7:00 PM	
12-Feb	7:00 PM	26-Feb	7:00 PM	
12-Mar	7:00 PM	26-Mar	7:00 PM	
9-Apr	7:00 PM	23-Apr	7:00 PM	
14-May	7:00 PM	28-May	7:00 PM	
11-Jun	7:00 PM	25-Jun	7:00 PM	*2027 budget materials distributed June 25*
9-Jul	7:00 PM	23-Jul	7:00 PM	
13-Aug	7:00 PM	27-Aug	7:00 PM	
10-Sep	7:00 PM	24-Sep	7:00 PM	
8-Oct	7:00 PM	22-Oct	7:00 PM	
5-Nov	7:00 PM	19-Nov	7:00 PM	**Budget Introduction Nov 19**
3-Dec	7:00 PM	17-Dec	7:00 PM	***Budget Adoption Dec 17***

Notes

1. All meetings held in Council Chambers of City Building unless otherwise advertised.
2. Council will consider changes to the traffic control schedules **once each quarter** (March, June, Sept. & Dec.)