

Home Rule Borough of Edinboro
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Monday, June 11, 2018 the regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Jim Kiley at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Council members present were Jim Kiley, Pat Davis, Alyssa Dobson, Mary Ann Horne, Nathan Latimer, and Fred Langill. Absent was Aaron Gast.

Also present were Solicitor Tim Wachter, Manager Kevin Oppe, Finance Director Jason Spangenberg, Debbie McElroy, Mary Ann Schenck, Art Friedman, Cal Robinson, and Maryann Mook.

MINUTES:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve the May 30, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The two people listed on the agenda were not present.

With no speakers, Deputy Mayor Kiley closed public participation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve bills paid June 11, 2018 totaling \$79,069.54. Alyssa Dobson seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mary Ann Horne moved to approve payroll ending June 2 and paid June 8, 2018 totaling \$104,257.02. Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance Review Committee:

Alyssa Dobson moved to approve advertisement for Ordinances 611 (to correct parking regulations) and 612 (to create an event permit and insert road closing permits into the Code). Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Opple presented his report to Council. No issues have arisen in the water building & we are still tracking for finishing the project mid-summer. We are expanding the footprint of the parking lot now and it should be poured soon; the curbing was poured last week.

Seven applications for the ECGRA façade grant have been approved and several more are nearing submission. The ECGRA press conference in front of Dobber's went well and was covered by both Erie TV News services, the Erie Times, and Edinboro News Journal.

Negotiations for the police contract are in progress. We have had two meetings and things have gone smoothly. We are waiting for a counter proposal. Most of the requests from the police are going to be accepted as they are very reasonable; just waiting for their counter offer for insurance contributions and retirement plan changes. Pat Davis from the Personnel Committee is observing on behalf of the Council.

The quarterly Town and Gown meeting was held last Wednesday. The new format of a working group is much more productive. We are all working together towards the goal of better interaction between the students, faculty & staff, and residents. We discussed improving parking for residents attending events on campus, the July outdoor movie series on campus, sending flyers with university cultural programs inside the utility bill, and National Night Out, among other things. National Night Out, set for August 8 this year, is intended for the community and the police to interact in a positive way. Nathan Latimer mentioned that he has attended this in Conneautville, and it was a very positive event.

We received bids from Russell Standard and Mayer Brothers for the paving of the Raspberry/Cove/Davis neighborhood, which will be awarded later in the meeting. Sewer Superintendent Rob Kennerknecht is looking to replace or relin the sewer line in that neighborhood before the road is paved. Mid-August is planned for paving.

Announcements for the Police Chief opening have been made in the Erie Times, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, PML, PSAB, and PA Chiefs of Police Association. Chief Craft has also sent it around to the regional association, NWPA Chiefs. Six applications have been received so far.

Mary Ann Horne moved to authorize the Manager to choose the wording for the new water building plaque. Alyssa Dobson seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Public Works:

The following bids were received for paving:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Russell Standard Corp. | P.O. Box 86, Union City, 16438 | \$257,063.20 |
| Mayer Bros. Construction | 1902 Cherry Street, Erie, 16502 | \$248,346.00 |

Manager Oppler stated that a third company had requested the bid packet but did not submit a bid, and that he recommended awarding the contract to Mayer Bros. as low bidder. Mary Ann Horne moved to award this paving bid to Mayer Bros., Pat Davis seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Sewer:

Manager Oppler requested a motion to approve signing an addendum to the sewer agreement with Washington Township to update the list of addresses and property owners serviced by the agreement. Mary Ann Horne made the motion, Alyssa Dobson seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNITY LIAISONS:

EVFD:

Mary Ann Horne said that food sales at the new social club have exceeded projections, and they are looking into ways to address the complaints about the level of noise in the new building.

Watershed Association:

Mary Ann Horne noted that the Watershed Association annual meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on June 14 at Nick's Place, and all are welcome to attend

NEW BUSINESS:


Fred Langill made a motion to look into joining the Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership. The motion was not seconded. He then asked if the local Edinboro paper could be used for Borough legal notices, since it is mailed to all 16412 addresses each week. He said that

he believes the notices could be published in the Girard local paper since it is subscription-based, and then be included in the Edinboro paper for free. Solicitor Wachter explained that the Sunshine Act requires that notices be published in a paper of general circulation, which is defined as a daily, subscription-based newspaper to which at least one person in the municipality subscribes. Since the Girard paper is not daily, it does not qualify. Mr. Langill thanked the Solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Ann Horne moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Manager Kevin Opple



Mayor Aaron Gast