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2/23/2015

7:30 PM Council-Workshop

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The February 23, 2015 regular council meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President Allen Bayer in the Council Chambers. In attendance were Andrew Mathew III, Council Vice President, Council Members, Mary Hess, Ralph Geis, and Don Burgess Not attending were Council members Gregg Semel, Marietta Reeb and Mayor Tom Oliverio.

Also in attendance were Borough Manager Don Pepe, Assistant Manager Jill Stedina, Assistant to the Manager Andrew Spencer, Solicitor Bonnie Brimmeier, Chief Jim Miller, Borough Engineer Tom Thompson, and Public Works Director Chad Garland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Thompson

VISITORS

Dan Fritch
Mathew Edwards
Joe Genco
Larry Thompson and his wife

- Dan Fritch talked about the Chamber merging with the Butler Chamber and other chamber matters
- Mathew Edwards introduced himself as the new Horse Trading Days coordinator
- Larry Thompson spoke to introduce himself to the Borough Council and his candidacy for Butler County Commissioner

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Geis, second by Mr. Burgess, to approve the following item:

- Minutes of the February 23, 2015 council meeting

Motion carried 5-0.

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OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER POWER SUPPLIER AND PURCHASE SCHEDULE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. (AMP)

After a report from our consultants Utility Engineers, PC, a motion was made to accept their recommendation to Council and choose the proposal made by Constellation Energy. The cost, with the purchase of the EDI landfill energy, excluding the capacity benefit to be retained by the Borough, is about \$59.81 MWH.

Motion carried 5-0

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #302-15 TO EXECUTE THE ENERGY PURCHASE POWER SUPPLY SCHEDULE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC.

A motion was made by Mr. Geis, second by Mrs. Hess, authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents for the power supplier that Utility Engineers, PC recommends and to execute the Power Supply Schedule with AMP, Inc.

A full and true copy of Resolution #302-15 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Manager/Secretary

Motion carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE # 840-15 AMENDING ORDINANCE # 815-12 ELECTRIC SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Geis, second by Mr. Mathew, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise proposed ordinance # 840-15, amending the current Ordinance (#815-12) with regard to Electric Service Rules & Regulations..

Motion carried 5-0.

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RESOLUTION #300-15 FOR ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

A motion was made by Mr. Burgess, second by Mr. Geis, to approve Resolution #300-15, increasing the electric rates in the borough by 7.7% effective with the April 2015 billings.

A full and true copy of Resolution #300-15 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Manager/Secretary

Motion carried. 5-0

RESOLUTION #301-15 FOR WATER RATE INCREASE

A motion was made by Mr. Geis, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve Resolution #301-15, increasing the water rates in the borough by 4% effective with the April 2015 billings.

A full and true copy of Resolution #301-15 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Manager/Secretary

Motion carried. 5-0

CHANGE ORDER #1 ROUTE 68 BRIDGE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Burgess, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve Change Order #1 from S.E.T., Inc. in the amount of \$1,560.00. This is a Change Order to the contract for the Rte. 68 Bridge Waterline replacement project.

Motion carried. 5-0

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PAY REQUISITION #1 - S.E.T., INC. -SOUTH ROUTE 19 WATERLINE PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Burgess, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve pay requisition #1 from S.E.T., Inc. in the amount of \$77,724.32, for the Rte 19 South Waterline Project.

Motion carried. 5-0

PAY REQUISITION #1 - S.E.T., INC. -ROUTE 68 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

A motion was made by Mrs. Hess, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve pay requisition #1 from S.E.T., Inc. in the amount of \$35,575.20, for the Rte 68 Waterline Replacement Project..

Motion carried. 5-0

APPROVAL TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GFOA-PA CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Mr. Burgess, second by Mr. Geis, to approve the request for Jill Stedina to attend the PA-GFOA Conference on April 26-28, 2015 in State College. This approval includes conference registration, room, food and travel expenses.

Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL TRACKING ITEMS

Council discussed the list provided by the Manager and made some comments concerning its content. No voting actions taken.

RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

A motion was made by Mr. Geis, second by Mr. Mathew, to release the \$5,000 in Borough funds budgeted for the 175th anniversary event to the Butler County Tourism Foundation who is handling this account.

Motion carried 5-0.

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APPROVE SIDEWALK BRIDGE PROJECT

A motion was made by Mr. Burgess, second by Mr. Geis, to approve the concept of a sidewalk on the Rt. 68 state bridge project. This concept was offered by the Borough and approved by PennDOT. The design will now need to be agreed upon.

Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Hess:

Shared Services: No report

Main St. Revit. Comm.: Gave update and noted the need to bid construction documents work.

Mr. Semel: Not present

COG: No report

Library Board No report

Main St. Revit. Comm: No report

Mr. Geis:

Electric Comm.: Electric ordinance on service practices and regulations is complete and will be on an upcoming meeting agenda for consideration.

Bldg. /Finance Comm.: Hold meeting until after the strategic planning session on March 4, 2015.

Airport Authority: No report

Mr. Burgess:

IT Comm.: Committee met on February 9th.

Employee Pension Comm.: No report

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Mrs. Reeb: Not present

Public Safety/Street/Sidewalk/Storm water: No report

Historical Society: No report

Mr. Mathew:

Water Comm.: The Cost of Services study for the water utility this year will cost about \$10,000 to \$15,000 to complete.

EMA: No report (w/ Mr. Pepe)

Fire Dept.: Merger process: Merger process is moving forward and will include council when appropriate.

Requests an executive session regarding contractual issues.

Mr. Bayer:

HRC: Next meeting is Feb. 23 at 1:30 pm

PMC: No report

Mayor Oliverio:

- 175th Anniversary Comm.: Asked if Council can release the \$5,000 allocation budgeted and approved by the council to be given to the 175th Anniversary committee for this event. Council action noted in the other section of these minutes.

Manager Pepe:

- Gave an RCAP grant update
- Update on the printing of the new zoning ordinance available to the public.
- Asked for a brief Executive Session on a personnel matter
- Update on the interview for the Junior Council person position

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Solicitor:

- No report
- Asked for an Executive Session on contractual issues

Engineer:

- Updates on the completion of the two waterline projects in progress

Police Chief Miller:

- Noted training programs update at the FBI office

Public Works Dir.:

- Update on the Marion Township water interconnect problem
- Update on the recent water line breaks in the system.

Council took a short break at 9:05 pm and returned at 9:15 pm

Council went into Executive Session at 9:15 pm. Council came out of executive session and returned to the meeting at 9:52 pm.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Council President Bayer at 9:52 PM.

ATTEST:

Borough Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor