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10/26/2009

7:30 PM Council-Workshop

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The October 26, 2009 Council meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers by President Charles Underwood. In attendance were Mayor Thomas Oliverio and Council members Russell Robertson, James Zeigler, Marietta Reeb, George McDowell, Andrew Mathew III and Allen Bayer. Junior Council member Spencer Mathew was not present.

Assistant Borough Manager Jill Stedina, Assistant to the Borough Manager Andrew Spencer, Solicitor Matt Racunas, Engineer Tom Thompson and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present. Borough Manager Donald Pepe was not in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tom Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Jan Lawrence
Tom Grant
Neal Jackson
Pat Murray
Sandy Ferrinola

Jan Lawrence and Tom Grant addressed Council with regard to the Library's 2010 Budget Funding request. The funding request for 2010 is \$30,000 an increase of \$1,000 over the 2009 Budget amount. They thanked the Borough for their continuing support of the Library

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mathew, second by McDowell, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the September 28, 2009 Meeting
- Minutes of the October 12, 2009 Meeting

Motion carried 7-0.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Consider Approval of By-Laws for the Auxiliary of the Zelienople Volunteer Fire Company

A motion was made by Reeb, second by Mathew, to approve the By-Laws for the Auxiliary of the Zelienople Volunteer Fire Company.

Motion carried 7-0.

Consider purchase of Hurco Valve & Vac Machine

Brief discussion followed with regard to the request of the Water Department for the purchase of a "demo" model of a Hurco Valve & Vac machine. The cost of the demo model is listed at \$12,000. Assistant to the Borough Manager, Andrew Spencer was able to address most of the questions raised by Council, however Council requested that the matter be tabled until the November 9, 2009 Council Meeting. They request that the Water System Supt., Chad Garland, be present at that meeting to address any additional questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Request of Connoquenessing Valley Community Chest (CVCC) to Erect Temporary Signage in the Southwest Corner Park - Resolution #173-09

Pat Murray addressed Council on behalf of the CVCC to request permission from Council to erect a temporary sign in the southwest corner park located at the intersection of Main St & Grandview Ave. to promote their Fund Drive. The Solicitor advised that Council is permitted to grant exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance with regards to temporary signs. Such exceptions are to be done via a Resolution.

On motion by Robertson, second by Reeb, Council approved Resolution #173-09 granting permission to the CVCC to erect a 4' x 8' temporary sign in the southwest corner park located at Main St / Grandview Ave.; the sign may remain in place for 3 months from the date of the Resolution; Council waived any and all permitting fees associated with the installation of the sign. A full and true copy of Resolution #173-09 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Secretary

Assistant Manager / Assistant

Motion carried 7-0.

Authorize Borough Manager and Electric System Superintendent to Attend American Municipal Power

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(A.M.P.) Annual Board Meeting and Authorizing Manager to Vote on Behalf of Borough.

On motion by Bayer, second by Zeigler, permission was given for the Borough Manager and the Electric System Superintendent to attend the A.M.P. Annual Board meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 in Cleveland, Ohio and authorized the Borough Manager to formally represent the Borough of Zelienople for all voting matters at the meeting.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Consider Request of the Zelienople Harmony Business Association for Approval of the 2009 Christmas Parade.

Neal Jackson addressed the Council on behalf of the Zelienople Harmony Business Association requesting permission to hold the annual Christmas parade on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at 11:00 AM and to have the Borough apply for a parade permit on their behalf. It was also requested, as in the past, that free parking be granted from November 28, 2009 through December 26, 2009. The Salvation Army Canteen truck will also be present at the event so the request was also made to reserve spots in the North Parking Lot by Santa's house on the day of the parade for the Canteen truck.

A motion was made by McDowell, second by Mathew, to approve the request of the Business Association to hold the Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at 11:00 AM; the Borough will apply for a parade permit on their behalf; free parking will be granted from November 28th through December 26th at all metered locations (on-sreet and lots) with the exception of the Municipal Building Parking lot; several spaces in the north parking lot will be reserved for the Salvation Army Canteen Truck on the day of the parade.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Resolution #171-09, a Resolution for the Support of the Westinghouse and Seneca Valley School District Educational Partnership

A motion was made by Zeigler, second by Mathew, to approve Resolution #171-09 - a Resolution recognizing the leadership of the Seneca Valley School District and the Westinghouse Electric Company in developing a new curriculum in the School District, the first such of its kind in the state, to promote and enhance opportunities for our residents to participate in additional educational programs that will provide new awareness and preparation for engineering careers. A full and true copy of Resolution #171-09 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Manager

Assistant Secretary/ Assistant

Motion carried 7 - 0

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Resolution #172-09 - A Resolution Appointing Borough of Zelienople Representative to the Butler County Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC)

On motion by Robertson, second by Reeb, Resolution #172-09, appointing representatives to the BCTCC was approved. The representatives shall be the Borough Manager, Donald Pepe and the alternate is the Assistant to the Borough Manager, Andrew Spencer. A full and true copy of Resolution #172-09 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Assistant Manager

Assistant Secretary/

Motion carried 7 - 0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brief discussion of the "tracking of Council's requests for information" followed. Several items were requested to be added. The Assistant Manager will so advise the Manager.

REPORTS:

Bayer:

- Reported that the HRC meeting scheduled for Weds., Oct. 28th has been cancelled
- Reported that the HRC met with the Police Chief last week and meeting went well
- Advised that the PNT will be holding a meeting on Nov 4 at 7 PM. This is a followup to the meeting held with the Police Chief.
- Requested that a meeting to review the Borough Manager's performance evaluation be scheduled, tentatively for Nov 2nd at 7 PM
- Advised that the next Joint Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for Nov 4th.

McDowell

- No report

Mathew:

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- Advised of a meeting with representatives of W.B.C.A. on Friday morning October 30th

Reeb:

- No report or comment

Zeigler:

- Advised that data is still being gathered regarding service fees related to electric.

Robertson

- Advised that he is awaiting the receipt of preliminary budget data for 2010.
- With regard to the IT committee he has a meeting scheduled with an individual who is interested in working on the Borough's home page.
- Advised that he is continuing to work on the GIS mapping for the Joint Comprehensive Plan

Oliverio :

- Reported that he will be going to Harrisburg on 11/9 for the Legislative Action Committee of the PSAB and will be meeting with the State Reps. Requested that if there is any information or items of interest to be passed along to let him know.

Racunas:

- Requested an executive session to discuss a property acquisition issue

- Requested further direction from Council with regard to the "Nuisance Ordinance". Discussion followed with regard to the inclusion of language to allow the trapping of ferrell cats.
- During the discussion of the cats the matter of "exotic pets" was raised and the Council directed the Solicitor to look into this matter further. This would be addressed in a separate Ordinance.
- Brief discussion of the False Alarm Ordinance followed. It was requested that this matter be placed on the Nov. 9th agenda to authorize its advertisement.

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Chief Miller

- No comment or report

Thompson:

- No comment or report

Stedina:

- Reminded Council of the upcoming vacancies on various boards. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Council took a recess at 8:57 PM and went into Executive Session at 9:10 PM. Council came out of executive session at 9:32 PM and the meeting reconvened.

Authorize Solicitor to Begin Condemnation Proceedings

A motion was made by McDowell, second by Reeb, to authorize the Solicitor to begin condemnation proceedings for the property, owned by International Community Services (Tax Parcel ID 550-S5-8AA). The parcel is required in order for the Beaver Falls waterline project to proceed.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Underwood at 9:33 PM

ATTEST:

Assistant Manager / Assistant Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Mayor