

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Eisaman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Administrator, Susan Trout, took roll call with the following members present: Councilman Finfrock, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Peterinelli, Councilman Tridico and Mayor Eisaman. City Solicitor, Timothy McCormick and Fiscal Director, Mary Perez were also present.

*****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*****Councilman Tridico

*****COMMENTS/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR*****

Doris Kaufman, 62 Northmont Street, Greensburg, PA. Ms. Kaufman, "I am here to get an update on the Northmont stream project. The last meeting that I attended Barbara Ciampini had mentioned that she was going to have a meeting with Representative Tangretti and I just wondered if that happened and what came about. Or do we have to wait for two or three more years?"

Ms. Ciampini, "We did have a meeting but it was before the November meeting."

Ms. Kaufman, "Right, our contingent wasn't at the November meeting."

Mayor Eisaman, "I think what was referenced there was we were still waiting for the local Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to have a meeting with us and Hempfield, because our meeting was with Harrisburg DEP, and they deferred it to the locals. Now that the holidays are over, we'll try to set something up in January."

Ms. Trout, "I'll give them a call."

Ms. Kaufman, "Then there was no meeting."

Mayor Eisaman, "Right, but I think you also referenced that Senator Regola was going to be meeting with some DEP officials."

Ms. Ciampini, "I spoke to Secretary McGinty of the DEP and she said they're still working to get this expedited. What they want to do is outsource the design of the project. If they keep it in-house, it will take too long."

Mayor Eisaman, "The manpower inside is already working on projects, and, if they outsource it, they can use an outside firm to do a faster design."

Ms. Ciampini, "Representative Tangretti and Senator Regola already sent the letter to that effect."

Ms. Kaufman, "It's still at that point? I thank you very much."

Mayor Eisaman, "You're welcome."

Rita Boynton, 504 Kenmore Avenue, Greensburg, PA. Ms. Boynton, "I'm part of the Northmont project, and I was going to ask the same question that Doris did. Thank you for the information; that is very helpful. And I also wanted to thank Mr. Finfrock. When I was here the last time he seemed to listen to what I was asking and saying, and he was going to see what he might do. Our suggestion was that they at least in the interim before this gets resolved, hopefully, the opening of the creek on Northmont Street is regularly cleaned out. For a period of time it was and we had some problems, but we didn't have what we had in August. I understand that he was there; he looked, and I wanted to know what he thought. I was hoping we could still consider a regular cleanout. By regular, I mean very regular; not just twice a year. At least that will prevent all of us from going through the misery and the financial loss that we've gone through. I would appreciate response to that when he is able."

Councilman Finfrock, "Mrs. Boynton, in consultation with Rick Hoyle, we do make regular trips down there. They are taking a look at that, and we know that even under the threat of rain it's the first place that we look. If we're in anticipation of not just showers but something measurable, 1/4-inch or above, that they're there looking at that area and making sure that it's good to go and can last through a 1/4-inch, 1/2-inch or even an inch of rain. We also have an arrangement with Hose Company No. 1. It's the same type of deal. As soon as there is imminent instance of a rain event, that's the first place they go. As soon as they get in station that is their prime objective; to be at that creek. I know we had an incident shortly after that last meeting where the leaves had covered the drain and caused the water to go across there. We got No. 1 there immediately after that, and we also had help from Rick and Tom Bell from the City. We're out there as soon as we hear that there's rain coming, that's the number one priority."

Ms. Boynton, “I can’t tell you how we appreciate that. Every time it rains we all get upset. I wanted to thank the Police Department. I had to call the Police Department. I was going out of town and it was pouring and I didn’t know what I was going to do since I wasn’t going to be here. I called and asked if when they patrol our area if they would pay attention to that particular problem and they said they would and were very helpful. I do appreciate that.”

Councilman Finfrock, “Until we get it resolved that’s how we’ll handle it, Mrs. Boynton.”

Mayor Eisaman, “Not that this was a major contribution, but right around August into September and October, Allegheny Energy had a water line break on top of the hill that went undetected for maybe 18 months and it was affecting some of the backyards on Glenview. It was a significant line and we think that could have also been coming down the hill and creating some of the problem. It wasn’t 100% of the problem or even a considerable part of the problem, but it did contribute to the water intake there. That has been resolved since October. That line has been replaced and repaired.”

*****APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH’S COUNCIL MINUTES*****Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the minutes from last month’s meeting, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Unanimously all voted in favor.**

*****APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILL LIST*****Councilman Finfrock **MOVED** to approve the bill list and pay the bills as the money becomes available. Councilman Johnson **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Unanimously all voted in favor.**

*****REPORTS OF COUNCIL*****

Councilman Johnson, “The Recreation Department will be taking reservations for pavilions at Mt. Odin Park and Lynch Field beginning on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, starting at 8:00 a.m. This is done on a first-come, first-serve basis. The doors at Kirk S. Nevin Arena will open at 6:30 a.m. The Megan Smith pavilion at Mt. Odin will become available to the public on April 1, 2008 after the 2008 golf outing schedule is finalized. Prices have remained the same as last year. The Kirk S. Nevin Arena is also taking registrations for Session 5 of the ISI Tot Lessons. This is designed for children ages 3-5 years old, and is held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00 p.m. This session will begin on February 7, 2008. To learn more about other skating programs and other public session times, please stop by or call the Recreation Department at 724-834-4880 for more information. That concludes my report.”

Councilman Peterinelli, “The Street Department has been out several times this year for salting the streets and because of that we had to put back 670 more tons of rock salt to refill the storage building. We are presently picking up Christmas trees. Residents wishing to have their trees picked up are asked to put them at their property line. Also, we’re out patching potholes. We used 4 ½-tons of cold patch. It’s been purchased and the service will be going on all winter. That’s it, Mayor.”

Councilman Tridico, “On tonight’s agenda there are appointments of Steering Committee members to serve as a liaison to City Council overseeing a parking study the City and the Greensburg Community Development Corporation (GCDC) are going to undertake with funds from the Department of Community and Economic Development. It is hopeful the results of this study will give the City implementation strategies to provide parking to the community, especially the downtown users in a most, manageable and beneficial format. That concludes my report.”

Councilman Finfrock, “In last year’s final report revenues are at 100% of budget. That’s not exactly where we wanted to be, but 100% is 100%, so we’ll take that. Our expenses are at 98% of budget. That was a little higher than last year, but 98% leaves us with a little bit better balance than what we had anticipated. So 100% in revenues; 98% in expenses is the 2007 final figure. So we ended in fairly good shape. Congratulations to Tom who ran the Department, and Mary who did all the hard work. We appreciate that, and we look forward to changing that around a little bit this year.”

*****MAYOR’S REPORT*****

- a. **Swearing-In of the Police Captain.** Mayor Eisaman administered the Oath of Office to Captain George Seranko.

- b. Police, Fire and Code Reports.** Mayor Eisaman reviewed the Police, Fire and Code reports. Copies of these reports may be obtained at the respective offices or the City Administration Office.
Mayor Eisaman, “We still have a continual amount of new construction and building permits going on in the City. That’s much appreciated. With regard to all my reports on Fire, Police, Planning, Zoning and Code, I appreciate all your work in 2007.”
- c. Special Presentation.** Mayor Eisaman, “At this time, it is my privilege to have a special presenter here tonight, Mr. Gene James, from the ‘SummerSounds’ concert series. Gene, would you like to come up and make the presentation?”
Mr. Gene James, “At this time we would like to honor a founding member of the Greensburg Concerts in the Park, Steve Gifford. Steve’s generous and able contribution of his time over seven years has been instrumental to the success of ‘SummerSounds’, Greensburg’s Concerts in the Park. It has grown for those of you who don’t know to serve over 18,000 people this year. So it’s a wonderful success and we really owe a lot to Steve.”
Mayor Eisaman, “Congratulations, and I’d just like to say it’s a great team that has put together the summer series of concerts and I know if you didn’t work together these events could not happen. I appreciate the team work and for you being a part of that team and being so dedicated.”
Mr. Steve Gifford, “Thank you. This is much appreciated and not necessary. It’s been far more enjoyable for me to serve on the committee. I worked with some great volunteers and contributed back to my community. Listening to your report about the number of incidents the Fire Department responds to, those are all volunteers as well. I’m happy to say I’m part of a community where we contribute our own time and talents in our own ways and this is the way I’m able to do that. Thank you for the opportunity. It’s been a pleasure. Now I’ll be up on the hillside sitting back on the chair listening to the music and enjoying the concert.”
Mayor Eisaman, “Gene James has also done a great job with the concert series, ‘SummerSounds’, and Janet and Dick McNeel also help out. We appreciate all their work throughout the year also. It’s a great team effort and we appreciate everybody’s help. Thank you.”

*****ADOPTION OF BILLS AS ORDINANCES*****

Bill No. 28 as Ordinance No. 1965 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED ‘NONUNIFORMED EMPLOYEES PENSION’, OF CHAPTER 54 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1646, THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, ELECTING TO CHANGE THE BENEFITS IT HAS IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW: AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES CHANGING BENEFITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE: STATING WHICH OF CERTAIN OPTIONS PERMITTED UNDER THE SAID LAW ARE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY. Ms. Trout, “Adoption of Bill No. 28 increases the basic benefit retirement calculation effective January 1, 2008 for all participating non-uniformed Municipal employees from 1.5% times years of credited service to 2% times the years of credited service after January 1, 2008. The 1.5% shall remain in effect as the multiplier for years of credited service earned before January 1, 2008.”

Councilman Tridico **MOVED** to adopt Bill No. 28 as Ordinance No. 1965, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **All voted unanimously to adopt Bill No. 28 as Ordinance No. 1965.**

*****ENACTMENT OF RESOLUTIONS*****

Resolution No. 1123 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG DESIGNATING GIBSON-THOMAS ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. AS THE CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM OF THE CITY. Ms. Trout, “This is something we’ve been doing annually by resolution.”

Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to enact Resolution No. 1123, and Councilman Johnson **SECONDED**. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **Mayor Eisaman abstained, and all others voted unanimously to enact Resolution No. 1123.**

Resolution No. 1124 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG GRANTING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER OF PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR LICENSE R-18289 FROM LOWER BURRELL TO THE CITY OF GREENSBURG FOR USE AT THE PREMISES DESIGNATED AT 111-113 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, GREENSBURG, WESTMORELAND COUNTY. Ms. Trout, “In conjunction with a Public Hearing held on January 8, 2008, enactment of Resolution No. 1124 grants the inter-municipal liquor license transfer to Martin M. Horowitz for use at Pagnotta’s Café, an existing restaurant premises. We are also in receipt of a favorable recommendation from Steve Gifford on behalf of the GCDC Board of Directors, in support of Pagnotta’s Café attaining full restaurant and bar status.” Councilman Peterinelli, “Mayor, this isn’t going to be a bar per se. It’s just going to be when people come in and they have to wait for their reservation, they can sit at the bar and drink.”

Mayor Eisaman, “Their intent is that it is a restaurant with a full-service bar. It is not a bar with food.”

Solicitor McCormick, “We had some discussion at the public hearing and if there’s a motion forthcoming to approve the Resolution, whoever makes the motion may want to make part of the motion the requirement that in order for this approval to be passed onto the Liquor Control Board (LCB), which is a requirement, that Pagnotta’s and Mr. Horowitz have to make sure they have made the application to the LCB within I think we talked about 30 days. Recently we were assured by the owners that it would take place. In this way we ensure that the project at least is moving forward as best as we can oversee it. At this point and time, of course, for the public knowledge it really becomes the LCB’s authority whether they actually grant the license and finalize the approval. But you may want to consider making that part of the motion, whoever makes the motion.”

Councilman Johnson **MOVED** to enact Resolution No. 1124, the transfer of a liquor license from Lower Burrell to Marty Horowitz with the stipulation that application be made to the LCB within 30 days to make sure the project moves forward and we don’t have another liquor license hanging around the City for years and years to come, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED** the motion. No further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **Mayor Eisaman abstained, and all others voted unanimously to enact Resolution No. 1124.**

*****COUNCIL APPROVAL*****

- a. **Maintenance Agreement between the City of Greensburg and Copier Corporation of America.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval renews the one-year agreement for the Toshiba copier located at Lynch Field at the same price as last year, .012 cents per copy, for the period of January 29, 2008 through January 28, 2009.” Councilman Finfrock **MOVED** to approve the maintenance agreement, and Councilman Johnson **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Mayor Eisaman abstained, and all others voted unanimously to approve the maintenance agreement.**
- b. **Preventive Maintenance Agreement between the City of Greensburg and the Verdin Company.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval renews the agreement for 2008 in the amount of \$520 per year reflecting a \$35 increase over last year’s price. Terms of the agreement include two (2) preventive maintenance calls for the Town Clock located at Courthouse Square.” Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the agreement, and Councilman Finfrock **SECONDED**. Councilman Peterinelli, “Why can’t we get the clock to chime like it used to? I know the judges don’t like it because it makes too much noise, but that sounds so nice up there. You have a nice clock up there and it doesn’t ring.” Mayor Eisaman, “I guess that’s pretty much the reason.” No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the agreement.**
- c. **Slate of Firemen of the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department and Slate of Special Teams.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval accepts the slate of volunteer firemen as members of the six (6) Greensburg fire companies, as well as, the

roster of Special Team members. And we have those should anybody like to review them.”

Councilman Tridico, “I understand we’re doing this for liability?”

Ms. Trout, “Yes, for insurance reasons, mostly Workers’ Compensation.”

Councilman Johnson **MOVED** to approve the slate of firemen and Special Team roster, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**

- d. Agreement for Public Works, Development and Building Project Consulting Services between the City of Greensburg and Robert T. Regola Surveying.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval renews the professional services contract for an additional year until December 31, 2008 under the same terms as last year’s contract with a one-year optional extension period that, upon extension, shall include a 4% increase to \$53.82 from the current hourly rate of \$51.75.” Councilman Johnson **MOVED** to approve the agreement as presented, and Councilman Finfrock **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Mayor Eisaman abstained, and all others voted unanimously to approve the agreement.**
- e. Reappointment to the Sewage Authority.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval reappoints William Hawk to another 5-year term on the Authority with a monthly salary of \$200 until December 31, 2012.” Councilman Johnson **MOVED** to approve the reappointment, and Councilman Finfrock **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**
- f. Reappointment of Charlotte Kuhns to the Zoning Hearing Board.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval reappoints Charlotte Kuhns to an additional 3-year term on the Board until December 31, 2010.” Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the reappointment, and Councilman Johnson **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**
- g. Reappointment of Steve Gifford to the Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB).** Ms. Trout, “Council approval reappoints Steve Gifford to a 3-year term on the HARB until January 1, 2011.” Councilman Johnson **MOVED** to approve the reappointment, and Councilman Finfrock **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**
- h. Appointments to the Parking Steering Committee.** Ms. Trout, “The following appointments to a Parking Steering Committee to focus on downtown parking are recommended in conjunction with the potential hiring of a Parking Study Consultant: Planning Director, Barbara Ciampini; City Administrator, Susan Trout; Parking Facilities Manager, Bob Charley; Councilman Tom Tridico; Councilman Wayne Johnson; Main Street Manager, Steve Gifford; and Bill Malloy, a member of the GCDC’s Board and a local business owner.” Councilman Finfrock **MOVED** to approve the appointments, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. Mayor Eisaman, “With regard to this Steering Committee, we’re referencing the downtown parking, will this also encompass the parking by the hospital?” Ms. Ciampini, “I would imagine.” Ms. Trout, “We can add that as part of the proposal.” Mayor Eisaman, “So it will be City of Greensburg parking?” Ms. Ciampini, “Yes, community parking.” Councilman Tridico, “Is there any pay connected with that?” Ms. Ciampini, “No.” No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the appointments.**
- i. Agreement between the City of Greensburg and CGI Communications, Inc.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval provides the authorization for CGI Communications, Inc. of Rochester, NY to make available via a link to the City’s website, a Website Welcome video, as well as, up to two additional videos showcasing various aspects of the City of Greensburg. The effective term of the agreement shall be from the approval date until the third anniversary of the date that the completed and approved Community Movie Showcase is made available for viewing via the website link. There shall be no cost to the City. One of the areas we want them to highlight in the video is ‘SummerSounds’.”

Councilman Tridico **MOVED** to approve the agreement, and Councilman Johnson **SECONDED**.

Mayor Eisaman, "Sue, if I remember correctly, this is a program the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities has put together and asked this group to contact 20 municipalities throughout the State to premiere the program?"

Ms. Trout, "They have. It's also been endorsed by the National League of Cities and they were directed our way by the League as one of 20 cities they were focusing on."

No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the agreement.**

- j. Purchase of Two (2) Police Vehicles.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval is for the purchase of two (2) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles through the Central Westmoreland Council of Governments cooperative purchasing option from Day Fleet Sales in the amount of \$23,169.00 each for a total of \$46,338.00."
- Mayor Eisaman, "I assume we'll be retiring one or two or three vehicles?"
- Chief Lyons, "Two."
- Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the purchase, and Councilman Finrock **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the purchase.**

*****ADJOURNMENT***** Councilman Johnson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED:** Councilman Peterinelli. Unanimously all voted in favor to **adjourn**.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Susan M. Trout, City Administrator

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