

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, July 13, 2009
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 DePasquale, Councilman Peterinelli, Councilman Tridico, Councilman Finfrock and Mayor Eisaman. City Solicitor, Timothy McCormick and City Treasurer/Fiscal Director, Mary Perez were also present.

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

*****APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S COUNCIL MINUTES*****Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the minutes of last month's Council meeting, and Councilman Finfrock **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 DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Unanimously all voted in favor.**

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

Councilman DePasquale, "The Recreation Department is currently taking registrations for our Youth Football and Cheerleading Programs. The programs are for children 7-12 years old and start on August 3, 2009 with a Conditioning Camp. Children in the Greensburg Salem School District are eligible to play for our program. Registration for the Travel Soccer Program for the fall season has started. It will stay open until July 24, 2009. Registration for the In-house Soccer Program will begin August 3, 2009. Information on programs at Kirk S. Nevin Arena for the fall season will soon be advertised on the City's website at www.city.greensburg.pa.us and at the Recreation Office. These programs will start after Labor Day, and that concludes my report."

Councilman Peterinelli, "I guess everyone knows on June 17, 2009 we had that bad rain. It came down some of the streets and lifted the asphalt on Maple Avenue, Third Street and Grove Street. The Street Department was out today. They did some milling with the new machine that grinds up and they repaired them. They're still looking for other holes to complete. And, also, Derry Construction is supposed to come in the last week of July. Hopefully it will only take eight days for them to complete their work. That's it." Mayor Eisaman, "I just wanted to comment on how nice the Department of Public Works building looks with the new paint job. I believe our employees did the work." Councilman Peterinelli, "Yes, and they did a nice job. I forgot to mention that."

Councilman Tridico-No report this evening.

Councilman Finfrock, "We're still holding on. Revenues are at 59% of the budget. That's 3% higher than revenues in June 2008. Expenses are getting a little dicier; they're at 46% of the budget. This is 1% higher than last year. So we need to pay attention to that and not let them get out of control. I support Mary every time she says 'no'. I would appreciate the rest of Council's support in that as well. Even though we're 1% higher than last year it's not out of control and not a big problem at this time. We're still in decent shape."

Councilman Peterinelli, "I think between Mary and Sue they're keeping a handle on all the money that's being spent. They know."

*****MAYOR'S REPORT*****

- a. **Appreciation of Firemen and City Employees.** Mayor Eisaman, "Along the same lines as Councilman Peterinelli, on June 17, 2009 with all the heavy rain, I'd like to thank all the firemen and City employees for their efforts with regard to salvage, the clearing of streams and general cleanup to relieve some of the problems for the homeowners and business owners in the City."

- b. **Code, Fire and Police Reports.** Mayor Eisaman reviewed the Code, Fire and Police Reports. Copies of these reports may be obtained at the respective offices or the City Administration Office.
- c. **‘Summer in the City’.** Mayor Eisaman, “Also I’d like to remind everyone that the annual ‘Summer in the City’ event will be held in downtown Greensburg this year beginning on Thursday, July 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., continuing from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Free music entertainment, children’s activities at the library, a sidewalk drawing contest, merchant specials and a ‘Dunk the Meter Maid’ booth are all part of the planned festivities.”

*****INTRODUCTION OF BILLS*****

Bill No. 7 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG AMENDING CHAPTER 249 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1647, ENTITLED ‘VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG. Ms. Trout, “The introduction of this Bill is to essentially clean up some stop intersection signs and also specifically place stop signs at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Ehalt Street with the advent of the Seton Hill Arts Center in downtown.”

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

Bill No. 6 as Ordinance No. 1982 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG AMENDING CHAPTER 205, ENTITLED, ‘PROPERTY MAINTENANCE’ OF ORDINANCE NO. 1646, THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG. Ms. Trout, “The adoption of Bill No. 6 updates Sections 205-2 and 205-3 changing references from the 2006 edition of the International Property Code to the updated 2009 edition.”

Councilman Tridico **MOVED** to adopt Bill No. 6 as Ordinance No. 1982, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **All voted unanimously to adopt Bill No. 6 as Ordinance No. 1982.**

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

- a. **Reappointment to the Civil Service Commission.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval reappoints John Finrock to the Commission for a 3-year term ending May 12, 2012.”

Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the reappointment, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Councilman Finrock abstained, and all others voted unanimously to approve the reappointment.**

- b. **Reappointment to the Planning Commission.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval reappoints Tim Maruca to a 5-year term on the Commission until May 12, 2012.” Councilman Finrock **MOVED** to approve the reappointment, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**.

Mayor Eisaman, “You’re appointing him to a 5-year term for a 3-year period?” Ms. Trout, “It’s actually 2014.”

Mayor Eisaman, “Those who made the motion and seconded it, do you accept the revision on the expiration date to May 12, 2014?”

Councilman Finrock, “Yes.”

Councilman Tridico, “Yes.”

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

*****A revote was conducted on Item ‘b.’ later during the meeting changing the term limit and expiration date.*****

- c. **Resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval accepts the resignation of Anita Simpson from the Zoning Hearing Board effective July 13, 2009 before the end of her term on the Board which ends December 31, 2009. Anita has requested consideration from Council for appointment as a member of the Planning Commission which currently has two vacancies. This approval is for her resignation.” Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the resignation, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**

- d. **Appointments to the Planning Commission.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval appoints Dave Kahley to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Pete Zaphyr until May 14, 2013 and Anita Simpson to fill the position on the Commission left vacant by the resignation of Debbie Tymoczko until May 12, 2013."
Mayor Eisaman, "These are 5-year terms? I thought both of them were finished this year?"

Item 'd' was continued at this time while research was done on the term limits of the Commission.

- e. **Hiring of Seasonal Employee.** Mayor Eisaman, "Christine Watson is recommended by the Pool Manager to be hired as a pool cashier at the rate of \$7.15 per hour until July 23rd when the minimum wage is increased to \$7.25 per hour." Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the hiring, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the hiring.**
- f. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Sponsorship.** Mayor Eisaman, "Council approval authorizes sponsorship by the City in the amount of \$1,120 which provides our residents with the opportunity to dispose of old and unsafe chemical products stored in and around their homes at no cost. Our rate for participation in this program is based on the utilization by our residents during the past three years."
Councilman Finfrock **MOVED** to approve the sponsorship, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**.
Mayor Eisaman, "On this HHW collection, do they set up one or two times per year?"
Ms. Trout, "One time."
Mayor Eisaman, "And they'll advertise?"
Ms. Trout, "Yes, and they'll advertise."
Councilman Peterinelli, "Where do the people dispose of the items?"
Mayor Eisaman, "Probably in a proper facility."
Ms. Trout, "That's up to them. They coordinate all that."
No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the sponsorship.**

*****Revote on Item 'b.' and Continuation of Item 'd.'*****

- b. Ms. Trout, "On Tim Maruca's term that should not have been five years, that should have been a 4-year term. That should end in 2013. Could we have a revote on this?"
Mayor Eisaman, "Mr. Solicitor, do we have to take a vote to nullify that and do another motion or can we just amend that?"
Solicitor McCormick, "Does everyone who voted in affirmation of the reappointment of Mr. Maruca understand that you were voting for a 4-year term to expire in 2013 and is that okay with you?"
Unanimously all voted to approve the reappointment according to the corrected term limit and expiration date as stated by the Solicitor.
- d. Ms. Trout, "Council approval appoints Dave Kahley to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Pete Zaphyr until May 14, 2013 and Anita Simpson to fill the position on the Commission left vacant by the resignation of Debbie Tymoczko until May 12, 2013."
Councilman DePasquale, "Why are those different dates; I'm sure it has to do with when their resignation was effective? But is it effective when we accept it or when they date their letter?"
Ms. Trout, "It was effective whenever they were appointed the first time."
Mayor Eisaman, "It actually was their appointment dates that they chose not to be reappointed."
Councilman DePasquale, "I knew that; I was just wondering why the dates were.... okay it's no big deal."
Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the appointments, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**
Mayor Eisaman, "Mr. Kahley, welcome to the Planning Commission."
Mr. Kahley, "Thank you."

- g. Maintenance Agreement between the City of Greensburg and Copier Corporation of America.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval accepts the 1-year agreement for the copier located at the Robert A. Bell Parking Garage in the amount of \$250 effective July 31, 2009 for up to 10,000 copies. This price is the same price we were charged in last year’s agreement.”
Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the maintenance agreement, and Councilman Finfrock **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Mayor Eisaman abstained, and all others voted unanimously to approve the maintenance agreement.**
- h. Extension of Mt. Odin Golf Course Special.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval extends the special discounted rate of \$88 for four (4) greens fees and two (2) cart fees on Monday through Friday retroactive to July 1, 2009 until August 31, 2009. There was some discussion we may want to take this through the end of September, but the Golf Pro wanted to be able to offer some fall specials instead. His recommendation was to extend it through August.”
Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the extension, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**
- i. Grant Agreement between the City of Greensburg and the Robertshaw Charitable Foundation.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval accepts the terms of the agreement set forth by the Foundation for grant funding in the amount of \$3,000 to be used towards underwriting high-quality performers for the SummerSounds Concert Series.”
Councilman Finfrock **MOVED** to approve the grant agreement, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**
- j. Purchase of an Auto Cite Handheld Computer.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval is to purchase the parking meter enforcement computer, the charging station, software, installation and associated training, as well as, the first 30,400 citations from Duncan Parking Technologies, a sole-source vendor, in the amount of \$18,765.40 plus shipping.”
Councilman Peterinelli, “Didn’t we have one of them before?”
Ms. Perez, “We still do have one. It was purchased in 2002. We’ve been having a lot of issues with it and its communication with the software; it’s dropping tickets off. We’re losing tickets; we’re losing revenue. This is the newer model that will also interface better with the update to the Metro Alert software that’s used in the Police Department.”
Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the purchase, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the purchase.**

*****ADJOURNMENT*****Councilman DePasquale **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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