

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, November 8, 2010
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: Councilwoman McCormick, Councilman Tridico, Councilman Peterinelli, Councilman DePasquale and Mayor Eisaman. City Treasurer/Fiscal Director, Mary Perez was also present. Attorney Bernard McArdle attended in place of City Solicitor, Timothy McCormick, who was absent.

*****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*****Councilman Peterinelli

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

Douglas Short, 209 Spring Avenue, Greensburg, PA. Mr. Short, "What I would like to address to Council tonight is I've lived there on Spring Avenue for about 15 years and when I first moved in there was no parking on Spring Avenue in front of the playground. I'm just guessing about two years ago or so a decision was made to allow parking in front of the playground. In the past two years I think it is a safety hazard to the children of the neighborhood that play in the playground. Before when there was no parking there if you drove up the street you could at least see the children if they were getting ready to run across the street or chase a ball out of the playground. Now with the cars parked there you really can't see them, and they can dart out right between two cars and you don't even know they're there. I'm worried for their safety. We're going to have a child get hit there and I really hate to see that happen. I would like to ask you to reconsider and make that street, just in front of the playground, a 'no parking' zone. Thank you for your time and consideration."

Mayor Eisaman, "Thank you, Mr. Short. We appreciate it."

Joseph Armstrong, 451 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Greensburg, PA. Mr. Armstrong, "I have a few issues to address. I've been asked by certain residents to come down and address the Council. We have various homes up for foreclosure and things like that with the economy being the way it is. One of the things I'd like to address is to make sure the City; I've been cutting the grass at a couple of these properties, but I'd like to make the City aware. I have a list."

Mayor Eisaman, "If you could give that list to Mr. Harvey, he's our Code Enforcement Officer."

Mr. Armstrong, "Also, one of the houses up for foreclosure, 452 North Pennsylvania Avenue, is currently designated as a duplex. I've looked on the City's website and our concern is that this has no access, no off-street parking and there's approximately four or five bedrooms in this place. Since it is up for foreclosure, we're asking if a zoning variance can vacate it and see what possibilities we have. We also have a triplex in close proximity to that; 447 North Pennsylvania Avenue. I think there are approximately four bedrooms in there and maybe one or two off-street parking spaces. We'd also like to ask Council, since it's a one-way street, to maybe put diagonal spaces in to alleviate some of the parking congestion. I think it works pretty well in front of Bortz's Hardware. I think it would alleviate a lot of the issues that we have."

Councilman Peterinelli, "Don't they park on both sides of the street?"

Mr. Armstrong, "Yes. Unfortunately, that's when we have a place to park."

Councilman Peterinelli, "Then you can't park diagonally if you have parking on both sides."

Mr. Armstrong, "That's correct. We're asking for one side like it is in front of Bortz's Hardware. I think with a lot of these variances we'll really question the one especially at 452

North Pennsylvania; again it has no off-street parking and no access, so I don't know how a variance was granted for that property."

Mayor Eisaman, "We'll have to research that to see if there are actually variances on those properties. It could be years ago it was a single-family home and based on the Code at that time or Planning, it was permitted to have a duplex or triplex."

Ms. Ciampini, "It would have to be abandoned for a period of three years or more in order for that use to go away. It's considered a duplex right now; I'd have to check the City records. If it's a duplex currently and someone moves into it within a three-year period as a duplex, then it's permitted to stay forever as long as it's used within the next three years."

Mr. Armstrong, "Again, looking at the Code, maybe there was some type of error."

Mayor Eisaman, "We will research that as Barb said to check to see if there are any....."

Ms. Ciampini, "I don't know what the City record is. If it's not listed as a duplex, yes, we can move forward. But, if it's listed as a duplex, that use can stay forever as long as there is not an abandonment of a period of three years."

Mr. Armstrong, "Barb, is there some type of parking...."

Ms. Ciampini, "It would be grandfathered, Joe."

Mr. Armstrong, "We do have a great deal of cars coming down this one-way street and we have young children there and I think it's a safety issue as well. I'm not sure if they're just ignoring or not seeing the signs."

Mayor Eisaman, "You're saying they're coming down the street the wrong way?"

Mr. Armstrong, "Yes, very often; four or five times a day and we have young children that play on the street."

Mayor Eisaman, "We will check into that also. Captain, if you would."

Mr. Armstrong, "One last thing, I talked to Steve Gifford a few years back about possible grants. We have had some younger people move in. Unfortunately, some older people moved out or died. Are there any grants available that may help some of these younger people fix their properties?"

Mayor Eisaman, "I know we talked about those matching grants for sidewalks and facades."

Ms. Ciampini, "Your neighborhood is a targeted neighborhood for the Elm Street Program. We just haven't moved forward with that at this time. There's nothing currently, but it is a targeted neighborhood in our Multi-Municipal Plan."

Mr. Armstrong, "As far as the diagonal parking, is that something you would like us to address again?"

Mayor Eisaman, "No, we'll research that as far as to see if it's available and the other key is that the majority of the neighbors would want to see that also."

Mr. Armstrong, "Would it help if I got a petition?"

Mayor Eisaman, "Yes."

Ms. Ciampini, "We probably should have one of our staff make sure that we're not losing space by doing that and find out whether or not it will maximize the parking."

Mayor Eisaman, "We're just looking for the initial request. Mr. Armstrong, if I could ask you to coordinate that with Ms. Ciampini, because she can give you the property owners. If they're rental properties, we're looking for the property owners to sign off on the petition rather than the tenants."

Mr. Armstrong, "I can definitely coordinate that. Thank you very much."

Mayor Eisaman, "You're welcome, and thank you."

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

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

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

Councilwoman McCormick, "The Recreation Department would like to thank all the children who participated in our Football, Cheerleading and Fall Soccer programs. These programs finished their seasons last weekend. We will soon start taking registrations for our Winter Basketball program. This will be for boys and girls in grades 1-4. The information is available on the website at www.greensburgpa.org. We would like to remind any organization that has not turned in their Holiday Parade participation form to please do so this week. We need to assign a parade line-up number and send out the parade instructions to all participating groups. The High School Hockey season has started and games are played on Monday and Thursday evenings at the Kirk S. Nevin Arena. The first game starts at 7:30 p.m. and the second game starts at 9:15 p.m. We invite you to come watch your high school team. We are the home ice location for Greensburg Salem, Hempfield Area, Greater Latrobe and Greensburg Central Catholic."

Councilman Tridico, reported by Councilman Peterinelli, "The leaf collection is in full operation. There are three large vacuum trucks along with the street sweeper working the scheduled neighborhoods daily. As reported last month this service will continue until the first week in December. Our mechanics have serviced the smaller dump trucks for the Street Department and have mounted salt spreaders on three of them. Beginning this week the snowplows will be removed and made ready. The service of the brush chipper will remain until the first snowfall. That's the report, Mayor."

Councilman Peterinelli, "On tonight's agenda under Council Approval there are 10 projects the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB) has recommended for approval. There's one site plan for the property on 631 North Main Street, the future home of the Elliott Credit Union, which was recommended by the Planning Commission. Also, the Northmont Flood Project is moving forward. The engineers are working on the design and are about ready to share the design with the neighborhood and the City. When the design is finalized property owners in the Northmont area and the surrounding neighborhood will be invited to City Hall to view the plans. This project is expected to begin in late spring of 2011. That's my report, Mayor."

Councilman DePasquale, "Revenues at this point are at 86% of the budget after adjusting for the inter-fund transfer. This is the same as revenues were at October 2009. Expenses are at 79% of budget after adjusting for the inter-fund transfer. This is the same as where we were last year."

Councilman DePasquale continued with his commentary on the 2011 City Budget, "Mayor and Council, tonight later on the agenda we will be introducing a series of Bills which cover the 2011 City Budget. I would like to make a few comments. Back in the summer Mayor Eisaman appointed me as the Council liaison with budget and finance to chair a committee responsible for drafting the 2011 City Budget. The other committee members appointed were Councilwoman Kathleen McCormick, City Administrator Sue Trout and Fiscal Director Mary Perez. Our committee met with each of the department heads and supervisors individually to review their

operations and their budget requests for the coming year. On behalf of our committee, I want to thank the department heads and supervisors for their diligence and their care in working with us to provide the best possible services to the residents at the lowest possible cost. Our committee appreciates your efforts, your openness and your spirit of cooperation. As chair, I want to thank my fellow committee members Kathleen and Sue for their hard work, and to especially thank Mary, because the nuts and bolts work of assembling the budget, by the very nature of the work, falls mostly on the Fiscal Director. As we know, our national economy is slowly recovering from what most economists are calling the Great Recession, the most negative economic environment since the Depression of the early twentieth century. While there are some encouraging signs that the worst part of the recession is behind us, the recovery has been very slow, and the forecast for the next year, while positive, is likely to be much slower than we would all like to see. Local governments too are affected by the slowdown in the national economy. One cannot help but be aware of the strains on State and Local governments, through the reports in the media. In our local area, for example, some municipalities have been particularly adversely affected and have had to resort to somewhat drastic cuts to services, increases in taxes, or both. Through a lot of hard work both now and in past years, the City of Greensburg's financial position is not as tenuous as some others, but surely the effects in the macro economy are felt here as well, and the current environment calls for a prudent and conservative approach to budgeting. With that background, then, I would like to point out a couple of highlights in the proposed Budget, as developed by our committee, and presented formally to you tonight:

ONE - The Budget calls for no increase in taxes or in fees, with one exception. As previously discussed, a new fee is being established for organizations sponsoring races and charity walks within the community, as recommended by the Recreation Advisory Council, in order for the City to recover some of the costs involved, but more importantly, the Budget calls for no increases in taxes and fees with that one exception.

TWO - In order to take advantage of market interest rates which have declined significantly and are likely at their bottom in this economic cycle and to smooth out cash flow, part of the City's long-term debt will be refinanced shortly after the beginning of the year.

THREE - Two currently vacant full-time positions are not being filled at this time, one in the Police Department, and one of the two vacant positions in the Teamsters.

FOUR - Salaries are increasing at 3% for all union members, as stipulated by the respective contracts, and salaries are likewise being increased at 3% for permanent, full-time, regular non-union employees, with two exceptions. City Administrator Sue Trout, and Fiscal Director Mary Perez, as Budget Committee members, will not experience a raise this year, and it is the committee's hope that their salary freeze attests to the integrity of the budget process.

FIVE - As part of the normal, recurring monitoring of City services and staffing, some minor adjustments are expected to better match available resources with service needs. For example, the pool will close one hour earlier this summer, as recommended by the Recreation Advisory Council, to reflect what has become the actual pattern of usage. However, there are no major reductions of services provided by the City in this Budget.

SIX - A list of expected capital projects and needs for the next several years has been drafted, and is a work in progress, to help the City anticipate and plan for future capital needs.

In summary, Mayor and Council, this Budget has been prepared through a lot of discussion and thought, balancing as best as we could immediate needs and available resources. I ask for your support tonight as we formally introduce the Bills supporting the Budget, and more importantly, your vote to approve those Bills next month. Thank you."

Ms. Perez, "I would just like to point out some of the details. I want to let you know the General and Sinking Fund Budgets were based on a projected assessed value as determined by Westmoreland County of \$129,000,000, and the City millage of 25.05 mills. Because of the debt refinancing that the Councilman spoke of we were able to reallocate some of that millage into the General Fund as opposed to the Sinking Fund this year which helped us to balance the budget without a tax increase or service cuts. So one mill is equal to approximately \$129,000 and the Sinking Fund millage is 6.75 mills for 2011 and the General Fund is 18.3 mills. I would also like to thank everybody as Councilman DePasquale did. We had a good committee that worked well together. We kicked around a lot of ideas. There were many discussions and long nights. And thanks also to that row of supervisors right there who have really understood over the past couple of years the crunch that we're in and have worked to keep their expenses down, trying their best to bring revenues in, and really understanding that now may not be the best time to ask for some of those capital items they need. So thank you all, and thank you to Mayor and Council."

Mayor Eisaman, "Thank you, Mary. On behalf of myself and the remaining members of Council I would just like to thank the committee for all your hard work. I know it's a lot of work putting a budget together especially in these trying times. I would also like to thank the supervisors and the employees for trying to work together to do the best for the City of Greensburg and our residents."

Councilwoman McCormick, "I just wanted to say it was a pleasure working with Sue, Mary and Rob. We did work well together and everybody's ideas were respected."

Mayor Eisaman, "Thank you once again, and thank you, Rob."

MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. **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.

Mayor Eisaman, "Since we have a large congregation of volunteer firemen and the Fire Chief here, thank you very much for all your dedication and hard work and volunteer time. Thank you all."

- b. **Holiday Parade.** Mayor Eisaman, "I'd like to remind everyone the Holiday Parade will be on November 20th, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, at noon beginning at the museum on North Main Street and ending at City Hall. It's a great way to kick off the holidays so hopefully everyone can participate."

- c. **Veterans' Day.** Mayor Eisaman, "Veterans' Day will be this Thursday. I encourage everyone to stop what they're doing for a moment this Thursday on Veterans' Day to thank a veteran and say a prayer for those who are currently serving and protecting our freedoms and keeping us safe."

COUNCIL APPROVAL (Item a. was voted on at this time in the Meeting.)

- a. **Appointment of Fire Chief.** Ms. Trout, "On November 6, 2010, Fire Chief J. Edward 'Hutch' Hutchinson was reelected by an overwhelming majority vote of the membership for another 3-year term. His new term shall become effective January 3, 2011. His leadership, knowledge and distinctive finesse for getting his point across and getting the job done made him a legend among firefighters. He is well-respected by his peers, not only by those in Greensburg but by the membership of fire departments and emergency responders across the

State. He's well-loved and admired by many in the community, so without further adieu, 'Hutch'."

Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the appointment of Fire Chief, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **All voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Fire Chief Hutchinson.**

Mayor Eisaman administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Hutchinson.

*******The Meeting continued with the Introduction of Bills*******

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

BILL NO. 6 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2011. Ms. Trout, "The purpose of Bill No. 6 is to fix the Real Estate Millage for 2011. There is no tax increase included in this introduction. Again the millage is 25.05 mills."

Mayor Eisaman, "This is just an introduction; there will be no action taken tonight."

BILL NO. 7 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 151, KNOWN AS 'FEES', OF ORDINANCE NO. 1646, THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, CHANGING AND/OR ADDING CERTAIN FEES AND/OR LANGUAGE FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES. Ms. Trout, "The purpose of Bill No. 7 is to add and/or delete services and/or fines and fees and to increase and/or decrease fees charged for certain services and/or fines in certain departments in the City of Greensburg. The introduction includes no increases to current fees. The only recommended change to the Fee Ordinance is the addition of a new section to cover event fees. It includes Special Events and associated fees for Community Days and 'SummerSounds', as well as, the establishment of new fees to cover associated costs for fundraiser walk and run events."

Councilman DePasquale, "I just wanted to comment that it sounds like it contradicts what I said earlier that there was only one new fee, some of this is cleaning up the language on the events like Community Days so it's to reflect what is current practice and just cleaning up the language. No substitute change is the point."

BILL NO. 8 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG FIXING THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG AND RATES OF COMPENSATION THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2011. Ms. Trout, "The purpose of Bill No. 8 is to set forth wages for all officers and employees of the City of Greensburg for the year 2011. The Bill includes 3% raises for Teamsters, the Police and non-union employees as discussed in Rob's speech."

Mayor Eisaman, "It should be clarified that the two non-union positions of City Administrator and Fiscal Director are receiving no increase."

BILL NO. 9 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR THE CITY GOVERNMENT HEREINAFTER SET FORTH DURING THE YEAR 2011. Ms. Trout, "Bill No. 9 sets forth the proposed Budget for the City of Greensburg for the year 2011."

ENACTMENT OF RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 1156 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX MILLION (\$6,000,000) DOLLARS UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) IN SUPPORT OF THE SETON HILL UNIVERSITY VISUAL ARTS CENTER PROJECT.

Councilman Peterinelli, "Does the City have to pay any money into this?"

Mayor Eisaman, "There is no cost to the City of Greensburg; it is \$6,000,000 in and \$6,000,000 out."

Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to enact Resolution No. 1156.

Councilwoman McCormick, "My only comment is and it has nothing to do with the City of Greensburg itself or against development by Seton Hill, it's the fact that 'RCAP' money is borrowed money. It's money that is borrowed and the Governor distributes at will. It is paid back by all taxpayers; City and State taxpayers."

Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**.

Mayor Eisaman, "Just for the record it is RACP money, not 'RCAP'."

Councilwoman McCormick, "I mean that's what it's called; it was referred to by the legislators. That has been contested by many different legislators under this administration and the past administration. It went up since 2002; the debt ceiling 400%. I'm just making that statement that it does have to be paid back by the taxpayers with interest."

Councilman Peterinelli, "I'm going to make this statement to you. You're a school teacher, right? The taxpayers are paying....."

Councilwoman McCormick, "Emil, that has nothing to do with 'RCAP'."

Councilman Peterinelli, "The hell it doesn't."

Mayor Eisaman presented his commentary on Resolution No. 1156, "I believe as Mayor it is my responsibility to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Greensburg and to seek funds that will benefit the economic environment of our community. The City has been competing for grants and funding over the years and has been successful in obtaining funds because we have remained focused on revitalizing our community. Governor Ridge was helpful with a grant to the Westmoreland County Housing Authority for restoring the historic Troutman's Building which started our Revitalization Project. Governor Rendell has been supportive of several projects in the City. The State Office Building was one of the initial projects and now has over 300 workers. The property owner is one of the largest taxpayers in the City, and they also contribute over \$210,000 in parking revenue to the City. In the past we have partnered with several organizations for County, State and Federal funding to create and enhance opportunities for growth in Greensburg. We are thankful to the Westmoreland Trust and Seton Hill University who have utilized matching dollars to help revitalize our community. We appreciate the vision of their boards and staff for the economic impact that they have created in the City. This year the Westmoreland Trust was able to bring into Greensburg a computer software firm as a tenant in their renovated Stark Building. Seton Hill University is a growing institution. Their enrollment continues to increase with their expansion of the Performing Arts Center, partnership with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) and the Orthodontics School. We are hopeful that Seton Hill University will receive the \$6,000,000 matching grant from Pennsylvania for their Visual Arts Center. I believe if Seton Hill is successful they will create another facility as impressive as the Performing Arts Center. I also believe this will create a positive impact again on our community. Governor-elect Corbett's website states that 'he understands the intrinsic value of the arts and culture as well as the educational and social benefits that arts and cultural opportunities provide to Pennsylvanians. He recognizes that arts and culture is an industry that makes an important contribution to local economies and to the statewide tourism

industry'. I would also like to thank Council and City staff for working as a team to revitalize our community and remaining focused on the revitalization of Greensburg. I do support this RACP Grant motion in an effort to continue our revitalization of downtown Greensburg."

Councilwoman McCormick, "And I appreciate that, Mayor, and I do support the arts. In fact, I minored in art in school. But, again, as I said, this isn't about Seton Hill. This isn't about anything except the fact that taxpayers do have to pay back the money with interest and on November 2nd I think resoundingly voters spoke and said they are tired of deficit spending. So that's all I wanted to say."

Mayor Eisaman, "The motion here is on whether to accept the \$6,000,000; not whether the State of Pennsylvania has to pay it back. The motion is to accept the RACP Grant."

Councilwoman McCormick, "That is the nature of RACP."

Mayor Eisaman, "I'm sure there are a lot of State and Federal grants over the years that have been on paper that don't exist."

No further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **Councilwoman McCormick voted no, and all others voted unanimously to enact Resolution No. 1156.**

Mayor Eisaman, "On behalf of the City of Greensburg, I'd like to thank all the participants of Council who voiced their opinions because that's what makes a better government."

*****COUNCIL APPROVAL*** (Continued with Item b.)**

b. Hiring of Part-time Police Dispatcher. Ms. Trout, "Council approval is for the hiring of Matthew Sandberg in the part-time position at the rate of \$11.42 per hour retroactive to October 25, 2010."

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the hiring, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the hiring.**

c. Hiring of School Crossing Guard. Ms. Trout, "Recommended by the Chief of Police, Council approval accepts the hiring of Tara Nalevanko in the seasonal part-time position at the rate of \$8.30 per hour effective November 9, 2010."

Councilman Tridico **MOVED** to approve the hiring, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the hiring.**

d. Hiring of Skate Coach. Ms. Trout, "Recommended by the Rink Manager, Council approval is for the hiring of Emily Ritchie in the contracted position at the rate of \$12 per hour."

Councilwoman McCormick **MOVED** to approve the hiring, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the hiring.**

e. Reappointment to the Planning Commission. Ms. Trout, "Council approval reappoints Larry Morris to a 4-year term on the Commission until October 14, 2014."

Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the reappointment, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the reappointment.**

f. Reappointment to the Aerobic Center Authority. Ms. Trout, "Council approval reappoints Howard 'Huddie' Kaufman to the Authority for another 3-year term until October 12, 2013."

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the reappointment, and Councilwoman McCormick **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**

Mayor Eisaman, "On these two reappointments, we'll send out a letter?"

Ms. Trout, "Yes."

g. Maintenance Agreement between the City of Greensburg and AMCOM Office Systems.

Ms. Trout, "Approval renews the agreement for the copy machine located in the first floor Conference room at the rate of .022 cents per copy, reflecting a slight increase of approximately \$33.26 annually over last year's price."

Councilman Tridico **MOVED** to approve the agreement, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the agreement.**

h. Slate of Projects Recommended by the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB) for Council Approval of Issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness.

Ms. Trout, "In the Downtown and Gateway Districts, Marisa Yaniszeski of *PKSA Karate* has applied for a new sign at 245 South Main Street owned by Earl Guffey; seven projects located in the Gateway District are on this evening's slate for Council's consideration of approval: Matt Ralston of *The Pawn and Jewelry Exchange* has applied for new signage at 641 East Pittsburgh Street owned by Tom Gretok; *NHS Human Services* has applied for new signage at property at 531 South Main Street owned by *Family Video*; Richard Janus of *Heavy Hand Tattoo* has applied for a new sign at 702 West Otterman Street owned by Fred Petrella; Scott Avolio has applied for reconstruction of a front porch of his property at 135 West Pittsburgh Street; Richard Rhodes is the applicant for new windows for the *Concrete Vault Company* at his property at 717 West Pittsburgh Street; *Pizza Siena* has applied for a new sign for their business at the Greensburg Shopping Center owned by Union Real Estate and *Maytag* has applied for a new sign for their business located at the Route 66 Shop 'n Save owned by the 990 North Main Street Limited Partnership; and in the Historic and Downtown Districts, *Salon Diva* has applied for a new sign at 105 North Pennsylvania Avenue owned by The Westmoreland Trust; and the *Greensburg Community Development Corporation* is an applicant for 'artwork for vacant buildings' for property at the corner of South Pennsylvania Avenue and West Second Street owned by Susquehanna Property, LLC."

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the issuance of the Certificates of Appropriateness, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**.

Councilwoman McCormick, "I did ask Barb and she very kindly answered me in an e-mail; I asked if these were private donations for the final signage and she said yes. At first I was leery of it, because when I was in college we used to paint windows for free, but since it is private donations I think it will be a good idea on that building."

Ms. Trout, "And you're referring to the West Second Street location?"

Councilwoman McCormick, "Yes, I'm referring to West Second Street."

No further discussion. **Mayor Eisaman abstained, and all others voted unanimously to approve the issuance of the Certificates of Appropriateness.**

i. Site Plan/Land Development for Elliott Federal Credit Union for Property Located at 631 North Main Street.

Ms. Trout, "Unanimously recommended for Council approval by the Planning Commission contingent upon receipt of the necessary approvals by Gibson-Thomas Engineering and the Westmoreland Conservation District, the site plan is for an addition to the property and the incorporation of a drive-through service to the parking lot. I believe those approvals have been received."

Ms. Ciampini, "They have been received."

Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the site plan/land development, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**

- j. Professional Service Contract between the City of Greensburg and Hoffman Boarding Kennels.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval renews the 1-year agreement for Dog Law Enforcement and Stray Feline Service from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 at the same price as last year."
Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the contract, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the contract.**
- k. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Amendment to Sub-recipient Agreement 07-30.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval of the amendment adjusts the budget to reflect the actual CDBG money funds expended for the 2007 Harrison Avenue/Ehalt Street Redevelopment Project from \$323,000 to \$261,849.46, a decrease of \$61,140.54. This was from our Streetscape Project on Harrison Avenue and Ehalt that was completed in '07."
Councilman DePasquale, "You mean it came that much under budget?"
Ms. Trout, "Yes it did."
Mayor Eisaman, "Due to the hard work of our Street Department, Barb, Sue and Mary negotiating well with contractors."
Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the amendment, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the amendment.**
- l. Cooperation Agreement between the City of Greensburg and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval authorizes the Mayor to enter into the agreement designating Seton Hill University as the City's agent to administer RACP funding in the amount of \$6,000,000 in support of the Seton Hill University Visual Arts Center Project."
Mayor Eisaman, "Kathleen, you and I had both agreed we don't need to repeat our comments?"
Councilwoman McCormick, "Right. We agree to disagree."
Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the agreement, and Councilman Tridico **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the agreement.**
- m. Change Order for Emergency Repairs for the Former Advance Furniture Building at 225-227 South Main Street between the City of Greensburg and A. Raimondo, Inc.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval authorizes A. Raimondo, Inc. to perform additional necessary work in the amount of \$7,050 that includes additional plywood covering for the front of the building and the addition of sheeting and coverage of the elevator tower above the roof bringing the total amount of the emergency repairs done to the exterior of the building to \$24,990."
Councilman Peterinelli, "I think Raimondo did a nice job there."
Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the change order, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**.
Councilwoman McCormick, "I had a resident thank me saying that was such an eyesore and it looks so much better."
Mayor Eisaman, "I have to agree with the Councilwoman. I've had several people tell me also. And I know our intent was to correct the safety issues, however, the contractor's ideas of putting the plywood in, donating the paint and doing the work on his own cosmetically, it made a nice improvement."
Councilwoman McCormick, "Right, they were thankful for both."
No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the change order.**

k. Correction to CDBG Block Grant Amendment to Sub-recipient Agreement 07-30.

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to amend the amount of funds expended to \$261,859.46 as opposed to \$261,849.46 as previously stated (see above) by the City Administrator, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the correction.**

n. Food and Beverage Concessionaire Lease Agreements for Veterans' Memorial Swimming Pool, Kirk S. Nevin Ice Arena and Mt. Odin Golf Course.

Ms. Trout, "We solicited Request for Proposals which were due by Friday and we received two; one from our current vendor 'The 5 Vs, LLC' and one from 'Duane's Café on Grove'. At this time I'm going to recommend that this item be tabled until the December Council meeting. We have some loose ends to tie up in regards to the agreement so I'm going to recommend you don't take any action at this time."

Mayor Eisaman, "Councilwoman, being this is a Recreation item are you okay with that?" Councilwoman McCormick, "Yes."

Councilwoman McCormick **MOVED** to **table** the lease agreements, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to table the lease agreements.**

o. Maintenance Agreement between the City of Greensburg and Neopost for the Postage Machine.

Ms. Trout, "The 1-year rate to service the postage machine for the period of November 9, 2010 to November 8, 2011 is \$704.97 reflecting an increase of \$33.52 over last year's rate."

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the agreement, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the agreement.**

p. Rental Agreement between the City of Greensburg and Neopost for the Postage Meter.

Ms. Trout, "The price of the agreement for a 1-year period from November 9, 2010 to November 8, 2011 is \$688.80, the same price as last year. Again this is the meter, not the machine."

Councilman DePasquale, "I guess it's more effective to rent than to buy?"


Ms. Perez, "You have to rent; you're not permitted to purchase it."

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the agreement, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the agreement.**

*****ADJOURNMENT***** Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting.

SECONDED: Councilman Tridico. Unanimously all voted in favor to **adjourn**.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Susan M. Trout, City Administrator

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