

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, March 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 Peterinelli-via phone, Councilman DePasquale and Mayor Eisaman. City Solicitor, Timothy McCormick and City Treasurer/Fiscal Director, Mary Perez were also present. Councilman Tridico was absent.

*****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*****Mayor Eisaman

*****COMMENTS/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR*****No public comments this evening.

*****APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S COUNCIL MINUTES*****Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the minutes of last month's Council meeting, and Councilman DePasquale **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, "First again I'd like to thank the following departments for their valiant jobs during the blizzard of 2010. Hopefully that's all behind us; it's supposed to be up to 60° on Friday. I kept thinking of Thomas Paine's words being a history teacher and a teacher of the American Revolution, 'these are the times that try men's souls'. That's what I felt it was like. Rick, I'd like to thank you, the Street Department and the mechanics; Les Harvey, I'd like to thank you and the Emergency Department and the firemen; and Chief Lyons and the Police Department for not only handling the storm issues but a very tragic crime that happened to befall our City. In January I attended my first Recreation Board meeting and it was very nice to meet all of the members. Fundraising was discussed and at that time it was brought up about selling the naming rights for the Kirk S. Nevin Ice Rink and the Veterans' Memorial Pool. I sent an e-mail to both Trudy Ivory and Sue Trout saying that I opposed selling the naming rights for both of these reasons; we must honor the legacy of those who have come before us. The veterans have made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives and service to our Country and that is but a small tribute to them. My father-in-law served in the Air Force all over the world and my father was a World War II veteran. The Kirk S. Nevin name on the ice rink should be preserved for posterity just as we preserve historic buildings. Mrs. Ivory replied that she agreed with my comments and that other municipalities have sold naming rights and made money for their projects, but she was not supportive of that for our City. Also tonight we have two reappointments to the Recreation Board. I have stated to Mayor and Council that future openings on the Recreation Board need to be made public and that an application should be made available online to all citizens of Greensburg. I feel this is a way of encouraging everyone interested to get involved in our activities. Solicitor McCormick stated, 'what if you want the appointments to be political favors?' This in my opinion is not good government. All citizens of Greensburg should have an equal opportunity to serve our community. And during the

upcoming weeks I will be taking a tour of all the playgrounds and inventorying what needs to be done. We have budgeted money for playground activities with repairs and replacement of equipment included. I will post those pictures on my Facebook page. Then starting on March 24, 2010, at Daniel's Tot Lot on North Hamilton Avenue at 6:00 p.m., I will be available at the playground for sharing and ideas from parents and their children and then every week a different playground, weather-permitting, until May 12, 2010 when Coulter Playground will be the last one on O'Hara Street. I will post the times and playgrounds on my Facebook page, so I encourage parents and children in their neighborhoods to come and share. One of my fondest memories is holding my father's hand as he walked me to the playground and then pushed the swing high into the air. As they say 'priceless'. At the Recreation Department we're having our annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Lund Pavilion at Mt. Odin. The event will start at 1:00 p.m. The egg hunt is for children 4 to 8 years old only and will be divided into two groups. Group one will be ages 4, 5 and 6, and group two will be ages 7 and 8. The Greensburg Head Start Unit One will be sponsoring a special activity for children under the age of 4 in the pavilion and the Easter Bunny will also be making a visit. The annual ISI Group Lesson season ending Ice Show will be held at the Kirk S. Nevin Arena on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is 'Skating to Old Time Rock 'n Roll'. It sounds like fun so come out and see the show. This is the chance for all the skaters to show off to family and friends what they have learned during their lessons. There will be an admission fee for the show; \$4 for adults 18 years old and over and \$2 for children 4 to 17 years old. Children 3 years old and under are free. There will also be some special performances from our free-style skaters. This will be the last activity for the ice season. The Pro Shop is now open at Mt. Odin and hopefully we'll have warm weather and golf will start soon. Thank you."

Councilman Tridico, reported by Councilman DePasquale, "The snows that occurred during February challenged the Street Department beyond any winter event in recent times. Nine hundred and eighty-six hours were spent plowing and salting streets; 313 hours were spent hauling snow from City streets; 1,000 tons of salt were used during this period; and 593 man-hours of overtime were spent in February alone. Just for comparison for the entire winter of 2008-2009 there were only a total of 529 man-hours of overtime applied. Because of the large number of potholes present throughout town, last Thursday and Friday it was necessary to assign two crews the task of patching. All of the potholes that we received complaints on and were creating serious traffic hazards have been addressed. The weather was cause for a great deal of tree damage. Crews from the Street Department are canvassing the streets and alleys picking up fallen branches. These branches are then taken to the Department of Public Works (DPW) building where they are passed through the brush chipper. Before I conclude my report I'd like to echo what Councilwoman McCormick said about everybody working so hard during these very, very trying times. It was tough. I know the one night I came down into the 'call center' I saw that all the supervisors were there. I personally, as a citizen not only as a Councilperson, thank all the supervisors, and she named a bunch, but I'd like to publicly add to that list, Bob Charley and Barb Ciampini, who I know were there and particularly the people here in the office. I know Mary and Sue fielded many, many, many phone calls. I want to thank them for their very hard work."

Councilwoman McCormick, "And I second that. I didn't mean to exclude you. I know how hard you worked."

Councilman DePasquale, "That concludes Councilman Tridico's report. And by the way, if I didn't mention Frank's name, I meant to add him."

Councilman Peterinelli had no report this evening.

Councilman DePasquale, “Surprisingly at this point revenues are at 9% of budget after adjusting for the inter-fund transfer. This is actually 1% higher than revenues were at February 2009. Expenses are at 14% of budget. This is actually 1% lower than where we were last year. Things are moving along. That concludes my report.”

*****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.
- b. 2010 Census.** Mayor Eisaman, “The Census Bureau will start mailing out forms in mid-March so residents should be receiving a form in the next couple of weeks. Please do your part by filling out the confidential form accurately and returning it to the Census Bureau. Not only does the Census provide population figures, it is the primary factor in deciding how Federal funds are distributed to cities and states. If we are under-counted, we will receive less funding for our schools, senior centers, public transportation, bridges and local emergency response services and training. So I ask all of you to please do your part and return your form by April 1, 2010 which is going to be known as ‘National Census Day’. Obviously it’s important for all of us to talk to our neighbors and fellow residents to have them complete the Census because it benefits our community. That is what we’re trying to do in the future with regards to revenue dollars and/or community projects.”
Councilwoman McCormick, “Aren’t they still looking for people to take the census?”
Mayor Eisaman, “Yes. I think you can apply at the South Main Street location.”
Councilwoman McCormick, “If there’s anyone that needs part-time work or you’re looking to assist, they’re still looking for workers.”
- c. Thanks and Appreciation.** Mayor Eisaman, “I would like to thank all the City employees, management, volunteers, Council members and staff for all the work during the recent storms reiterating the previous Council people. I’d also like to thank the Chief and the Police Department with regards to resolving the murder in a prompt manner.”

*****INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AS ORDINANCES*****

Bill No. 1 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG AMENDING CHAPTER 227 ENTITLED, ‘SOLID WASTE’ OF ORDINANCE NO. 1646, THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG. Ms. Trout, “The purpose of Bill No. 1 is to incorporate updates and information pertinent to the new 4-year contract for garbage pickup and recycling in the City of Greensburg. Changes include billing the owner of all rental properties to include single family, duplex and multi-unit residential structures. Hopefully this change will assist the contracted hauler in their billing efforts and decrease the number of delinquent accounts. Additionally, we’ve added single stream recycling language in which all recycled materials including paper can be mixed together in one recycling container alleviating the need for residents to separate and bundle newspapers. So we’re bringing our ordinance in conjunction with the current times.”

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

- a. Issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for the Slate of Projects Recommended for Approval by the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB).** Ms. Trout, “Two projects both located in the Gateway District are recommended for Council approval by the HARB from their February 16th meeting: new signs for the *Moonglow Yoga/Graffiti Designs* at 534 West Otterman Street requested by Melanie Alexander; and a new sign for the *Open Door Baptist Church* at 970 North Main Street.”

Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness, and Councilwoman McCormick **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness.**

- b. Antenna Installation Agreement between the City of Greensburg and Excelsa Health.**

Ms. Trout, “Council approval authorizes the Chief of Police to sign a letter of agreement for the placement of a police radio antenna on the elevator penthouse at Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital. The purpose of the antenna installation provides an automated vehicle locator system for the Police Department. This is in conjunction with our new dispatch equipment we are in the process of obtaining.”

Mayor Eisaman, “From the Federal Government and Congressman Murphy?”

Ms. Trout, “Correct.”

Mayor Eisaman, “What kind of value are we looking at on this antenna?”

Chief Lyons, “The antenna I believe is at least \$3,000.”

Mayor Eisaman, “Someone will have to notify City Administration to have that value and location added onto the insurance in case there is some wind damage.”

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

- c. Reappointments to the Recreation Board.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval reappoints Roxanne Hutchinson and Kathleen Sandorf to new 5-year terms on the Board until February 14, 2015.”

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

- d. Hiring of Seasonal Recreation Employees.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval accepts the hiring of Ron Spisso at Mt. Odin; and Matt Basl and Glenn Moyer at Lynch Field as seasonal maintenance employees all at the rate of \$8.25 per hour to begin work on an as-needed basis.”

Councilwoman McCormick **MOVED** to approve the hiring of the seasonal Recreation Department employees, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**

- e. Addendum to the Parking Lease Agreement between Pendleton Greensburg SPE and the City of Greensburg.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval authorizes the Mayor to execute an addendum to the current parking agreement regarding the number of parking spaces included in the lease for employees of the State Office Building. The addendum shall provide 39 additional spaces.”

Mayor Eisaman, “At the current rate?”

Ms. Trout, “At the negotiated rate and the current rate.”

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

- f. **Reimbursement Agreement for Alley No. 1 Bridge.** Ms. Trout, “Late in the week last week we received a reimbursement agreement in regards to Alley No. 1 Bridge. This is a bridge we’ve been anticipating doing repairs to and replacement. We were waiting on this document; it’s the funding vehicle that reimburses us for the cost of the bridge. The agreement did arrive. It needed some corrections that we got late in the day today. I’m going to ask for your approval so possibly this bridge can be included in this construction season if we can get ‘all of our ducks in line’. We pay 5% of the total cost so the cost of the bridge for our purposes we’re estimating to be \$55,000. So far, of that \$55,000, we’ve paid approximately \$6,200 and that \$6,200 is in the form of engineering. Eighty percent of the bridge costs are Federal monies; 15% is State money. So this agreement is the means whereby the reimbursements occur.”

Mayor Eisaman, “This is the bridge behind Mr. Smitty’s?”

Ms. Trout, “Alley No. 1 is off of Urania behind Smitty’s Bar. It leads back to Wilson Avenue; back in that area. This bridge is in need of repair.”

Councilman DePasquale, “What would be the nature of the motion?”

Mayor Eisaman, “To approve the reimbursement agreement with the City having an obligation of no more than 5% which we do have money in our General Obligation Note to cover that expense.”

Councilman DePasquale, “The bridge needs to be done, so to me that’s a blessing. This is like a million dollars coming.”

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the reimbursement agreement as presented, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**.

Mayor Eisaman, “When you talk about this construction season, you’re talking about when Penn DOT lets out all this work, which usually happens sometime in the early second quarter?”

Ms. Trout, “Correct. They’re talking about this summer possibly letting; it would be a group of bridges and this would be included in that let.”

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

*****ADJOURNMENT*****Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED:** Councilwoman McCormick. Unanimously all voted in favor to **adjourn**.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Susan M. Trout, City Administrator

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