

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, January 11, 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, 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\*\*\***Councilwoman McCormick

**\*\*\*APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S COUNCIL MINUTES\*\*\*** Mayor Eisaman, "As a point of interest, we have been adding the minutes to the website as a draft, and when they're approved then the 'draft' notation will be removed."

Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the minutes of last month's Council meetings, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No further 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 Councilwoman McCormick **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Unanimously all voted in favor.**

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

**Councilwoman McCormick**, "This Recreation report is for January 2010. The Recreation Department is offering a Winter Basketball Program for boys and girls in first grade through fourth grade. The program will be held at the Hutchinson Elementary School gymnasium on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Grades 1 and 2 are from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and grades 3 and 4 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per child. It starts January 11, 2010 and runs until March 3, 2010. The Recreation Office will start taking reservations for pavilion rentals at Mt. Odin Park and Lynch Field starting on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Kirk S. Nevin Arena. Doors will open at 6:30 a.m. and this is done on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be made the same day to reserve that date. We are still taking registrations for the fourth session of Learn-to-Play Hockey, which begins on January 16, 2010 and also the fourth session of ISI Tot Lessons, which begin January 21, 2010. To learn more about these programs and other things offered at the arena, please visit the City's website at [www.greensburgpa.org](http://www.greensburgpa.org) or call the Recreation Office at 724-834-4880."

**Councilman Tridico, reported by Councilman Peterinelli**, "With the persistent snows that have occurred since December 19, 2009 employees of the Street Department have already accumulated 434 man-hours of overtime. When compared to all of last winter they only had 375 man-hours. At the close of business today we have received 575 tons of the 800 tons of salt that has been ordered since December 29, 2009. Since last Thursday our salt carriers have been shipping two to four trucks per day. It is estimated that we have already used 1,400 tons of the rock salt to treat the streets. This includes full inventory of the salt that we started with this season which was filled in the storage building. The crews are now beginning to remove snow mounds from the parking lots and along the streets in downtown. This work will be completed

using our snow blower, backhoe and large dump trucks. That's the end of that report, Mayor. I went up to see Mr. Tridico tonight at the hospital. He's feeling a little better but he's still in a lot of pain. He said hopefully they're going to ship him up to St. Anne's Home for rehabilitation. Reverend Rutter was in the room and he said to pass along to Council that he thinks we're doing a helluva job."

Councilman DePasquale, "I can't believe Reverend Rutter said 'hell' though."

Councilman Peterinelli, "He did, believe me."

**Councilman Peterinelli**, "On tonight's agenda under Council Approval there's a contract between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Greensburg related to a grant for \$22,000 to conduct a hotel feasibility study for downtown Greensburg. Last month the City unanimously approved the agreement with HVS Consulting and Valuation Services to conduct this study. HVS is one of the world's premiere hotel consulting valuation firms with offices in North America, Europe, Asia, South America and the Middle East. They have an impeccable worldwide reputation in excellence and thoroughness. This grant will cover the cost of the study to be done by HVS. This is expected to take four to six weeks. That's the end of the report, Mayor."

**Councilman DePasquale**, "We're doing the last dotting of the i's and crossing of the t's for the year that just ended. Revenues are at 101% of budget after adjusting for the temporary inter-fund transfer. This is 3% lower than revenues at December 2008. Expenses were at 95% of budget after adjusting for the temporary inter-fund transfer. That's 2% lower than last year as well, so all things considering given where the economy was I would just like to thank the supervisors and everybody here at City Hall for doing a good job keeping this in pretty good shape given the constraints we have with the economy where it is. That concludes my report."

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

**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.

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

**Bill No. 11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1647, KNOWN AS 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' WHICH IS CHAPTER 249 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG.** Ms. Trout, "Enactment of Bill No. 11 is to post 'Parking Prohibited at All Times' on the west side of the entire length of Towne Square Drive. Revisited from the regular December Council meeting, I'm going to recommend that Council consider tabling this until the developer who is requesting this action submits his full development plan which includes parking and pedestrian walkways as per discussions held at the November 30, 2009 Planning Commission meeting. Barb, this is on for the next Planning Commission meeting?"

Ms. Ciampini, "He submitted an application for the January Planning Commission meeting."

Ms. Trout, "So at the end of the month he's bringing his plans back, but for the action today I'm recommending that we table this."

Solicitor McCormick, "Mayor, since we tabled this once informally I would suggest that Council conduct a vote. If someone would make a motion to table it, with a second and vote on it; I think that's appropriate."

Mayor Eisaman, "If it is tabled, for example, do we then have to act on it next month, or can we continue tabling it?"

Solicitor McCormick, "No. We can bring it up when the Planning Commission has completed their study and are prepared to make a recommendation on it."

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to **TABLE** the adoption of Bill No. 11, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **All voted unanimously to TABLE Bill No. 11.**

**\*\*\*ENACTMENT OF RESOLUTION\*\*\***

**Resolution No. 1145 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATING GIBSON-THOMAS ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC., AS THE CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG.** Ms. Trout, "This has been an annual declaration by naming our consulting engineering firm. This is done mostly in regard to PennDOT who requires it for active projects, which we still have Hometown Streets going on into the spring."

Mayor Eisaman, "Would this also apply to our bridge projects?"

Ms. Trout, "Yes, it would."

Mayor Eisaman, "Hopefully the funding comes through, because we currently have two bridges that we're actively pursuing."

Ms. Trout, "That's correct; Alley No. 1 which is behind Smitty's Bar off of Urania Avenue and the other one is Laird Street."

Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to enact Resolution No. 1145, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **All voted unanimously to enact Resolution No. 1145.**

**\*\*\*COUNCIL APPROVAL\*\*\***

- a. **Reappointments to the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB).** Ms. Trout, "Barbara Jones and Pete Ciccaglione are recommended for reappointment to 3-year terms on the HARB until January 1, 2013." Mayor Eisaman, "Currently they are members?" Ms. Trout, "Correct." Councilman Peterinelli, "And they're good people." Ms. Trout, "They're doing a good job." Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the reappointments, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**
- b. **Reappointments to the Zoning Hearing Board.** Ms. Trout, "Mark Dent and Marilyn Crimboli are recommended for reappointment to 3-year terms on the Zoning Hearing Board until December 31, 2012. Both are members in good standing." Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the reappointments, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**

- c. **Reappointment to the Sewage Authority.** Ms. Trout, “Joseph Perkovich is recommended for reappointment to the Sewage Authority for a 5-year term until December 31, 2014. Mr. Perkovich shall continue to be paid \$200 a month for serving as a member by the Authority. He’s been on there for a number of years.” Mayor Eisaman, “And the \$200 a month is paid.....?” Ms. Trout, “By the Authority.” Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the reappointment, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **Mayor Eisaman abstained, and all others voted unanimously to approve the reappointment.**
- d. **Resignation of Part-time Parking Attendant.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval accepts the resignation of Chuck Petrosky from the part-time position at the Robert A. Bell Parking Garage effective January 29, 2010. We’re going to miss Chuck. He’s been a great addition there at the parking garage.” Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the resignation, and Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. Councilman Peterinelli, “Are we going to send him a letter?” Ms. Trout, “Yes, sir.” No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the resignation.** Mayor Eisaman, “As the Councilman asked, please send him a letter.”
- e. **Acceptance of a Pre-Development Grant-to-Loan Contract for a Feasibility Study for a Downtown Hotel.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval authorizes the Mayor to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the City accepting the terms of the agreement for funding in the amount of \$22,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the conduction of a downtown hotel feasibility study.” Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the grant agreement. Councilwoman McCormick, “Are we voting on this after the motion?” Mayor Eisaman, “We normally ask if there are any questions. Then once the motion is made, I’ll ask if there are any questions again, then we’ll take a vote.” Councilwoman McCormick, “I’m sorry. I didn’t mean to interrupt. I apologize; I’m new.” Mayor Eisaman, “That’s fine. We’re all learning.” Councilman Peterinelli **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **Councilwoman McCormick voted no, and all others voted unanimously to approve.** Councilwoman McCormick, “I’m opposed. The reason for that is I feel at the present time that’s taking \$22,000 from the General Fund that we may need. I think that Councilman Peterinelli just stated how much we were over in our overtime compared to last year and with our salt situation that money would come from the General Fund and we wouldn’t be reimbursed from the State so I just feel this could be revisited at another time.” Mayor Eisaman, “This is a grant from the State of Pennsylvania reimbursing our General Fund, \$22,000.” Councilwoman McCormick, “Yes, but we have to pay the money initially.” Mayor Eisaman, “Yes, as in a lot of situations between State and Federal.” Councilwoman McCormick, “I just feel at the present time it might be, considering the kind of winter we’re having, that possibly it might be a good idea not to take that money from the General Fund right now and that we could do this at a later date and revisit it.” Mayor Eisaman, “We probably have a timeframe that we have to act on this.”

Ms. Trout, "Right, June 30, 2010."

Ms. Ciampini, "The contract is only good until June 30, 2010."

Mayor Eisaman, "When do we owe the consultant?"

Ms. Ciampini, "We owe them \$10,000 initially; the initial payment."

Ms. Trout, "We owe that now."

Councilwoman McCormick, "But you did get an extension on that contract. This past year it ended June 30, 2009 and you got an extension for another year for 2010."

Mayor Eisaman, "No."

Councilwoman McCormick, "Yes, I have it here."

Mayor Eisaman, "That's for the Main Street Program."

Councilwoman McCormick, "Oh, yes, that was for the Main Street Program, but for the feasibility study I'm sure of that probably. I shouldn't say that; I shouldn't assume that. You're right. I don't want to confuse the two. That's absolutely right. I'm sorry I'm jumping."

Mayor Eisaman, "Barb, what is the approximate turnaround time from the State?"

Ms. Ciampini, "Between four to six weeks. For the State reimbursement? It depends on when we send them an invoice. Sometimes that takes about six weeks."

Mayor Eisaman, "So we're probably looking at six weeks to two or three months."

Ms. Ciampini, "Exactly. As soon as we pay this first \$10,000, we draw down."

Mayor Eisaman, "So we don't have to wait for the whole amount to pay that; it's by stages?"

Ms. Ciampini, "It depends on how we want to do it."

Mayor Eisaman, "We had one no vote and three yes votes, so the motion to approve the pre-development grant loan is approved."

- f. **Maintenance Agreement between the City of Greensburg and Copier Corporation of America for the Toshiba E 28 Copier at the Kirk S. Nevin Arena.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval is for the period of January 29, 2010 through January 28, 2011 at .012 cents per copy; the same price we've paid for the last two (2) years." Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the maintenance agreement, and Councilwoman McCormick **SECONDED**. No discussion. **Mayor Eisaman abstained, and all others voted unanimously to approve the maintenance agreement.**
- g. **Rental Lease Agreements between the City of Greensburg and Judy Mizikar, d/b/a Just Miniature Scale.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval accepts renewed 5-year lease agreements for the City-owned rental properties at 100 and 104 South Pennsylvania Avenue. Terms of the leases include rent in the amount of \$979.54 a month or .67 cents per square foot of space for the property address of 100; that's an increase of .13 cents per square foot from the last lease; and rent in the amount of \$408 per month for the 104 address, an increase of .01 cent per square foot from the last lease. I spoke to Judy today. She very much wants to stay in the rental properties. She has seen her business go through some tough times, but it is growing now. She has a great business that she'd like to continue to grow at this location. She's been a great 'Greensburger' and she's really proud of her efforts assisting with 'Operation Santa Claus' through her business." Councilman DePasquale **MOVED** to approve the rental lease agreements, and Councilwoman McCormick **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the rental lease agreements.**

- h. **Property Compliance Agreement between Joshua C. Volk d/b/a Next Level Custom Car Audio and Next Level Tuning, Inc., at 305 Beaver Street, Greensburg, PA and the City of Greensburg.** Solicitor McCormick, “Well, this is a situation where this is a commercial business of long standing although ownership has changed and we had some issues relating to some compliance, but the parties agreed that rather than going through the District Justice system we would sit down and try to come up with an overall game plan. I’m happy to say we did come up with a Property Compliance Agreement. Barb was very involved in negotiating this with the other side with some assistance from me. I think it will take care of some eyesore problems that will help some of the residents down there. I think it also will take care of some water issues that we have down there. And there’s a trailer basically being used as a storage shed that ultimately will be removed from the property at some point in time. So it covers quite a few issues and I would recommend that Council vote to approve it.”
- Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to approve the property compliance agreement, and Councilman DePasquale **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the property compliance agreement.**

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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**Susan M. Trout, City Administrator**

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