

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, November 10, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Silvis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Administrator, Susan Trout, took roll call with the following members present: Councilman Vesely, Councilman Eger, Councilwoman McCormick, Councilman Finfrock and Mayor Silvis. City Solicitor, Bernard McArdle, and City Treasurer/Fiscal Director, Mary Perez, were also present.

*****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*****Councilman Eger

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

Nancy Poholsky, 1053 Cranston Drive, Greensburg, PA. Ms. Poholsky, "I am here to question the petition about parking that is a problem in our neighborhood. We have had some homeowners, 51% of the vote, saying they don't want any parking on the street, but it also says on the petition that it is for ice and snow removal. I guess my question is the street is wide enough, you can park a car and also get vehicles passed; we are on a cul-de-sac. There is very little traffic on the street and I am all for it if there is any snow on the roadway for the vehicles to get off the street. But for neighbors to call the police just because there's a vehicle on the street when the street is perfectly clear, it just seems a little ridiculous. I have two vehicles, I have a daughter in college, and she's not home right now so I have an extra vehicle. I do park it up the street and I park it up the street because I have two elderly ladies, one across the street and one beside me; I like to give them ample room to get in and out of their driveways, so I do park a little further up the street. I guess I would just like it to be enforced more as a spirit of the law instead of as a letter of the law, and I would be more than helpful with any questions the officers actually have."

Mayor Silvis, "Chief, have you had a problem with calls?"

Chief Lyons, "I believe we may have spoken on the phone. And I agree with you the petition did talk about snow and ice removal and whenever they approached Council their main focus was snow and ice removal. I told you on the phone I believe Council's decision in voting on this was for snow and ice removal. As far as enforcement of the ordinance we look at the intent of the ordinance just like we look at any law; what the intent is and what the circumstances are. We did have a call out there just recently because there was an error in the sign and the officer didn't tag; he talked to homeowners of the vehicles and they agreed to move the vehicles into their driveways and no tickets were issued. We'll use some discretionary powers that we're given under the law to look at that. Like I said in the article in the paper, if it's December and there's no snow, we're probably not going to be out there ticketing people. We'll give you that leeway. With visitors, or if somebody is having a birthday party and those kinds of things, we look at the reasons why people are there and what the circumstances are and then how we enforce those regulations."

Ms. Poholsky, "We also have many of the neighbors parking in their grass. Is there a City ordinance against parking in your own grass?"

Chief Lyons, "No."

Councilwoman McCormick, "There are driveways there, I believe."

Ms. Poholsky, "Yes, but some people have three vehicles so they can only tandemly do two in the driveway; if they're not on the street, then they're actually parking in the grass."

Councilwoman McCormick, "When we passed the ordinance, did it not say from December until....."

Chief Lyons, "March 31st."

Councilwoman McCormick, "And it said during that time no parking on the street; it didn't say to monitor the weather forecast, did it?"

Chief Lyons, "Well the ordinance says no parking on Main Street anytime; do we ticket churchgoers on Sundays? We use discretion."

Councilman McCormick, "I understand that but I'm just saying what did our ordinance....."

Chief Lyons, "What was the intent of the ordinance? The discussion here was about snow and ice removal. So we look at Council's intent of passing the ordinance; what is the spirit of the ordinance rather than the letter of the law of the ordinance. We can enforce laws across the books; from State laws to City ordinances to the letter of the law and it's going to make a lot of people very unhappy. There's a tradition within law that justices, prosecutors and law enforcement do have discretionary power. There's no way we can take away the discretionary power of the officer."

Councilwoman McCormick, "I'm not disagreeing with that. I just know that last winter when Rick and I were discussing the weather almost on a daily basis because of ice and snow removal that many of the storms we got were in the middle of the night or late afternoon. I'm just saying it's pretty unpredictable."

Chief Lyons, "If there's snow on the ground, whether the residents didn't watch the weather report or were oblivious to whether it was going to snow or not, if there's snow on the ground and the Street Department is out, we'll ticket. If there's no snow on the ground, like tomorrow it's going to be 68 degrees, we see no reason"

Councilwoman McCormick, "I agree; I think common courtesy you don't ticket you just ask somebody to please move their vehicle. You don't automatically ticket someone. I'm just saying it was such an unpredictable winter last winter and we were of course finding pretty much on a daily basis as far as when the snow was coming, and it seemed like a lot of times you had no idea. It came in the middle of the night; it comes in the early morning hours. Many schools were caught totally off guard last year with the snow. That's my only point."

Mayor Silvis, "I totally agree with you. There's very little traffic on Cranston because I'm on it every day. I let my son's dog out. I'm on Cranston every day and I don't know that I've ever had much traffic."

Ms. Poholsky, "It's usually only a handful of us that actually park on the street and now that I know with the inclement weather if I watch the 11:00 news and they say there's three inches coming, I'll make sure that vehicle is in my driveway."

Councilwoman McCormick, "I respect what you're saying and I agree you don't want to be ticketed but my point being that I felt this discussion was before we passed an ordinance; it shouldn't be now that the ordinance is passed. Once that petition was circulated you could come to Council and express your opinion."

Ms. Poholsky, "I wasn't even aware of it. I saw it in the paper after they had gotten 51% of the vote. I'm not a homeowner so I really don't even have a vote."

Councilwoman McCormick, "And the owner of your property did sign the petition."

Ms. Poholsky, "I understand that. Like I said I was just hoping for some I guess spirit of the law let alone just the letter of the law."

Solicitor McArdle, "Thank you, ma'am."

Jerry Terhorst, 1060 Cranston Drive, Greensburg, PA. Mr. Terhorst, "I've been there for 32 years. The building I live in was the first townhouse that was built there. My one question is I knew the petition was passed; I did not sign it. I did not pay attention to it because I did not realize that one street out of a City could be made to have no parking when none of the other streets; I don't know how to express what I'm saying. I did not think they would be able to make one street not parking in the City."

Mayor Silvis, "What you say scares the heck out of me because I'm afraid of a snowball effect, because we have other streets in the City that I don't even know how they get a pumper down; you know a fire truck."

Mr. Terhorst, "Cranston is a dead-end street."

Mayor Silvis, "Do you live in the cul-de-sac?"

Mr. Terhorst, "No, I live in the first townhouse on the left when you go in. It was the very first townhouse that was built there. I'm not an original owner. There's only one lady that lives on Cranston Drive that's an original owner; that's Mrs. Virginia Smeltzer. I bought my townhouse; it was one-year-old from a gentleman who got transferred to Arizona. When I moved in there that townhouse was the only thing in Saybrook Village. I own two vehicles and you have to understand most of the people in the townhouses have only a one-car garage; a one-car driveway. You cannot park two cars side by side in the driveway, so in the wintertime, I'm 68 years old and I have two cars; my girlfriend lives with me and she drives the one car. If we want to go anywhere if she's not parked out on the street; it's not only a matter of transferring vehicles, you have to get out and heat the car up and clean it off just to move it so you can get one other car out. The other thing I wanted to say is I don't recognize anybody here from Cranston Drive, but there are six or seven parking places across the street from where I live. There's a vacant lot. Ever since I moved in there I've cleaned that. The snowplow comes through but the snowplow makes one or two passes and it's not as wide as the street is. But I've cleaned that parking area off myself ever since I've lived there. The last two years I've had a snow blower. I've cleaned all that off of there. The complaint that I heard was the water was running down and freezing on the driveways because the snow wasn't removed from across the street. That was the indication why they were passing this petition around. The water across the street has nothing to do with the water running down to the gutter, because all our water drains off the back of the house; they drain to the front and run down the front of the gutter into the gutter on the corner. Somebody said why didn't you come to the Council Meeting and first off I never thought it would get off the ground. I never thought that one street could be picked out in the City for not being allowed parking and the other thing was I have always cleaned out for the mailman so he could get in until other people moved in there. Now I clean the parking out across there. That's all I have to say. I just didn't understand for 32 years I don't know any of you people and you don't know me, which is a good sign, because I've lived in Greensburg for 32 years, and if you don't know who I am, that's a pretty good sign."

Mayor Silvis, "I've lived in Greensburg for 71 years. Thank you."

Mr. Terhorst, "Very good. Thank you very much."

Kathleen Tamoliunas, resident of New York State, with an interest in property at 318

Kenneth Street, Greensburg PA. Ms. Tamoliunas, "Can I interject? This is only a suggestion, but why don't you let them park on one side on odd days and the other side on even days. That's what they do in New York."

Mr. Terhorst, "On Cranston Drive you only have a few parking places. The townhouses are all real close together. The only place you can park is where there is an open lot or the cul-de-sac in the back or at the beginning of Cranston Drive where there are three or four single-family houses that take up a block and there's parking over there. You can't park on the side where the townhouses are because you'd be blocking everybody's driveway."

Councilwoman McCormick, "Excuse me, you said there's never been anything in the City; there was a covenant where I lived in the City and we weren't allowed to have any cars on the street. It's happened before. Where I lived we weren't allowed to have a car on the street anytime."

Mr. Terhorst, "Like I said across from where I live there's an empty lot. There's about six, maybe seven, parking spaces there. The rest of the street if you're coming in on the right-hand side is all townhouses. There's no parking there. The left-hand side coming in is four single-

family houses and there's parking there but the people that live in those houses don't park there because they have two-car garages and driveways wide enough to park two cars side by side. The only other parking if you go on down further to the end of the street in the cul-de-sac there's parking down there."

Solicitor McArdle, "Sir, we typically limit comments to five minutes and you're well past that so we appreciate you coming but thank you very much."

Mayor Silvis, "Thank you."

Ms. Tamoliunas, "I've been in New York for a number of years now but I come back periodically. Some of you don't know what 318 Kenneth Street was like prior to Homer Ruffner back in the '50s who chipped another hole into the culvert down there. I know the Silvises have been in the area for a long time, but he's the one that caused the whole problem. What he did back in the '50s was divert the water from Estelle Heights down Kenneth Street instead of letting it have the natural flow down Harvey Avenue. That was the start of it. Then, of course, Northmont came along. What I wanted to tell you is my father had a garden right where he chipped this other hole in and there were flowers at the head of the land and everything. Across the culvert were roses; it was a beautiful sight. I talked to Dennis Slyman a couple of years ago and he said how he used to play ball over in Northmont. There was a ball field because that creek was so small that it would dry up in the summertime and they would play ball and croquet; the whole bit. My father had a garden, of course, on the other side of Kenneth Street. I've called this to Susan Trout's attention when I came to the area periodically because I thought something should be done. It was supposed to have been done over the years, but everyone seems to shrug their shoulders. What you need here in Greensburg is some good leaders and you guys and girls look like it, but you do need leadership in this day and age and you have to go for grants but you have to get things moving. Everyone seems to shrug their shoulders, you know, 'I didn't do it', no, Homer Ruffner did it back in 1950 so someone has to correct it. There's rats down there and that's been documented and all kind of debris. They closed part of it; they did part of the job from Beaver Street down to Grant Street then across Harvey Avenue, which is what they should have done. But for some reason and I don't know the logic, they left between Kenneth Street and Beaver Street; they didn't cover that particular area. Why anyone would want an open sewer in the City of Greensburg is beyond my comprehension. That's why I'm here and to tell you the honest to goodness truth I was down on Kenneth Street the other day and I literally cried to see what happened to where my father's garden was. I really cried to see that the City would do this to someone's property and jeopardize the people who live in that general area on this side of Kenneth Street and on the other side with rats and all kinds of vermin that could cause a health hazard. I think someone should take the leadership and cover Kenneth Street down to Beaver Street. They did buy, from what I heard, that property where the Civic Center was down there on Beaver Street and they gave them \$26,000. Money doesn't take care of lives where there might be all kinds of rats and that type of thing around. You have to do the job and you have to do it right and it's going to take leadership and there might be grants. In fact there's money being incorporated right now for Northmont and that should have been taken care of by the developer whenever he laid out the plan. Prior to Northmont that was just a little wee stream about 24 inches wide that dried up in the summertime and I've noticed in this area people are of very modest income. I think they're a little on the shy side but once you get in New York you have to speak up for what you believe in."

Solicitor McArdle, "Thank you, ma'am; we appreciate that."

Mayor Silvis, "Thank you because this is the first we've ever heard this."

Ms. Tamoliunas, "My pleasure. Thank you so much for listening."

Councilman Finrock, "Just to let you know that whole Northmont Flood Project does incorporate that area you're referring to; it goes all the way to the creek down there by the Sunoco Gulf Plant. So that's underway."

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

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

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

Councilman Eger, "The Recreation Department would like to recognize and congratulate the Junior Varsity Youth Football team for winning the PAC 6 Championship this year. They were in the 9- and 10-year-old division. Congratulations! On Friday and Saturday evenings public ice skating sessions from 8:00-10:00 have been a popular activity for middle school aged students to attend and our Sunday afternoon session from 2:00-4:00 has been very well-attended by families. Please take advantage of the public session passes that we sell. Adult passes are \$80 for 20 admissions and child and senior citizen passes are \$60 for 20 admissions. This is a savings of \$20. We also offer birthday party packages during any of the weekend public sessions. Please call the Recreation Office at 724-834-4880 for more information. And the Mayor will talk about the annual Holiday Parade in a few minutes, and that concludes my report."

Councilwoman McCormick, "I just want to say 'Happy Veterans' Day' tomorrow to all the veterans. I appreciate all of them and honor my father who passed away and my uncle. The Street Department is busy collecting leaves. We are using all of the resources which are available to keep current with the weekly schedule. This includes three leaf vacuum trailers and the street sweeper. As a reminder we will continue collecting the leaves and there is no brush pickup at this time. The City mechanics have removed the snow fighting equipment from storage. All the snowplows have been assembled and are ready on the shop floor. They have mounted salt spreaders on three of the small dump trucks and the remaining spreaders will be installed on the other trucks as leaf collection begins to slow down. The mechanics have also placed the boom mower in storage and have since outfitted the tractor with the snow blower. Our salt storage building is at present at approximately 75% full giving us 600 tons of salt on hand. Once we begin to draw down on the inventory orders will be made with the supplier to restock the pile which I hope we don't have to use any time soon, Mayor. And that concludes my report."

Councilman Vesely, "The Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB) item on tonight's agenda is for Tonya Grabiak for her plans to improve the façade and add new signage for her new business location at 120 East Otterman Street. Tonya recently purchased this building at 120 East Otterman so now she is not only operating her business in our City she is investing in our City also. Tonya's business, 'Doggie Paws and Kitty Claws' is doing extremely well. Thank you, Tonya, for operating your business, and now becoming a property owner in Greensburg. This concludes my short report."

Councilman Finfrock-See attached Fiscal Department Report. Councilman Finfrock continued, "After they revived me from looking at this report Mary explained to me that the reason for this is we had a payroll that fell on October 31st and last year it fell on November 1st so that's the difference on why we're out of budget sequence. There is a valid explanation for this so we're really okay on the budget. Next year's budget: we will be introducing the budget

in the next few minutes and I want to talk a little bit about how that works and how that process worked and some of the thoughts and considerations that went into that budget. Municipal budgeting is never an easy thing particularly for third-class cities in Pennsylvania. We have to work on two contingencies that are ever-present and ever-problematical. The first being that a significant portion of our revenue is in property taxes and unless you do a property reassessment every year you're kind of stuck at a level amount of income on property taxes. It doesn't go up unless you change the rate. On the other hand operating expenses do go up. If you've been paying attention to reports from Council you noticed, for example, the Police Pension Plan, we have to pay \$1,200,000 next year. The increase was about \$170,000. That was not anticipated. That has to be covered. We have raises that are due to personnel and they're covered by contract of 3% in both the police and teamsters group; we have to honor those contracts. So those rising operating costs are a problem as are the flat rate of property taxes. A few years ago we looked at where we were going and where we were and what was going to happen in the future and we did see at the time and we still see now that in the year 2016 and the year 2017 we will see some debt relief that's coming our way. The problem, as we try to navigate the icebergs in our shipping lanes, was that we weren't sure we could get there. How do we get to 2016; how do we get to 2017 without sinking the ship entirely? That has been a problem for a few years. We've been able to balance budgets without tax increases for the last few years. This budget was always going to be the problem one. It was the last one before we could start seeing some relief; it was the one that had the most increases in operating costs, so it was one of concern. I wasn't sure we were going to make it. So what do you do when you're faced with that kind of situation? The first thing you do is look at your discretionary expenses. Is there any of those that we can eliminate because the word discretionary means you kind of don't have to do it. We don't have much of those discretionary expenditures. The largest one probably is the library and we could discontinue funding the library if we wanted to do that. Never let it be said that Greensburg doesn't do its part in the dumbing down of America so we could cut out funding to the library and we could eliminate that expense. If we went to operating expenses, while we have to honor our contracts, honor the pension that is mandated by the State, we have to do those kinds of things and absorb those kinds of increases; sure I guess we could close a couple of fire halls and probably your house won't burn down entirely by the time the fire engine makes it across town to your house; we could eliminate a couple police officers, because we all know the perpetrator of the crime is more than willing to sit on the front porch and chat with you awhile until the policeman gets there; we're entering into the winter season and we could plow during business hours, because it doesn't snow at night, on holidays and weekends; we wouldn't have to incur any of those costs. We can do all of those things. But there are icebergs associated with that. Surveys have been taken that have placed Greensburg as one of the most livable cities in Pennsylvania. The reason it gets ranked so high is that they like our services and amenities that we offer. They like the fact they feel safe both by police and fire. Just as an aside there are a couple of townships on those most livable places to live and none of them are local. We like having that rating. We like the fact that the citizens are happy with the services and amenities they get so that's the tradeoff that you have. Do you cut it to balance the budget or do you keep trying to offer the services? So if you don't cut your operating expenses and you have other operating expenses that go up you have to look at revenues. And if we look at property tax revenues our millage outside of the Sinking Fund is 15.55 mills. We're allowed by State Law to go to 25, so we're only at 62% of the maximum that we could charge. We could raise property taxes; not blink an eye we'd be perfectly legal to do that. The problem with doing that is we go after your wallet and my wallet and that doesn't go over real well. It's not exactly the optimum solution. Second problem with that is we have recently had our bond rating raised two levels to where it's one of the highest levels in the State. One of the factors that went into this high bond rating was our tax structure. They felt that we had a decent well-run, well-organized fiscal

administration and our tax structure was fine. We start messing with that tax structure by raising your property tax that iceberg is going to hit on the bond rating. Bond rating doesn't mean anything to the people in this room directly, but indirectly when you're a private investor and you're looking to build in the City, you're looking to come into the City, they pay attention to that kind of stuff. It's imperative that we keep that rating as high as we possibly can. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had to borrow a couple of billion dollars here recently; their rating sank. They're going to have some issues with that decline in their rating. We don't want to jeopardize that, so that's the iceberg. We try to balance all this stuff together without sinking the ship entirely. So what did we do? We're very fortunate in the City. We have some good financial administrators; Mary Perez and Sue Trout have done excellent service in getting this budget together. We have great supervisors that know they're not going to get the requests they wanted; they're not going to get the raises they want or deserve. I mentioned we have a 3% by contract raise for regular employees; supervisors are getting a flat amount. In most cases it's around 1%. Sometimes a little over 2% but nothing outrageous and not even what they deserve, and they're patiently waiting for the day when maybe we can come and help them out. So what are we going to do? The library is safe; we're going to keep the funding for the library. All fire stations, all police officers are safe; we're not going to cut operating expenses. We're not going to cut services and amenities to the community. That switches us to the revenue side. We have to look at taxes; what's that going to do? We can say in this year our property tax rate increase will be 0%. There will be no property tax increase in the City of Greensburg this year. If we can navigate through the next couple of years, we see some prospects where we may be able to go a long time without a property tax increase. Again, we don't know what externalities are going to be out there that could impact us, but we think that we can keep our services, keep our amenities without raising property taxes. Yes, there will be changes in revenue structure. Parking violations will go up a couple of bucks; not so much to raise revenue because it doesn't raise that much revenue, but because it makes the advantage of parking all day on the street taking up spaces the business community could use to service customers and paying a ticket, which is very low, as opposed to going into an off-street parking facility and taking out a lease there. So we're just trying to balance that. That's really the main reason for it. There is some revenue increase but not near enough to offset the pension. How can you offset increased costs with virtually no increase in revenue? What we decided to do is we're kicking a lot of capital expenditures down the road. Again, you have to be very careful of those icebergs. The problems with doing things like that is are we postponing a \$50,000 expense and making that \$50,000 expense a \$500,000 expense in three to five years; we have to be very careful not to do that. Management has to be on top of it; just because we're seeing some potential revenue savings down the road doesn't mean that we can automatically throw all that into capital expenses. There has to be some judicious use of that budget line and prioritize things and make things that are safe for the people. So the bottom line is all services and amenities remain virtually the same with minor differences. Revenues will have no increase in taxes with the possible exception of parking fees. Raises other than the ones that are contracted are just flat raises, across the board, that are very minimal and we will have another balanced budget for 2015 and we have to keep our fingers crossed that we can carry that forward in the next couple of years."

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

- a. **Code, Fire and Police Reports.** Mayor Silvis reviewed the Code, Fire and Police Reports. Copies of these reports may be obtained at the respective offices or the City Administration Office.
- b. **Veterans' Day.** Ms. Trout, "City Hall will be closed tomorrow in honor of Veterans' Day. I hope everyone will dedicate a few minutes of their day to honor our veterans for the contributions and the sacrifices they have made for our country. So please go say 'thank you'."
- c. **Holiday Activities.** Ms. Trout, "The 23rd annual Holiday Parade will be held at noon on Saturday, November 22nd, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. One hundred thirty-three units are registered to participate in this year's event, so it should be another two-hour parade. Also, on November 16th from noon-5:00 p.m. participating downtown merchants will be hosting the Holiday Open House and Cookie Walk; the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 29th, celebrates 'Small Business Saturday' encouraging shoppers to visit local merchants for holiday gift giving ideas; and the City's 47th annual Luminary Night will be held Thursday, December 4th, from 5:00-9:00 p.m., and again that's a Merchant Association activity."

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

BILL NO. 9 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2015. Ms. Trout, "This Bill introduces the tax rate for 2015; as Councilman Finfrock indicated with no increase."

BILL NO. 10 – 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, "This Bill introduces 2015 proposed fees."

BILL NO. 11 – 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 2015. Ms. Trout, "This Bill introduces the proposed wages for City employees for 2015."

BILL NO. 12 – 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 2015. Ms. Trout, "This Bill introduces the 2015 proposed budget of all City funds."

BILL NO. 8 – AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM ‘R-2’, GENERAL RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO ‘C-1’, NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE FIRST WARD OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG.

Ms. Trout, “This Bill listed on your agenda says No. 13 and is actually No. 8. We went out of order a little bit because when we were planning the agenda we put the budget ordinances first. So this is Bill No. 8; a public hearing was held on Monday, October 27, 2014, for a proposed zoning change that was petitioned by the majority of property owners for property at 403, 407 and 409 Bovard Street.”

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

- a. **Hiring of Full-time Assistant Turf Mechanic for Mt. Odin Golf Course.** Ms. Trout, “After placing an advertisement in the Tribune Review, conducting interviews, and testing for the position, Tom Bell and I recommend Council approve the hiring of Jonathan Greenawalt in the full-time Teamsters Local 30 Union position for Assistant Turf Mechanic effective November 17, 2014 at the rate of \$22.47 per hour. Jonathan has worked for us seasonally and we would like to welcome him to our work force. He was the clear standout candidate in both the interviews and we had a written test.” Councilman Eger **MOVED** to approve the hiring, and Councilwoman McCormick **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the hiring.**
- b. **Slate of Projects Recommended by the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB) for Issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness.** Ms. Trout, “There are two (2) properties on the slate for Council’s consideration for approval tonight. In the Gateway District, Tonya Grabiak d/b/a *Doggie Paws and Kitty Claws* is the applicant for signage and façade improvements to her property at 120 East Otterman Street that Councilman Vesely alluded to earlier in his report; and *Pete Ciccaglione* is the applicant for façade improvements to property he owns at 102 East Otterman Street.” Councilman Vesely **MOVED** to approve the slate of projects recommended for issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness, and Councilman Finfrock **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the slate of projects.**
- c. **Agreement between the City of Greensburg and Robert T. Regola Surveying.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval accepts an option included in the current agreement to extend the agreement for one (1) year through December 31, 2015. The consultant has agreed to accept the same compensation of \$53.82 per hour that has been in place since 2008 to provide public works, development and building projects consulting services. He works one day a week with us.” Councilman Vesely **MOVED** to approve the agreement, and Councilman Eger **SECONDED**. No discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve the agreement.**
- d. **Approved Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) Membership Roster.** Ms. Trout, “Council approval accepts the updated roster and slate of 287 active members as of October 2014. We like to do this at least once a year or every other year. Our insurance company likes that we actively approve this.” Councilman Finfrock, “The 287-member roster is down from 327 members of three years ago. The obvious speculation would be that is because we have older members who are dying off and they’re not being replaced. That is not the case. While there’s a handful of older members that have passed away these are mostly the younger volunteer firefighters who are drifting away before they can achieve life membership. So we are really down

in the role of active firefighters. If your house is on fire seeing me in your driveway isn't going to help you much. We need to get younger people interested and active in the fire brigade, so if you know of anyone or you are interested in joining please consider it and stop in at your local company and offer your services. I'm sure it will be greatly appreciated."

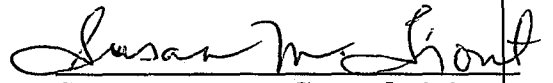
Councilman Finrock **MOVED** to approve the membership roster, and Councilman Eger **SECONDED**. No further discussion. **All voted unanimously to approve.**

- e. **Optional Banking Authorization for Monthly Remittance of Cobra Funds between the City of Greensburg and Infinisource.** Ms. Trout, "Council approval of the optional agreement for direct deposit of funds will save the City a \$10 fee which the Cobra administration is assessing on checks effective December 1, 2014. I think this came about after our work session meeting on Tuesday. Mary emailed all of you to let you know this would be on the agenda."

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

*****ADJOURNMENT***** Mayor Silvis **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Susan M. Trout, City Administrator

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NOVEMBER BILL LIST - 2014

GENERAL FUND

DEPARTMENT 1	\$	14,125.38
DEPARTMENT 2	\$	17,998.67
DEPARTMENT 3	\$	9,364.18
DEPARTMENT 4	\$	29,356.22
DEPARTMENT 5	\$	21,577.43
TOTAL	\$	92,421.88

2003 GO BOND FUND	\$	-
PARKING REVENUE FUND	\$	16,841.39
HUTCHINSON PARKING FUND	\$	3,823.66
ST. CLAIR PARK CONCERT SERIES FUND	\$	13.31
MOTOR TAX	\$	-
FD EQUIPMENT	\$	2,592.00
SUBTOTAL OF ALL OTHER FUNDS	\$	23,270.36
TOTAL OF GENERAL AND ALL OTHER FUNDS	\$	115,692.24

REVENUES	BUDGET 2014	BUDGET 2013	AUGUST 2014	SEPTEMBER 2014	OCTOBER 2014	TOTAL 2014	TOTAL 2013	% of Budget	% from 2013
CHARGES FOR SERVICES									
Die Franchise	272,000.00	265,000.00	0.00	0.00	68,163.22	279,621.90	264,481.70	103%	100%
Greensburg Recreation	114,190.00	119,305.00	17,208.88	4,632.53	4,434.36	107,738.94	107,408.16	94%	90%
Odin Golf Course	388,400.00	390,425.00	45,609.00	46,672.00	15,053.00	336,216.00	362,594.53	91%	93%
Win Arena Ice Rink	341,120.00	343,260.00	15,015.50	37,340.50	49,378.25	286,638.99	247,021.21	75%	72%
Odin - Reservations	12,925.00	12,475.00	475.00	0.00	0.00	14,400.00	12,450.00	111%	100%
Odin - Reservations	2,500.00	88,950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,360.74	82%	0%
Odin - Reservations	11,000.00	11,000.00	416.87	0.00	3,000.00	8,833.36	9,166.70	80%	83%
Odin - Reservations	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	3,908.36	13,873.03	43,777.09	53,408.60	88%	107%
Ice Wages Reimbursement	80,000.00	80,000.00	6,667.67	6,667.67	6,667.67	60,000.00	60,000.00	83%	75%
Odin - Reservations	19,600.00	16,825.00	1,155.00	2,635.00	1,405.00	18,590.00	18,575.00	95%	111%
Odin - Reservations	1,271,735.00	1,378,240.00	86,747.72	102,341.06	161,930.53	1,132,492.38	1,208,575.67	89%	88%
Net / Forfeits									
Net / Forfeits	4,800.00	4,800.00	650.00	500.00	250.00	4,820.00	5,180.00	100%	108%
Net / Forfeits	235,925.00	239,325.00	16,397.42	18,693.43	19,320.02	201,221.14	191,690.18	95%	80%
Net / Forfeits	14,000.00	13,000.00	1,383.93	716.58	787.14	11,134.34	12,282.70	80%	94%
Total Fines / Forfeits	254,725.00	257,125.00	18,441.35	19,910.01	20,975.19	217,175.48	209,332.88	85%	81%
TERGOVERNMENTAL									
Verage Licenses	8,700.00	8,700.00	0.00	7,800.00	0.00	8,100.00	9,050.00	93%	104%
Verage Licenses	65,000.00	44,000.00	0.00	0.00	325.00	54,518.93	27,833.94	84%	53%
Verage Licenses	85,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	80,979.42	0.00	80,979.42	85,000.00	95%	107%
Verage Licenses	380,000.00	365,000.00	150.00	383,395.32	0.00	383,545.32	391,399.59	101%	107%
Verage Licenses	9,500.00	9,800.00	0.00	0.00	9,905.66	9,905.66	9,938.00	104%	95%
Verage Licenses	10,000.00	13,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,282.74	4,282.28	40%	33%
Verage Licenses	17,500.00	17,500.00	26.04	16.61	44.82	17,524.36	17,517.26	95%	100%
Verage Licenses	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	100%	75%
Verage Licenses	850,000.00	1,250,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425,000.00	850,000.00	50%	68%
Verage Licenses	0.00	700,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,218.14	0%	2%
Verage Licenses	14,500.00	13,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,500.00	13,500.00	100%	100%
Verage Licenses	30,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,830.53	30,042.89	105%	0%
Total Intergovernmental	1,482,200.00	2,548,500.00	178.04	472,221.35	13,275.48	1,041,732.86	1,460,523.86	70%	57%
TEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%
CENSES/ PERMITS									
Building Permits	27,000.00	25,000.00	876.50	4,078.00	1,819.00	138,645.50	56,730.54	513%	235%
Scallanous Licenses	47,650.00	44,950.00	3,185.00	3,474.50	4,903.00	49,684.00	53,520.19	104%	119%
Building Permits	1,200.00	3,000.00	140.00	225.00	55.00	1,330.00	1,195.00	111%	40%
Real Opening	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	11,700.00	0.00	44,700.00	52,170.00	90%	104%
Total Licenses / Permits	125,850.00	122,950.00	4,211.50	19,477.50	6,771.00	234,349.50	166,615.73	166%	135%
ISCELLANEOUS									
Specialization Refunds	13,000.00	12,000.00	1,473.88	928.41	1,464.04	15,967.04	14,601.86	123%	122%
Her Income/Reimbursements	132,710.00	166,720.00	29,462.89	8,614.41	4,903.00	210,442.08	148,152.22	159%	89%
Her Insurance Refunds	4,000.00	3,900.00	657.00	36.00	613.00	4,702.00	5,605.52	118%	140%
Her Insurance Refunds	10,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	265.20	0.00	1,890.54	23,249.69	19%	465%
Telephone Refund	20.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%
Total Miscellaneous	169,730.00	187,750.00	31,593.87	9,874.02	6,980.04	233,001.76	191,609.29	146%	102%
TAXES									
Business Privilege Tax	455,000.00	400,000.00	92,269.75	10,529.66	13,293.41	340,500.46	352,744.52	76%	88%
Real Property Tax	1,927,657.00	2,109,173.00	4,223.52	8,176.96	15,103.88	1,955,212.55	2,097,027.96	98%	99%
Real Estate Taxes	4,000.00	9,500.00	422.37	817.71	506.11	3,730.31	5,486.34	93%	58%
Unity Tax Claim Bureau	175,000.00	150,000.00	600.00	46,395.55	0.00	46,395.55	12,964.67	22%	117%
Unearned Income Tax (Wage Tax)	3,000,000.00	2,675,000.00	319,930.20	262,323.48	170,353.75	2,549,572.69	2,691,388.76	85%	101%
Local Services Tax (EMISOPT)	550,000.00	550,000.00	80,698.97	21,933.16	32,027.90	450,691.76	460,832.47	82%	84%
Local Services Tax (EMISOPT)	120,000.00	100,000.00	11,849.21	14,016.36	11,598.51	137,231.43	115,869.12	114%	116%
Total Taxes	6,211,657.00	5,993,673.00	509,394.02	360,402.86	242,885.56	5,502,669.88	5,996,313.84	89%	93%
Anticipation Note	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%
Beginning Balance	1,000,000.00	800,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	800,000.00	100%	100%
TOTAL REVENUES	10,505,897.00	11,288,248.00	650,566.50	983,926.80	452,817.80	9,361,421.86	9,933,971.27	88%	87%

REVENUES:

Arc at 88 percent
of budget. This is
1 percent higher
than revenues at

October 2013.



EXPENSES:

Arc at 78 percent
of budget. This is
6 percent higher
than last year.



CODE ENFORCEMENT, PLANNING & ZONING REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2014

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
General	Licenses / Permits	Building Permits	\$1,819.00	24	\$36,325.00	24
		Fire Code Permits	\$90.00	2	\$225.00	5
		Health Permits	\$730.00	13	\$480.00	8
		Fines / Miscellaneous Permits			\$1,057.00	2
		Plumbing Permits	\$55.00	1	\$65.00	2
		UCC Permit	\$12.00	3	\$20.00	5
		TOTAL	\$2,706.00	43	\$38,172.00	46

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10/31/2014

GREENSBURG

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {10/01/2014} And {10/31/2014}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
1121 Fires in structures confined to a DRYER	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
1122 Fires in structures confined to an OVEN	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
1124 Fires in structures confined to an ELECTRICAL	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
	10	6.06%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	13	7.87%	\$0	0.00%
3111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew AED	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
3112 Medical assist EMS crew lifting	6	3.63%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	10	6.06%	\$0	0.00%
3222 Vehicle accident unknown injuries	9	5.45%	\$0	0.00%
323 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
341 Search for person on land	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	43	26.06%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	7	4.24%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
550 Public service assistance, Other	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
5501 Public service assistance, tree down	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	13	7.87%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%

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Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {10/01/2014} And {10/31/2014}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	19	11.51%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	46	27.87%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
7433 Smoke detector activation, no fire - shower	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
7435 Smoke detector activation, no fire - smoking	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
7441 Detector activation, no fire - Burned food	22	13.33%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
	79	47.87%	\$0	0.00%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
812 Flood assessment	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
9 Special Incident Type				
900 Special type of incident, Other	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 165

Total Est Loss:

\$0



City of Greensburg Police Department
416 South Main St.
Greensburg, Pa. 15601



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Walter J. Lyons, Chief of Police
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Activity Report for the Month of October 2014

<i>Type of Incident</i>	<i>Totals</i>	
Criminal Arrests	Adult -151 Juvenile- 6 Total = 157	
Traffic citations	Moving - 113 Parking - 234 Total = 347	
Accident Investigations	35	
DUI Arrests	7	
Total Incidents Investigated	812	
Total Dispatching	3436 Calls received for service 831 Citizens served in Person	
Truck Inspection Detail	There were 16 trucks stopped. There were 15 trucks inspected. There was 4 truck shut down. There were 7 citations issued.	

Greensburg Police Department - Comparison of Police and Financial Activities for October 2014

Police Activities	Last Year	Previous Month	Current Month	Previous Month Year to Date	Total to Date 2013	Total to Date 2014
Total Incidents Investigated	890	949	812	8,146	8,717	8,958
Adult Criminal Arrests	103	220	151	1,166	1,280	1,317
Juvenile Criminal Arrests	4	11	6	126	99	132
Total Criminal Arrests	107	231	157	1,292	1,379	1,449
Motor Vehicle Violations (Moving)	126	90	113	1,109	1,903	1,222
Motor Vehicle Violations (Parking)	120	233	234	1,355	1,704	1,589
Total Motor Vehicle Violations	246	323	347	2,464	3,607	2,811
Recovered Property	\$806.99	\$1,114.00	\$1,735.00	\$18,508.31	\$17,855.19	\$20,243.31
Total Traffic Accident-Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Traffic Accident-Injuries	8	2	2	32	39	34
Total Traffic Accidents	44	2	35	368	405	403
Tickets Issued	1,767	1,956	1,938	16,454	17,608	18,392
Tickets Courtessed	99	98	109	815	902	924
Meters Reported Out of Order	115	60	71	688	825	759
Parking Meter Fines	\$5,526.00	\$5,496.00	\$5,024.00	\$47,312.00	\$48,879.00	\$52,336.00
Other Parking Fines	\$5,070.00	\$5,115.00	\$6,570.00	\$53,741.96	\$58,980.00	\$60,311.96
Magistrate's Fines	\$6,846.48	\$6,894.42	\$7,285.05	\$61,526.47	\$61,943.68	\$68,811.52
Sub-Total Local Fines	\$17,442.48	\$17,505.42	\$18,879.05	\$162,580.43	\$169,802.68	\$181,459.48
Xerox Copy Fees	\$735.00	\$571.00	\$600.00	\$4,909.00	\$5,238.00	\$5,509.00
Boot Fees	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
Fingerprint Fees	\$285.00	\$450.00	\$210.00	\$3,105.00	\$2,895.00	\$3,315.00
Record Check	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$220.00	\$1,625.00	\$0.00	\$1,845.00
Witness Fees	\$20.00	\$15.01	\$5.00	\$110.01	\$105.00	\$115.01
Dispatching Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$14,500.00
Police/School Guard Reimbursements	\$8,981.75	\$3,908.36	\$13,873.03	\$29,904.06	\$53,408.60	\$43,777.09
Miscellaneous General Fund Income	\$940.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$264.65	\$5,113.50	\$278.65
Clerk of Courts - Fines & Restitution	\$1,766.82	\$716.58	\$787.14	\$10,347.20	\$12,262.70	\$11,134.34
Booking Center Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,399.00	\$8,236.00	\$8,399.00
Soliciting Permit Fees	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,440.00	\$2,980.00	\$3,440.00
Alarm Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$250.00
Amusement License Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,900.00	\$13,800.00	\$12,900.00
Miscellaneous PD Equipment Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.10	\$6,500.00	\$606.10
Meter Rental Fees	\$186.00	\$54.00	\$432.00	\$1,667.00	\$5,474.00	\$2,099.00
Permit Parking Fees	\$114.00	\$33.00	\$99.00	\$670.00	\$653.00	\$769.00
Sub-Total Local Fees/Court Fines	\$13,248.57	\$5,899.95	\$16,540.17	\$92,697.02	\$131,015.80	\$109,237.19
Total Money Collected	\$30,691.05	\$23,405.37	\$35,419.22	\$255,277.45	\$300,818.48	\$290,696.67

To: Mayor Ronald E. Silvis, Ph.D.
From: Chief Walter J. Lyons
Re: Comparison of Police and Financial Activities for October 2014

Scoflaws: 234 citations were issued for a total of \$3,510.00
Amusement License: No licenses were issued
Booted Vehicles: 0 vehicle was booted
Warrants Served: 10 warrants were served
Moving Citations: 113 citations were issued

Dispatching 3436 calls received for service
Dispatching Total 831 citizens served in person
4267

Truck Details: Level 1
Trucks Stopped: 16
Trucks Inspected 15
Trucks Shut Dow 4
Citations Issued: 7

Truck Details: Level 3
Trucks Stopped: 0
Trucks Inspected 0
Trucks Shut Dow 0
Citations Issued: 0

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Chief Walter J. Lyons
Greensburg Police Department