

Mayor Silvis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. City Administrator, Susan Trout, took roll call with the following members present: Councilman Vesely, Councilwoman McCormick, Councilman Finfrock and Mayor Silvis. City Solicitor, Bernard McArdle, and City Treasurer/Fiscal Director, Mary Perez, were also present. Councilman Eger was absent.

**\*\*\*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\*\*\***Mayor Silvis

**\*\*\*WELCOME\*\*\***Mayor Silvis, "I have to say in my four years as Mayor I've never had this many people. This is wonderful; very nice. I'd like to welcome family members, friends, honored guests and City employees to this Special Council Meeting for the swearing-in to office of our recently elected Officials. The Honorable Richard McCormick will administer the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Robert L. Bell; Councilwoman-elect Cheryl Lennert; and Councilman Randy Finfrock. The Honorable Mayor Robert L. Bell will appoint and administer the Oath of Office to the City Administrator; the City Treasurer/Fiscal Director; and City Solicitor; and administer the Oath of Office to the Police Chief; the Police Captain; and Police Supervisors."

**\*\*\*ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE\*\*\***

**Mayor Robert L. Bell:** Brett and Brad Bell read the Certificate of Election; Kelly Bell held the Bible; and Judge Richard E. McCormick, Jr. administered the Oath of Office.

**Councilman Randal M. Finfrock:** Marlene Lucas read the Certificate of Election; Kristin and Jenna Stillitano held the Bible; and Judge Richard E. McCormick, Jr. administered the Oath of Office.

**Councilwoman Cheryl A. Lennert:** John Lennert read the Certificate of Election; Brandon and Regan Lennert held the Bible; and Judge Richard E. McCormick, Jr. administered the Oath of Office.

Judge Richard E. McCormick, Jr., "First of all I'd like to thank everybody. I'm here so often; every two years I think generally to do this. Last time was with my neighbor, Jon Vesely, and now we have more new blood on Council with Cheryl and with the new Mayor. When I was asked by all three of these people to do this I was just overflowing with gladness because I love Greensburg. I was born here up on the hill at the hospital and I've lived here almost all of my life except for a few years when my wife dragged me out to Hempfield Township. We bought our first house here; oh no I'm sorry we bought our first house in South Greensburg. We moved out of there quickly; told my wife I could never be a 'Hufftownner'. I just want to reflect back when Robb, and I think that's a rap name, it's R-o-b-b, Rob 'b' actually, but Robb and I and Liz and Mag, Billy, we grew up together. I'm a bit older than they are but we still grew up together and one of the things that we had to deal with was

politics. My dad was probably the forerunner in the group of people that got involved with politics in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, but Robb's dad, the almost-sainted Mayor Bell in this town, and there's a reason for that, was at our house one night and the kids were playing and everybody was having a good time and he had a complaint about something and he got into it with my dad. My dad said to him 'if you think it should be done differently, why don't you run for Mayor?' So he did. And many years later, Danny, his son-in-law, was two terms the Mayor and I sat right next to him and kicked him in the ankles when I was his Solicitor. Now Robb is in the Mayor's seat and Greensburg is a lovable place and it's a great place because of people like the Bell family, like the Finfrock family, like the Vesely family, like the Lennert family, and like the McCormick family; although we're not related we do have the same last name, who have served the people of Greensburg all these many years. Not just that but this great Police Department that we have. How many places do you go where the Golf Pro shows up for the swearing-in? That's the place you want to live. Thanks for having me again, folks."

Mayor Bell, "Thank you for being here."

Councilwoman Lennert, "Thank you."

Mayor Bell, "Thank you, Judge McCormick."

**\*\*\*APPOINTMENTS\*\*\*** Mayor Bell **MOVED** to appoint Susan M. Trout as the City Administrator; Mary Perez as the City Treasurer/Fiscal Director; and Bernard T. McArdle as the City Solicitor. **SECONDED:** Councilman Vesely. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **Unanimously all voted in favor of the appointments.**

**\*\*\*OATHS OF OFFICE FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY TREASURER/FISCAL DIRECTOR AND CITY SOLICITOR\*\*\*** Mayor Bell administered the Oaths of Office to Susan Trout, Mary Perez and Bernard McArdle.

**\*\*\*OATHS OF OFFICE FOR THE POLICE CHIEF, POLICE CAPTAIN AND POLICE SUPERVISORS\*\*\*** Mayor Bell administered the Oaths of Office to Police Chief Walter Lyons; Captain Chad Zucco; Lieutenants Robert Stafford and Robert Jones; Detective Sergeant John Swank; and Sergeant Chuck Irvin.

**\*\*\*DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENTS\*\*\*** Mayor Bell **MOVED** to designate the City Departments under the directorship of the following Councilpersons:

Department Five – Parks and Recreation – Councilwoman Lennert;  
Department Four - Public Works – Councilwoman McCormick;  
Department Three – Administration, Development and Public Operations – Councilman Vesely;  
Department Two – Accounts and Finances – Councilman Finfrock;  
Department One - Public Affairs and Safety – Mayor Bell.

**SECONDED:** Councilman Finfrock. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **Unanimously all voted in favor to approve the Designation of Departments.**

**\*\*\*REMARKS\*\*\*** Mayor Bell, "On behalf of the Greensburg City Councilmembers I want to thank everybody for attending today's meeting and swearing-in ceremony. It means a great deal to us that you've all taken interest in all of us and have favored us with your presence today. I will publicly promise you that there will be no single group of people that will work harder for your community than the City Councilmembers that sit here in front of you today, with the talented staff of City employees that we have and the Greensburg City Police Department. Together I think we can all continuously strive and work collaboratively to develop a community that we would all be very proud of. On a personal note, I want to especially thank Judge McCormick for taking time out from his busy schedule to be with us today. As he kind of touched on it today we grew up together. Our parents were the very best of friends. His parents were my godparents. We spent vacations together; we spent holidays together; we celebrated birthdays together, and his father swore my father in several times as Mayor. So to have him here today is not only symbolic but a huge honor for me to have him here and it's something that I'll always be grateful for, so I thank you, Judge McCormick."

Judge McCormick, "Thank you."

Mayor Bell, "Although he's not here today I want to thank Bill Eger for his many years of service to the City. I just recently got to meet Bill and in the short time I had with him I could tell that he has nothing but the best interest of the City of Greensburg at heart. From where I sit you have to admire and respect a person like Bill. I wish him and his family nothing but the very, very best in the future. I truly hope he stays involved with the City. Last, but certainly not least, I, the members of Council, both past and present, the City employees, the City Police Department, the City Fire Department, and I'm sure the residents of Greensburg would like to thank Ron Silvis for his many years of service to this community and to this City. I'd be really hard pressed to think of a person in Greensburg who has contributed so much on so many different levels to the City and to the community as a young playground leader for the City's Recreation Department; Randy claims they won the championship four years in a row. I kind of question that because everybody knows Northmont was a well-oiled machine."

Councilman Finfrock, "Northmont was a Tot Lot; we didn't consider them as major players."

Mayor Bell, "But he was a recreation leader, a teacher and administrator in the Greensburg Salem School District; he was a very, very highly regarded Councilman under my father's administration and now to Mayor. I just can't tell you how much your contribution to the City has meant. You've had a positive impact on the City and the community and I hope to see you around. Thank you very much. I also want to thank Donna Burdette and Sue Trout for putting together today's Special Meeting Agenda and for the reception downstairs. And after today's meeting we want to invite everybody to join us for a reception downstairs in the Conference Room."

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan M. Trout".

**Susan M. Trout, City Administrator**

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