SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. City Administrator, Kelsye Milliron, took roll call with the following members present: Councilwoman Lennert, Councilman Mertz, Councilman Zappone, Councilman Finfrock and Mayor Bell. City Treasurer/Fiscal Director, Colleen Gain, was also present. City Solicitor Zachary Kansler was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Bell

*** WELCOME***

Mayor Bell, "Welcome family members, friends, honored guests and City Employees, to this special Council Meeting for the swearing-in to office of the recently elected City Officials. I would like to give you a brief explanation of the swearing-in ceremony: Judge Richard E. McCormick, Jr. will administer the Oath of Office to myself; City Councilman-elect Randal Finfrock; and City Councilwoman-elect Cheryl Lennert. We will have the reappointments of Kelsye Milliron as City Administrator; Colleen Gain as Fiscal Director and City Treasurer/Tax Collector; and Zachary Kansler as City Solicitor. I will be administering their Oaths of Office. Zach is not here yet but we can proceed without him and I will swear him in at a later date. I will also administer the Oaths of Office to the Police Chief, Police Captain, Police Supervisors and Police Detectives."

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Robert L. Bell: Brad and Brett 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, "This is my chance every four years to give the State of the Municipality, I guess, and give my thoughts about this. This is the every four years where the Bell, Finfrock, Mertz family reunion takes place. That is the point that I want to make. There are those who know the Bells and the Finfrocks. Randy told me this morning that his grandfather was on City Council at one time. Randy along with Greg's father, Buddy, wrote the Home Rule Charter for this Municipality. This was before they were ever on Council. The whole idea of this is that in the small town of Greensburg public service has become ingrained in what you do as far as your family is concerned. He learned from his father and his grandfather; he learned from his father; he learned from his father; and I learned from my father and my grandfather that public service is of the greatest thing that we can do for our world. These uniformed, and some without uniforms, Officers, Chief of Police and etcetera are public service. Just think of how much time it would be if we were to calculate the amount of time spent awake at night by these Officers, Councilpersons, Mayor and all of the other public servants that are here today, just thinking about, or worrying about, the great responsibilities

that they have taken on voluntarily. They have chosen to be public servants. What a commitment. What a lifetime commitment these people make. Greensburg has its ups and downs. Coming down Main Street is one thing because there is the Courthouse. Come down Maple Avenue or Pennsylvania Avenue. That is where the real local stuff is going on. That is amazing to me. We are on an upswing in Greensburg and that is amazing to me. That is because of people that have chosen to give service to this City. We are very lucky for our heritage and we are very lucky for our future that they are here. Thank you all."

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Bell **MOVED** to appoint Kelsye A. Milliron as the City Administrator; Colleen Gain as the City Treasurer/Fiscal Director; and announced that City Solicitor Zachary Kansler will be sworn in at a later time. **SECONDED**: Councilman Finfrock. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken. **Unanimously all voted in favor of the appointments.**

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND TREASURER/FISCAL DIRECTOR

Mayor Bell administered the Oaths of Office to Kelsye Milliron and Colleen Gain.

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR THE POLICE CHIEF, POLICE CAPTAIN AND POLICE SUPERVISORS

Mayor Bell administered the Oaths of Office to Police Chief Chad Zucco; Captain Robert Stafford; Lieutenants Jason Gain, W. Robert Jones and Shawn Denning; Detective Sergeant John Swank; Sergeants Donald Cole, Nicholas Rullo and Donald Sarsfield; and Detective Charles Irvin.

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

Department of Accounts and Finances – Councilman Finfrock

Department of Administration, Development and Public Operations – Councilman Zappone

Department of Public Works - Councilman Mertz

Department of Parks and Recreation - Councilwoman Lennert

Department of Public Affairs and Safety - Mayor Bell

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

REMARKS

Mayor Bell, "Before I adjourn the meeting, on behalf of Randy, Cheryl and myself we would like to thank Judge McCormick for being here with us and swearing us in today. He swore us in four years ago and to have him here with us again, today, is truly an honor and privilege. Thank you again, Your Honor, we appreciate it. Also, we want to thank the citizens of Greensburg for giving us another four years to continue the work that we have all started to get this City moving in a positive direction. Having said that I want you all to know that it is not just the efforts of Randy, Cheryl, Donnie, Greg, Colleen, Kelsye and myself. There is a lot of people who are behind the scenes that do the work. We

just come up with the ideas. These are the people that make those ideas work. I want to thank not only Kelsye and Colleen but I want to thank Chief Zucco and the entire Police Department; the Department of Public Works; the Recreation Department; the Maintenance Department; everyone in the Fiscal Department; all of the Administrative Assistants; and all of the employees that work in the background. They do not get enough accolades. These people work their tails off day in and day out to make this City work. We started this journey four years ago and embarked on an aggressive agenda to repair our infrastructure and reorganize all of our City departments, where necessary, to create a more business and resident-focused government. This was done to stimulate growth and revitalization and more importantly to create stability under this roof. So far everything has worked according to plan and we are starting to see the fruits of our labor come in to focus. In addition to reorganizing our departments, we have repaired our infrastructure and upgraded key infrastructure areas ranging from our garages to our recreation facilities. We have modernized our Police Department with new equipment such as cars, guns, radios, and computers. That is just to name a few. Along with all of these upgrades we were working with a full staff. We recently had one retire and we will replace him as soon as we possibly can. As I said, we were working at full staff at our Greensburg Police Department which had not happened in years past. The Fiscal Department has been upgraded with new software so that we can now see real-time reporting on our financial position as it is happening rather than waiting two or three days, or maybe even a week. We have reorganized and upgraded our Planning Department and our Code Enforcement Department to help stimulate the development in Downtown Greensburg and the Gateway Districts. We have eliminated burdensome regulations, Ordinances and processes. We continue to evaluate current regulations and Ordinances and are systematically eliminating those that we find to be unnecessary and counterproductive in the redevelopment of our business community. We will continue to streamline our processes and improve our regulations and Ordinances to stimulate additional growth not only in our business community but in our residential neighborhoods. We feel that the City is only starting to see its potential. We look forward to the challenge of the next four years and continuing to work hard to make improvements to our hometown to move it closer to the finished product. We promise you that no one will work harder for the City of Greensburg than the five people in Council and these two ladies sitting beside me. We will work as hard as we possibly can along with the City employees to further our progress. We look forward to seeing what the City of Greensburg looks like in 2024 and we collectively believe that the best is yet to come. We thank you again for your confidence in all of us. We will not let you down. With that I would like to invite everybody, immediately following this swearing-in ceremony, to a reception down in the conference room. I invite you all to come. We would be ecstatic if you can join us."

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bell MOVED to adjourn the meeting. SECONDED: Councilman Finfrock. Unanimously all voted in favor to adjourn.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kelsye A. Milliron, City Administrator