

Minutes for August 10, 2020, Work Session, gaveled into session at 8:30 a.m. and was followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Solicitor Pappasergi explained the proposed Bill 5 – 2020 which amends the City Ordinance for excavating in City Street.

Terry Necciai questioned whether the new ordinance states that the bricks are owned by the City and should be returned to the City not taken as salvage.

Council had discussion as to the existing brick streets and those streets that have black top over brick streets and where those bricks are to be stored.

Councilman Polonoli stated that the City needs to have a meeting regarding the Fifth Street Storm Sewer project because he spoke to Rob Phillips from the Redevelopment Authority and the monies for the LSA Grant should be available any day and the City needs to be ready to go when the monies are available.

Councilman Kulak stated that he will give dates and times he would be available to meet and that the engineers should be included.

Bill Callahan from PHFC stated that over the next few weeks there will be field crews in Monongahela updating information on historic buildings which is outdated or nonexistent. The information will be used in the larger program to determine the best marketing opportunities for smaller scale communities.

City Council, Mr. Callahan, and others had discussion on community input for the program and how the process will be completed and what the potential outcomes will be.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that there needs to be an addition to the Employee Handbook regarding medical marijuana that it must be properly prescribed and cannot be impaired by it. He also stated that due to COVID we did not advertise for the RFQ and want permission to now advertise and council agreed.

George Eckert the City's representative to the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority and it was brought up at their last meeting that Washington County Commissioners have given Freedom Transit of Cannonsburg \$130,000 a year for their operations and has given nothing to the MMVTA. The Transit Board is asking that each community draft a letter to the Commissioners asking for a donation.

Councilwoman Williams questioned council if they were aware of there was an issue with the loan and the City had to resign. Council was unaware.

Mayor Garry stated that he had to sign something that Don Devore brought to his attention. It is a benefit for the town. They pay one time per year and the one payment for 2020 is taken care of. Mayor Garry asked to bring the City Clerk in to give additional information.

The City Clerk stated that she received a file folder with the signed document and a check for \$852.20. There were excess escrow funds and the 2020 payment was made with those funds and a check for the remaining \$852.20 was given to the City to be put into the Equipment and Repair Fund to be used for any repair that would need to be made on the fire truck.

Councilman Polonoli wanted to know if anyone had any LSA applications for the City to put in for next year. He doesn't want it dumped at the last second like the Fifth Street application last year. Mark asked if we could put it in for the old building at the street garage and who are we using to write the applications.

Terry Necciai has LSA application proposals one for the Library for basic repairs that need to be made and one on the Main Street side to extend the current program to include some \$20,000 amounts to do larger programs. Asking for a letter of support for both projects from the City and asked that the City make the entity submitting for the Main Street application.

Councilman Kulak stated that the City would need the grant numbers for the Library and the other because the City has to vote on the specific amounts. When the City is putting in multiple applications we are asked to pick one.

Councilman Polonoli something else with the LSA there are issues with the sewer on Fifth Street. If they are doing sewer line separations, the entire line needs a camera down to the river to make sure we don't have flooding somewhere else. There is a lot of water running down here during the heavy rains.

Councilwoman Williams stated that she feels that the offices need to be opened up again on Fridays as we are done with the Emergency Declarations and council agreed.

Terry Necciai stated that he wanted to get with council to discuss laying groundwork for a centennial for Chess Park which is two years away. When the Historical Society came in for the 250<sup>th</sup> they asked for exclusive rights and he feels it should be inclusive as it should be everyone in town not just the Historical Society. Council agreed.

Mayor Garry stated he was contacted by the Historical Society regarding the group that did the concert at the Aquatorium with the light show last year. They would like to record something similar to what they did last year and put it on video which the entire country would be able to see. No crowds just the crew and performers. This would be done in September if everyone is in agreement.

Councilman Polonoli stated that we would need to block that off to prevent people from going down there while it was going on.

Chief Harris stated Officer Talbert who has been hired and is on the current schedule and Officer Garlock will begin working in a few weeks. Then there is Officer Cooley who just finished the Academy and we are looking to bring him on in the couple months and get him trained. Wanted to thank Council for the temporary pay increase which has allowed him to bring some more good employee in.

Councilwoman Williams questioned if we are doing anything more with complaints for fireworks.

Chief Harris stated that there have been additional complaints regarding fireworks. It is still hard tracking down the people setting them off. There was one that they did make contact with.

Mayor Garry stated he spoke to West Penn Power regarding the outages in Black Diamond and he was going to speak to the people who contacted me.

Councilman Polonoli stated it is not a West Penn Power issue. It is a Verizon issue. He is trying to get the liaison from Verizon to meet with us. We have to go around and document everything and submit it to Bud Cook's office and they will forward it to their Verizon liaison.

Mayor Garry stated that since there was no further business to discuss that the work session is closed.

  
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City Clerk