

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Location: Ford City Public Library
February 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Bartuccio called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, February 16, 2015 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner.

Is anyone audio or video taping the meeting? Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper and Julie Martin – Leader-Times.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bartuccio lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Bartuccio, Vicki Schaub, Gene Banks, Scott Gaiser, Josh Abernathy and Mayor Mantini were present. Jerry Miklos arrived at 6:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, Asst. Secretary Patty Hornyak, David Valasek, Zachariah Chambers, Rick Wolfe, Lou Vergari, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, and Julie Martin - Leader-Times.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dave Valasek stated he hoped the parking on Ford Street would be addressed. Valasek stated that probably from 8:00 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. there was probably not a parking place. Valasek stated he has been to the Borough Building several times and spoke to the Police and asked if the problem could be alleviated

Zachariah Chambers – Owner Chambers Jewelers stated he is concerned about the parking as well. This has been an ongoing issue for a very long time, 10 years. It's almost a daily basis that customers have nowhere to park. If it's snowing or raining it's an issue. Chambers has made tons of phone calls over the years. It's a "Catch 22". If the cops don't come, the cars stay in one place all day long. Chambers was part of the Businesses that chose the "2 Hour" parking for Ford Street after the brick construction. Everyone agreed on it, instead of meters. That was a great change. But, we were told there was going to be a meter maid to enforce the issue. That didn't come about. There were some times where some Police Officer came out and stuck to it. It was working. There are a couple of Businesses that have employees that are parking on Ford Street and Chambers has been told we can't control where the employees. It is a Public Parking. It's frustrating, because if it's snowing or raining, you feel like why are you open. Because there is no parking for your customers. We rely on foot traffic, we rely on parking. We have a great street, a great town, but, it needs to be enforced. A meter maid is long overdue. Enforcement is something that should be done on a daily basis. Parking does effect Business.

ATTENDANCE

During Mr. Chambers time addressing Council, Councilman Miklos arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Rick Wolfe – owner Wolfe Agency stated parking is a major issue and has been from the start. It was alleviated from time to time. Our customers are elderly based and they complain they have no place to park. They go somewhere else. I certainly don't want to do that as a Business Owner. It's very frustrating when you open up in the morning and look on the street and there are no parking spaces and you know that there isn't anyone at anyone else's Business at that time. It's an ongoing problem. Please just fix it.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

Miklos made a motion to advertise for part time personnel to enforce Borough Ordinances. Seconded by Banks. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

NEXT PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ford City Public Library.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rick Wolfe thanked Council in advance for fixing the problem.

BOROUGH MANAGER COMMENTS

Ratliff made comments that required no action.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Mantini had no comments at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Abernathy, Banks, Miklos, and Bartuccio made comments that required no action.

Gaiser and Schaub had no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Miklos made a motion to adjourn.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lou Vergari suggested when the parking maid begins have here work 40 hours the first week. Then you can have the hours reduced.

ADJOURNMENT

Schaub made a motion at 6:21 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Banks. Motion Carried 6-0 Unanimous

Kathy Bartuccio
Council President

Patty Hornyak
Asst. Secretary