

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
4th MONDAY – WORKSHOP
Location: Latin American Club
November 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, November 27, 2017 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping. Vicki Schaub and Nick Vercelli – Leader-Times are audio taping. David Croyle – WTYM & Kittanning Paper is audio and video taping the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Fenyes led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Bartuccio, Beth Bowser, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan and Tyson Klukan were present. Marc Mantini arrived at 6:33 p.m. Mayor Cogley was absent.

ATTENDANCE

Ed Schmitt – Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri, Police Chief / Borough Manager Michael Greenlee and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Vicki Schaub spoke about the USDA Grant and Mini Casino.

ATTENDANCE

Marc Mantini arrives.

GIBSON THOMAS – Edward Schmitt

WATER PLANT PROJECT

Bartuccio made a motion to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition #16 in the amount of \$157,247.21 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

3rd AVENUE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Bartuccio made a motion to approve Pay Estimate #3 [Final] in the amount of \$26,176.62 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

USDA GRANT – VEHICLE RESOLUTION 32-2017

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 32-2017 authorizing the execution of a Community Facilities Grant Agreement and such other documents, instruments, and agreements, including without limitation the Request for Obligation of Funds (Form RD 1940-1), Letter of

Intent to Meet Conditions (Form RD 1942-46) and ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form (Standard Form 3881) necessary to secure grant funding in the amount of \$25,200 [Borough match is \$9,690] from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Services for the purchase of a 2017 Ford F250 4X4 SRW Regular Cab Pickup Truck. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

TAX ORDINANCE - 2018

Bowser made a motion to advertise the 2018 Tax Ordinance with the total millage at 17.40, there is no tax increase. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

2009 FORD CROWN VICTORIA

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 33-2017 authorizing the sale of personal property, in the form of a 2009 Crown Victoria, to the best responsible bidder, Chris Potocnak, in the amount of \$800.00. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PART TIME POLICE HIRING

Bowser made a motion to hire Jacob McMasters based on the recommendation of Mayor Cogley and Police Chief Greenlee as a part-time police officer for the normal six (6) month probationary period, passing a drug test and background check to be performed at the direction of the Police Chief and the Mayor and to be paid the current wage of the part-time police officer. Seconded by Bartuccio. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

MINI CASINOS

Council President Fenyes asked Solicitor Golfieri to explain the "Mini Casino". Governor Wolf signed a law [House Bill 271] amending the PA Race Horse Development & Gaming Act. Up to ten [10] Category 4 slot machine licenses are available. Category 4 allows for 300 to 750 slot machines and up to 50 table games. There is a 25 mile radius of an existing Casino. Solicitor Golfieri explained the options the municipality may choose: Pass a Resolution if Ford City does not want a Mini Casino, Pass a Resolution if Ford City wants a Mini Casino or do nothing. The deadline for a Resolution to be submitted is 12-31-2017. If Council chooses to take no action, then Ford City can't ever be considered for a Mini Casino.

Bower stated Public Opinion is needed. Bowser reads an email that was sent opposing the Mini Casino.

Council President stated Public Comment on this subject can be made by calling the Borough Office.

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were no representatives from the Fire Department or the Library.

Dick Wakefield – Planning Commission explained while they are waiting for the decision of the Phase 2 EIP funding [Application submitted to DCED for funding updating the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.] they are reviewing old ordinances. Wakefield asked for two (2) hour free parking from December 1 to December 31. Solicitor Golfieri stated the Ordinances would have to be looked at. No decision was made.

There was no report from Shadetree.

Joe Peters – Parks & Recreation stated they were awarded \$500 grant from Towns & County. This will be used for Way Point signs on 5th Avenue. Peters asked for an advertisement for additional Committee members.

There was no Finance Report or Police Report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

Bill Hilliard asked about an address, 504 5th Avenue. Someone listed on the Megan’s Law web site resides there. That is in close proximity to the Boulder Park. Are they permitted to live there? Was there an inspection before they move in? Was there a Sewage inspection done before they moved in?

Police Chief Greenlee explained prior approval must be received from PA State Police before someone on the Megan’s Law web site is able to move. PSP oversees this.

Solicitor Golfieri added the Borough doesn’t have control. There is a phone number to get more information.

Vicki Schaub spoke about the 2018 Budget and the proposed Gas Lease.

Council President Fenyes stated copies of the 2018 Budget are available at the Borough Office.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Borough Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Klukan made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Mantini.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

Carol Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary