

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Location: Latin American Club
August 13, 2018

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, August 13, 2018 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping and Nick Vercelli – Leader-Times is audio taping the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Beth Bowser, Mary Alice Bryant, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan, Marc Mantini and Mayor Cogley were present.

ATTENDANCE

Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner was also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Jerry Miklos asked questions about invoices on the Bills to Approve List.

JoAnn Scopel had no comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes for Borough Council's 5-29-2018 meeting.
2. Minutes for Borough Council's 7-9-2018 meeting
3. Minutes for Borough Council's 7-23-2018 meeting
4. Bills to Approve Bill List Dated 8-13-2018
5. Bills to Ratify – 8-13-2018
6. Water Reports – July 2018
7. Treasurer's Report – June 2018
8. Police Report – June 2018
9. Police Report – July 2018

Council President asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda items. There was no response. Council President stated since there were no objections, these items are adopted

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Council President announced the following Executive Sessions were held on the following dates:

- : Saturday, July 28, 2018 to discuss Personnel Matters.
 Monday, August 6, 2018 to take legal advice from Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS

HIRING – POLICE CHIEF

Bryant made a motion to hire Paul Hughes as the Chief of Police for the Ford City Police Department conditioned upon the entering of a mutually acceptable contract between Paul Hughes and Ford City Borough. Seconded by Bowser.

Mantini stated he would like to hold off on this, we would like more interviews to be held.

T. Klukan spoke about the need for [police] regionalization. Klukan stated there were three (3) candidates interviewed. Effective leadership is needed and to make the Citizens safe.

Council President asked for a Roll Call vote to be taken.

T. Klukan	aye	Mantini		abstains
Bowser	aye	Bryant	aye	
Fenyas	aye	R. Klukan	aye	

Motion Carried 5-0-1 Mantini abstains

HIRING – PART-TIME POLICE

Bowser made a motion, based on the recommendation of Mayor Cogley, to hire Melinda Warnsing 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 R, Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Cogley conducts swearing in ceremonies for Police Chief Paul Hughes and Officer Melinda Warnsing.

UNITED STEELWORKER’S CONTRACT ADOPTION

Council President reads for the record the tentative changes to the labor contract with the United Steelworkers of America. (Attachment)

T. Klukan made a motion to approve the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Steel Workers of America as presented. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous.

DOCUMENTS TO DESTROY – RESOLUTION 18-2018

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-2018 authorizing the disposal of certain municipal records pursuant to the Municipal Record Act and the Municipal Record Manual. Seconded by Bryant. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

USDA

Bowser made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-2018 authorizing the execution of a Community Facilities Grant Agreement and such other documents necessary to secure grant funding in the amount of \$28,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural

Housing Service for the purchase of a 2018 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD Vehicle and related accessories. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous (Attachment)

BROWNFIELD APPRAISAL

Bowser made a motion to approve and authorize Council President to execute a contract with Valbridge Property Advisors Pittsburgh in the amount of \$3,000 for appraisal services related to 42.58 acres of real property located in and owned by the Borough, identified as Tax Parcel 154.06-03-03 and commonly referred to as the "Brownfields". (Attachment)
Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

Randy Swartz spoke about his accident on 7-26-2018 and thanked all involved in assisting him. The problem has been resolved. Swartz spoke about the ADA Handicap project and identified two crosswalks that are not in the project scope and asked for them to be reviewed. They are on the West Side of 4th Avenue, crossing from the Housing Authority side to the Citizen Bank side of the sidewalk and crossing from the Klingensmith's Drug Store side to the Farmer's Building side of the sidewalk.

Dave Klukan spoke about a problem he is having at his property located at 1006 5th Avenue. It involves the Zoning Ordinance and a shed being constructed on the property. Klukan feels he is being harassed for improving his property.

Jerry Miklos spoke about the Snyder Gas Lease.

John Wyant spoke about noise coming from the football field. Mayor Cogley advised he has been on site and he did not hear noise. Police Officers were dispatched there and they did not hear noise.

Jo Ann Scopel had no comments at this time.

Dave Knepshield spoke about the problem at 411 9th Street property owned by Jason Bowser. Tires are being stored in there and it continues to be a danger to the community. Police Chief Hughes will contact EPA.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bowser thanked all the applicants who applied for the Chief of Police position. Bowser stated with the funding from USDA the fleet for the police department will have received a new car each of the last three (3) years.

DRAFT #1

T. Klukan announced there will be a meeting at the 10th Street Station on Monday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. to hear an update on Ford City's Comprehensive Planning process and why a new Zoning Ordinance is needed. T. Klukan added the ADA Handicap project will take approximately 12-16 weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Klukan made a motion at 7:21 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Bowser.
Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol R. Fenyes
Council President

Lisa Bittner
Borough Secretary