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6/29/2009

7:55 PM Council-Workshop

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The June 29, 2009 Council meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:55 PM in the Council Chambers by President Charles Underwood. In attendance were Council members Russell Robertson, Marietta Reeb, George McDowell, Andrew Mathew III, James Zeigler and Allen Bayer. Junior Council member Spencer Mathew was also present. Mayor Thomas Oliverio was not present. It was called to order at tht time because Council had a pre meeting executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Manager Donald Pepe, Assistant Manager Jill Stedina, Solicitor Matt Racunas, Engineer Tom Thompson and Police Chief Jim Miller were also present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Russell Robertson led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS

Allen & Jean Householder
Leon & Maxine Gant
Rob Reeb
Joann Rader
Aubrey seal
Jill Barker
Stephanie Garing
Bertha Barkley
Thelma Hawk
Norbert Miller
Bill McKeown
Angela Hall
Dawn Smith
Ron Gerwig
Jack McMillin

Thelma Hawk addressed council concerning barking dogs at her neighbors house and the lack of responsibility on the part of the dog owner

The following persons also complained in support of Ms. Hawk:

Norbert Miller
Bill McKeown
Angela Hall
Maxine Gant
Dawn Smith
Ron Gerwig

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Jack McMillin
Leon Gant

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. McDowell, second by Mr. Mathew, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009; April 13, 2009 Public Hearing and the June 8, 2009 Council meetings.

Motion carried 7-0

OLD BUSINESS:

Report on tracking of Council requests for information

This item was moved to the end of New Business.

Consider contract for Emergency Notification System

A motion was made by Mrs. Reeb, second by Mr. McDowell, to authorize the Borough Manager and the Chief of Police to contract for and implement the Emergency Notification System at a cost not to exceed \$1,500, with Swift Reach Networks. The name of the system is "Swift 911".

Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider options of Traffic Signal Improvements on Main Street through the SPC

A motion was made by Mr. Zeigler, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve option #1 as presented by staff for traffic signal improvements through the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission grant program. Option 1 provides for a smaller local match and a broader upgrade to major signals in town. It provides for the retrofit of the signals at Main & Beaver and Main & New Castle, with LED signals. The local match (20%) is about \$9,600.

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Motion carried 7-0

Consider request for the creation of an Auxiliary for the Fire Department

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve the concept for the creation of a Fire Department auxiliary and to recommend that those creating this organization move to the next step and provide proposed by-laws for legal review and council action.

Motion carried 7-0.

Consider Approval of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Robertson, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Department Wage & Policy Unit, as recommended by the PNT Committee. The ratified agreement covers the time frame January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2012.

Motion carried 7-0

Consider approval of Beaver Falls Municipal Authority Payment #5

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. McDowell, to approve Payment #5 to the Beaver Falls Municipal authority for the water line construction project for \$152,333,74.

Motion carried 7-0.

Consider request to use NW corner park for private event

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, second by Mrs. Reeb, to approve the request of Cassandra Matscherz for the use of the NW Corner Park for a private party on July 23, 2009 with the following conditions:

- Be responsive to complaints on noise
- Should a second complaint be received all music will be shut down
- Coordinate with the Street Department to obtain cones and barricades if needed
- Coordinate with the Police Department for safety concerns
- Insure that the area is cleaned of any trash and debris when the event is completed

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-The park of course cannot be used for parking for guests.

Motion carried 7-0

Consider authorization to advertise Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance amendment

A motion was made by Mr. McDowell, second by Mr. Bayer, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise a public hearing on Ordinance #794-09, an ordinance amending zoning ordinance #779-07, to reflect alterations in the general zoning code and to include an airport hazard zoning overlay on July 27, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Motion carried 7-0.

Consider Curb Cut request for Street & Electric Garage

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Zeigler, to approve the curb cut request and the installation of the driveway apron for the Borough Street & Electric garage, to allow for access to the garage area on the Grandview Ave side of the public works garage with the provision to determine if the cement work can be done in house.

Motion carried 7-0.

Report on tracking of Council requests for information

The manager and Council reviewed the listing provided and made comments as needed on specific items and how they would like to review this report in the future.

No formal action was needed or taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Consider Authorizing the scheduling of interviews with Borough Council and the Mayor for the three candidates on the Civil Service Eligibility list to fill the patrolman vacancy.

A motion was made by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Zeigler, to authorize the Police Chief to schedule interviews with the three candidates on the civil service eligibility list for the police patrolman position.

Motion carried 7-0.

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REPORTS:

Bayer

- No report on HRC
- No report on Joint Planning project
- Requested that council set up interviews for all three men on the civil service list for the police vacancy (see above in other business where this motion was recorded.)
- Requested that council meet for an executive session at 7:00 PM on July 13, 2009 prior to the council meeting to discuss the quarterly evaluation for the Borough Manager

McDowell

- No comment or report

Mathew:

- Noted water line construction status
- No EMA report
- Asked about speeding on Northview Drive
- Noted a sight restriction problem coming out of Zelig Drive that needs to be resolved.

Reeb

- No comment or report

Zeigler:

- No comment or report

Robertson

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- Noted new state law requiring state registration of contractors
- No Building and Finance Committee report
- No IT committee report

Underwood

- No report or comment

Oliverio

- No comment or report

Racunas:

- Recommends better ordinance to handle the false alarm problems that have occurred.
- He is working on the loan for the water line project

Chief Miller:

- No report

Thompson:

- Discussed the moving of wetlands and how that can be done.

Pepe

- Noted 2 intersections changed to LED traffic signals, Clay & New Castle and Grandview and Main.
- Water department is undergoing a leak detection survey. Found three leaks that will need to be dealt with. One is the responsibility of the Borough and is scheduled for repairs. Two others are not.
- Noted that as we purchase water we need a very strong ordinance to protect us from leaks that go un-repaired and are the responsibility of private persons.

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- Strand Theater request for temp tent in front of building to act as temp box office was approved.
- WBCA request for sharing in payment of excess sewer line costs. We will evaluate and report back to council.
- We need to make a decision soon on the long term financing of the water line project.
- Working on SB 168 which is the take or pay legislation affecting Municipal power companies in PA. PMEA, him as President, is working to negotiate amendments to take the risk away from the Boroughs
- Noted he is waiting for written response to his negotiation with Passavant on the Fee in Lieu charges
- Fire Dept noted they will need to repair the ladder truck due to damage done to the hose line system that is in the ladder system itself.
- Requested an executive session on personnel matters

Council entered Executive Session at 10:30 PM. They came out of executive session and reconvened the open meeting at 11:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Underwood at 11:02 PM.

ATTEST:

Manager / Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2009.