

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
4:30 PM**

**CITY OF OIL CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 25, 2015**

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mrs. Crudo at 4:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Mayor Crudo, Councilman Bartlett, Councilman Gustafson, Councilman Poff

ROLL CALL

Members Excused: Councilman Dunham (PML Convention)

Recording Secretary: Jena Knight

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held June 11, 2015 was made by Council Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Bartlett and was approved.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES – REGULAR
MEETING – JUNE 11,
2015

REVISION OF AGENDA

SCHOOL LIAISON REPORT

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

CURRENT BUSINESS

Several residents of the Oliver Manor development were present to speak of drainage problems in the area. Due to the recent severe rains which have taken place over the last several weeks, drainage issues have once again surfaced. Christy Basham, Brittany & Steve Miller and Jeff Karns have all experienced damage to their homes due to the torrential rains. Mrs. Basham has had severe damage to the living space of her family's home. Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Mr. Karns have had damage to their homes as well.

OLIVER MANOR
DRAINAGE ISSUES

Photos were passed around the Council table showing the damage which occurred. Video had been sent previously to

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the Councilmen and Mayor showing the flooding.

It appears that there is a swale that abuts the homeowners' properties and needs to be cleaned out on a periodic basis or flooding situations can occur. There is vegetation, dead leaves and other hindrances to drainage which is the homeowners' responsibility to clean out. The City is aware of the situation in Oliver Manor; however, according to restrictions applying to the Oliver Manor development, it is up to the property owners to take care of any overflow of water from one lot to another lot caused by severe rains or underground springs. Property owners should have been made aware of the restrictions when they closed on their properties' sales. Rayland Park is in the same situation, as are other developments. They each have their own set of rules, regulations and restrictions.

Mayor Crudo had lived in Oliver Manor at one time and she is very familiar with the problems there and she had kept her property cleaned up so that she and her neighbors would not experience any flooding.

Once the weather clears up, the City will go into Oliver Manor and repair the approaches to the driveways and catch basins which have been affected by the rains. These will be repaired with hotpatch materials and rolled for a longer lasting result and better appearance.

Mrs. Basham posed the question about whether or not that area can be considered a floodplain and the answer was no. Another question was posed as to getting their property taxes reduced because of this situation. Councilman Bartlett answered that they could go to the County to apply for reassessment.

Mr. Nelles indicated that, at some point in the future, the streets in Oliver Manor will need to be re-paved and that will be expensive since all these streets are not built to present-day specifications.. He also said that "technical support" can be offered to the residents in Oliver Manor to aid in possible solutions to the drainage issue.

There were two appointments on City boards that were addressed. Three letters of interest were received recently; one of those letters could not be considered due to the person already holding office on a City board.

**APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS,
AUTHORITIES,
COMMISSIONS**

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Daryl DeAngelis is currently a member of the Housing Authority whose term expired this month. He expressed an interest for reappointment and submitted a letter requesting to serve an additional term. Mr. DeAngelis has been a faithful member of the authority and it was recommended that he be reappointed.

A motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. DeAngelis was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Bartlett and was unanimously approved.

A letter of interest was received for the Redevelopment Authority or the Housing Authority from Alan Schiller. Since Mr. DeAngelis was reappointed to the Housing Authority, it was recommended by Mr. Nelles that Mr. Schiller be appointed to the Redevelopment Authority.

A motion to appoint Mr. Schiller to the Redevelopment Authority was made by Councilman Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Poff and was unanimously approved.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Crudo asked Mrs. Culver from the audience to step up to the podium to speak. Mrs. Culver is concerned regarding the condition of the two Land of Laughter Playgrounds in the City. Both playgrounds need much maintenance and repairs made to them. She brought photos for the Mayor and Council to view. She is hoping that someone can give her some ideas as to who to contact to get help in getting the playgrounds in shape.

**LAND OF LAUGHTER
PLAYGROUNDS -
ISSUES**

Councilman Bartlett indicated that Brian Stoltenburg is someone who can be contacted for some assistance with the playgrounds. Mayor Crudo also indicated that Kristin Arendash of the City's Community Development Department might offer some assistance as well.

Mrs. Culver would like to see some fundraising done and some volunteers to help. Mr. Nelles commented that he will be receiving some grant funds any day now that will be used to upgrade the Land of Laughter Playgrounds.

Mark Lundquist and Chris Brewer were in attendance to present information regarding borrowing money to begin work regarding the water and sewer project previously

**CONSIDERATION OF
BORROWING
ORDINANCE**

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**REGARDING WATER
AND SEWER PROJECT**

discussed this year. Mr. Lundquist indicated that this is phase one of two of the borrowing process. Initially, \$9,000,000.00 will be borrowed through CNB Bank. An ordinance has been prepared by Attorney Brewer of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP and will be presented later in the meeting. By law, some time must pass before the next round of borrowing can be presented to Council. Attorney Brewer will be in attendance at the July 23 meeting to present the next ordinance.

Mr. Lundquist indicated that this borrowing is in the form of a line of credit rather than a bond issue. It will be easier to utilize than a bond issue, and rather than paying interest on the whole \$9,000,000.00 as would be with a bond issue, the City will only pay on the money that it draws from the loans as needed. The interest rate will be 2.9% during the first five years, 3.6% during the next five years and then 4.3%, 4.75% and 4.95%. This will take effect August 1, 2015 and are capped at these quoted rates.

The second phase will be in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 and will take effect on January 1, 2016.

Local banks are being contacted to see if they would like to participate in the financing.

It has been indicated that this method of borrowing is much better than a bond issue and is easier for budgeting purposes. Mr. Lundquist informed Council that more money can be borrowed in the future should it be needed for additional projects. There is no penalty for early pay off.

Councilman Gustafson has indicated that he likes this idea much better than a bond issue and should be easier to manage.

Attorney Brewer then spoke briefly regarding the ordinance, explaining that it has been duly advertised and only requires one reading.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Mr. Nelles indicated that his efforts to raise money for several City projects has been successful. The City received a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the

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VFW. Part of the funds will be used for an “alligator” to clean the swimming pool. It is a robotic device that sweeps the pool and rids the pool of any foreign matter. The recent bad storms have ripped a shade cover which covers the picnic tables at the pool and the funds will be utilized for that as well.

Mr. Nelles also informed Council that today a check for \$10,000.00 came in from the PNA for the marina project. Mr. Nelles wanted to publicly thank both organizations for their very generous donations to the City.

Mayor Crudo asked if letters of thanks will be sent out and Mr. Nelles indicated that they will. The City sincerely appreciates all of the donations received. None of this work could be completed without volunteers and contributions.

Mr. Nelles also informed Council that on June 23, he met with the IBEW to continue contract negotiations. It appears that a possible agreement has been reached and the contract will be brought before the union members for a vote. He hopes it will be ready for Council approval at the July 23 meeting.

Mr. Nelles also indicated that the Siverly Run Project has been delayed due to the long-lasting inclement weather. It has rained approximately 22 days out of 30. The hillside where the work is to take place is so sodden that to place a heavy piece of equipment there would be taking a great risk. The work will be held off until the rain is over.

**FISCAL, CONTRACTUAL, AND BUDGETARY
TRANSFERS**

The following Vouchers were presented for Council’s review and approval:

VOUCHERS

Library Books & Materials	\$ 1,638.57
Oil Creek District Library	2,850.44
General Fund	192,885.90
Water & Sewer Account	153,560.34
Investment Account	10,000.00
Capital Reserve Account	12.76

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Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	3,594.13
Arts Council	9,719.44
Payroll Account	4,167.01
Parking Revenue Account	28.18
Utility Deposit Escrow Account	109.14
Water & Sewer Projects	500.00
Industrial Park	21.94

A motion to approve the Vouchers as presented was made by Councilman Poff, seconded by Councilman Gustafson and was unanimously approved.

The monthly financial reports for April 2015 were reviewed.

**APRIL 2015 FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

A motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Poff and was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Council Bill #2126 – Approving, Adopting and Enacting a New Codification Ordinance

**COUNCIL BILL #2126 –
APPROVING,
ADOPTING AND
ENACTING A NEW
CODIFICATION
ORDINANCE -
FIRST READING**

A motion not to read the entire Council Bill due to having it been introduced to Council at the June 11, 2015 Council meeting was made by Councilman Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Poff and was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve this Council Bill on first reading was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Poff and was unanimously approved.

Council Bill #2127 – Authorizing the Incurring of Nonelectoral Debt by the Issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$9,000,000.00

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BY THE ISSUANCE OF
A GENERAL
OBLIGATION NOTE IN
THE AMOUNT OF
\$9,000,000.00**

Attorney Brewer informed Council that three readings were not needed since the debt act supersedes the Third Class City Code.

A motion to approve this Council Bill was made by Councilman Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Gustafson and was unanimously approved.

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Resolution #2015-08 – Authorizing the Submission of the Wye Bridge Trail Engineering & Design Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority

**RESOLUTION #2015-08
– AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMISSION OF THE
WYE BRIDGE TRAIL
ENGINEERING &
DESIGN GRANT FROM
THE COMMONWEALTH
FINANCING
AUTHORITY**

Kristin Arendash of Community Development is requesting permission to submit a grant in the amount of \$46,000.00 for the engineering, design and construction document preparation to create a safe pedestrian/cyclist passage from Siverly to the Southside. The bridge is used regularly and is in a state of disrepair and is not safe. The Western New York & PA Railroad is willing to lease the inactive branch of the bridge to the City for \$1.00 per year for the remainder of their lease which is 17 years. The railroad has also agreed to provide the 15% required match for the grant up to \$7,500.00. A small contribution of \$700.00 by the City is also a part of the grant.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-08 was made by Councilman Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Poff and was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. was made by Councilman Bartlett, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

Leah Nelson, Staff
Kristin Arendash, Staff
Howard Faunce, Staff

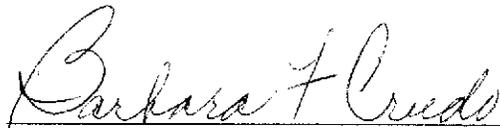
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Steve Hinds, Staff
Bob Wenner, Staff
Jill Harry, The Derrick
Mark Lundquist
Christopher Brewer
Amanda Fox Culver
Ed Moffett
Christy Basham
Steven & Brittany Miller
Jeff Karns
Sue Downing
Robert Conlan
Charles & Vickie McDonough

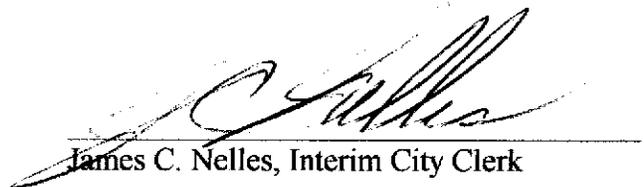
APPROVED BY COUNCIL THIS

_____ 9th _____ DAY OF _____ July _____, 2015



Barbara F. Crudo, Mayor

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Council meeting of June 25, 2015.



James C. Nelles, Interim City Clerk