

Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting

Monday, July 8th, 2019

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bell at 6:30 pm.

Moment of Silence called by Mr. Bell.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mr. Eric Chandler - Present

Mr. John Severine - Present

Mrs. Tina Bails - Present

Mr. Joe McGarry, Vice President - Present

Mrs. Fran Coleman - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, President- Present

Others Present: Borough Manager Denise Lesnock, KLH Engineer Veronica Bennett, Public Works Director Tom Lawrence, Chief of Police Alex Coghill and Mayor David Rhome.

GUESTS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Julie Chandler, of 219 East College Street, thanked the police/Chief Coghill and Mayor Rhome for the way they handled the protest that was to be held at the Fourth of July parade.

Mr. Bell announced that the meeting will be out of order to vote on a matter regarding personnel.

Motion to approve hiring Scott Kanotz as a full-time Police Officer effective August 9th, 2019.

Mr. Chandler made a motion to approve hiring Josh Smith in the position of Code Enforcement Officer.

Seconded by Mr. McGarry.

No questions on the motion.

6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

At this time, Mayor Rhome complimented Mr. Kanotz on his good work as part time officer with the department and introduced him to members of the Council.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Pool Building - Set up a committee and meeting
2. Fourth of July Parade - Thanked the Mayor and Chief for the way the protests were settled

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported the following:

1. 400 Block of Franklin Avenue - Would like council to make a vote
2. Letter from the Department of Justice regarding Sergeant Tenny's work in arresting a drug dealer who will now be serving 100 months in federal prison. Mayor Rhome stated he is proud of the police department and Sergeant Tenny.
3. Fourth of July - Reported that everything went well, there were 0 arrests, 2 heat-related health related

issues and 1 bee sting.

4. Mayor Rhome commented that Trey Wilson contacted him and stated how thankful he was to the community for allowing him to speak at the parade.
5. Monthly report of the police and parking enforcement
6. School District Superintendent thanked council for the SRO.

Mr. Bell presented a card from the Girl Scouts thanking council for the use of the pavilion

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Bennett reported on the following:

1. In the process of signing the contracts for the CCTV Sanitary Sewer Project, should arrive soon to be signed. The Paving project contracts should be ready to be mailed out soon and once they are signed, a preconstruction meeting can be scheduled and expects work to begin in August.
2. McBurney Road - A preliminary design has been completed and is waiting to hear back from KLH Engineer's CAD department and would like to meet with Mr. Lawrence to discuss the options.
3. College Street Culvert - Should be starting this week
4. Pool house - Set up meeting
5. Ridge Avenue - Preliminary plans for repair

Mr. Severine asked Ms. Bennett about weight limits on Vine Street in regards to tractor trailers driving on the road. Ms. Bennett explained that she has had communities not conduct a study to establish a weight limit and that the problem with not conducting one is in case someone challenges it. Mayor Rhome explained that 3 separate streets are having this issue. Ms. Bennett asked if this is something that can be covered by an ordinance that will state the size of the vehicle allowed on a residential street. Mr. Lawrence stated that council needed to decide if there will be a study or just set forth a limit on the street with a sign, again Ms. Bennett recommended an ordinance. Mayor Rhome asked that Mr. Bell contact Mr. Derrico to write up an ordinance regarding a weight limit on residential streets. Mr. Bell stated that as his time as police chief, he remembers there used to be something, possibly in the zoning ordinance, stating that tractor trailers were not allowed on residential streets. Further discussion was held on weight limits.

Mr. Severine asked Ms. Bennett about the other side of College Street needing repaired after the initial side is completed. Ms. Bennett explained that there was no cause for concern about the other side.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Administration and Finance:** Mrs. Coleman stated she reviewed bills and invoices and approve paying bills.

Motion to approve Canonsburg Borough bills.

Mrs. Coleman made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mrs. Bails

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman-Yes

Mrs. Coleman-Yes

Mr. McGarry-Yes

Mrs. Bails-Yes

Mr. Severine-Yes

Mr. Chandler-Yes

Mr. Bell-Yes

7 Yes. 0 No. Motion Carries.

2. Code - Tractor trailer issue was discussed. Complaints about trailers parked on the street and taking up resident parking.

3. Public Works- Mr. McGarry thanked Mr. Lawrence and the public works employees for their clean-up work after the parade. Mr. Lawrence says all the credit goes to his crew. Mr. McGarry presented the June 2019 Public Works Report included in the meeting packet.

4. Public Safety- Mr. Bowman reported the following:

The Canonsburg Volunteer Fire Department in the month of June 2019 responded to 26 calls consisting of:

1 Hazardous Condition Call

1 Good Intent Call

3 Fire Calls

6 Service Calls

9 False Alarms

6 Rescue Calls.

Average 6 firefighters per call, 38.5 minutes per call. \$60,850 in damage.

5. Facilities- Mr. Bell stated a meeting needed to be scheduled for the new pool building and that the work at the Senior Citizen's building is complete.

6. Parks and Recreation - Mrs. Bails reported on the following:

1. Formal dedication of the Pickleball courts on July 20th at 10:00 AM, all are invited. Mrs. Bails stated that the courts look wonderful, that a lot of money was raised at no cost to the borough. Asked that if there is extra asphalt after the paving projects, possibly some could be used for the parking lot at the park.
2. New pavilion to be built by the Woodland Heights playground, the cost is exceeding what was allocated. A new grant was applied for to repair trails, if there is leftover money from that grant, they would like to use to help pay for the pavilion. The capacity of the pavilion should be around 50 people.
3. Mini Library placed in the park near the Woodland Heights playground for children to borrow books
4. New pool slide was not installed because the concrete needed to be level.
5. Looking to install a new cover over the pergola near the concession stand.
6. New logo has been put into use.
7. Friends of the Park has committed \$500 to the new vacuum, the total cost is \$2,000.
8. Park board has ordered a handicap swing to be installed at the Woodland Heights playground, Friends of the Park will contribute \$800 to the cost of the swing which is \$886.
9. Rob Maceiko has been helping with finance and helping Terri Startare apply for grants.

Mr Chandler asked about the new slide. Mrs. Bails stated that it did not fit where they initially wanted to place it, they tried to place it where the old slide was but it didn't feel stable. Further discussion was held about the slide. Mr. Chandler asked if the slide would be ready by the end of the season to which Mrs. Bails replied that it's not likely. Mr. Chandler then asked about the new pavilion and how much over budget the cost was, Mrs. Bails replied that the amount was around \$10,000. Mayor Rhome asked Mrs. Bails about getting a letter from the manufacturer of the slide to keep on file and asked that the slide not be installed until council receives that letter

Mrs. Coleman stated that earlier Mrs. Bails commented that the Pickleball Courts were 100% self-funded, and disagreed saying that the Borough did give \$10,000 towards the courts.

Mr. Bell asked that he, Mr. Chandler and Mrs. Coleman meet with the park board and the solicitor to discuss the issues with the new pool slide. Ms. Lesnock asked that the pool house also be discussed at that meeting.

Mrs. Bails continued with her report, stating that they have been replacing picnic tables and benches as a fundraiser at \$500 each and 6 benches have already been purchased. Mrs. Bails also stated that water fountains have been installed in the park. Canon McMillan High School is having a basketball tournament at

the courts and the Armory Youth Center will be using the courts for the month of July. Mr. Chandler asked about the Park Board's fundraising process. Discussion was held.

Mr. Bell asked that the Engineer and Mr. Lawrence attend the meeting for the slide and pool house.

7. Re-Development:

Mr. Chandler reported on the following:

1. School Board signed off on the land bank and needs signatures from Mr. Bell and Ms. Lesnock before it gets mailed back to the Redevelopment Authority.
2. Community Conversations will be held on July 11th at the library. The guest will be Max Miller, who is in charge of the Washington County Business Incubator and will be discussing a business planning competition with a cash prize. Those who are interested in starting or expanding their business should attend.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council Meeting.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the amended June 10, 2019 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Council Meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Motion to approve appointing Carmina Vitullo to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mrs. Coleman made a motion to approve appointing Carmina Vitullo to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

3. Motion to approve appointing Pat Briner to the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve appointing Pat Briner to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Chandler.

No questions on the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. UP Church parking lot contract
2. Town Park pool house - discussed earlier.
3. Appointment of a member to the Planning Commission - Voted on tonight
4. Appointment of a member to the Zoning Hearing Board - Voted on tonight
5. Zoning Map

Mr. Bell asked that the UP Church be mentioned at the before-mentioned meeting.

Mayor Rhome asked Ms. Bennett about maps and discussion was held.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

Mr. Bell announced the passing of former Borough Solicitor, Patrick Derrico, recognized his service to the Borough of Canonsburg and stated it was a great loss to the community

Mr. Bell also announced the passing of Robert "Bubblegum" Boyd who was prominent with the VFW and

started the ambulance service in Canonsburg.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. McGarry to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Coleman.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted by:
Callie Munch