

Canonsburg Borough Council Voting Meeting

Monday, July 12th, 2021

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. Edward P. Yorke - Present

Mr. Richard Russo - Present

Mr. Harold Bowman - Present

Mr. Richard Bell, President - Absent

Others Present: Borough Manager Denise Lesnock, Mayor David Rhome, Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso, Public Works Director Tom Lawrence, Police Chief Alex Coghill

Absent: Engineer, Veronica Mowry.

GUESTS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Donna Stutts, 24 Munnell Street - Ms. Stutts expressed her concerns regarding the garbage company and issues with garbage and recycling pickup. Ms. Stutts also stated that a friend's husband, who resides on Arlington Drive, was arguing with a driver and the driver told the gentleman to "come down and fight him" and threw the can at him. Mr. Russo asked if Ms. Stutts had contacted the Borough office, Ms. Stutts explained that she has called many times and spoke to Callie and Kim and they have always been nice and helpful and she has also been on a conference call with herself, Mayor Rhome and a representative of County

Hauling who assured her it wouldn't happen again. Mr. Russo suggested that the Borough have another meeting with County Hauling representatives.

- Markus Solobay, 141 Murdock Street - Mr. Solobay addressed concerns with properties on his street including:

1. 149 Murdock Street - Vacant since September and the weeds/grass are overgrown.
2. 146 Murdock Street - Asked for an update of the former club, grass being cut periodically
3. 132 Murdock Street - Garbage being put out in front of the house with no lids and animals are getting into it.
4. 112 Murdock Street - Was being renovated but is now sitting there incomplete.
5. 135 ½ Murdock Street - Abandoned car has been sitting outside of the house for 4 years.
6. The Concrete business on Murdock is supposed to keep the street clear of debris everyday but it has not been done. Residents of Murdock Street got together one day and cleaned the street themselves.

Mr. Russo and Mr. Lawrence explained that the 200 block of Murdock Street is set to be paved this year which includes curbs and sidewalks (Church side, as the opposite side is in good shape being done a few years ago).

- Brandy Emery, 225 Murdock Street - Explained her frustration with the lack of attention on their street. Also stated that she was having concrete poured at her home but that her contractor told her that she was being fined by the Code Enforcement office, Mrs. Graff explained that her office did not fine her but will look into it for her.

Discussion was held about the curb/sidewalk/storm sewer repairs and keeping sidewalks clear of snow on Murdock Street.

Mr. Russo discussed vacant and blighted properties and the economic impact affecting other neighboring properties.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bell was absent, Mr. Chandler had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rhome reported on the following:

1. The Canonsburg-Houston Ministerial Services requests to use the front of the Borough Building as a secondary location for a 9/11 Ceremony
2. A lot of hard work and planning went into the Fourth of July celebration this year and reported that there were zero arrests and only 1 minor medical issue.
3. An arrest for drug dealing was made, resulting in a sentence of 6-30 years.
4. Requests an executive session for personnel with a possible voting item.
5. Provided a picture of C. May Interiors, located on West Pike Street, in regards to a loading zone in front of the building. After review, there are no codes that state how long a vehicle can be parked in a loading zone and that council should make a decision as to what that limit should be. Mayor Rhome explained that space can hold two vehicles and an extra 11 feet.

Mr. Russo explained that he and Mr. Severine spoke to the business owner and believes that a parking meter can be placed near the pole on the left and leave a loading zone in front of the business in question but install a sign stating a time limit on the loading zone (15 minute, 30 minute, etc.). Mr. Russo stated he believes more clarification is needed from the business owner as to what she expects from that space, Mr. Yorke explained that he would like Mrs. May to come to another council meeting to discuss this with her further. Further discussion was held whether the space is being used as a loading zone or permanent parking.

Mr. Severine asked that Chief Coghill and his officers spend more time policing the stop signs in the area, Chief Coghill replied that he would.

VOTING ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes of Canonsburg Borough Council. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

2. Motion to approve payment of all invoices on the warrant lists.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve payment of all invoices on the warrant lists. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

3. Motion to approve advertising a public hearing for consideration of the new Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve advertising a public hearing for consideration of the new Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

4. Motion to approve change order #1 for Contract 2021-02 Ridge Avenue Curb Replacement Project to Independent Enterprise, Inc. reducing the contract amount by \$6,256.50 to reflect actual quantities installed.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve change order #1 for Contract 2021-02 Ridge Avenue Curb Replacement Project to Independent Enterprise, Inc. reducing the contract amount by \$6,256.50 to reflect actual quantities installed. Seconded by Mr. Bowman.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent. All in Favor. Motion carries.

5. Motion to approve Independent Enterprise, Inc. Pay App #1 (Final) for Contract 2021-02 Ridge Avenue Curb Replacement Project in the amount of \$83,398.50 pending final approval of work by the Engineer.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to approve Independent Enterprise, Inc. Pay App #1 (Final) for Contract 2021-02 Ridge Avenue Curb Replacement Project in the amount of \$83,398.50 pending final approval of work by the Engineer. Seconded by Mrs. Bails.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

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

6. Motion to approve Deputy Chief Cross' Contract.

Mr. Bowman made a motion to approve Deputy Chief Cross' Contract. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

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

7. Motion to approve allocating \$30,000 from Capital Projects for a ballfield lighting project.

Mr. Russo made a motion to approve allocating \$30,000 from Capital Projects for a ballfield lighting project. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

Mr. Russo introduced Mr. Dave Marple, from the Girl's Softball Association, who was in the audience and asked if council had any questions for him.

Chief Coghill asked what kind of crowd Mr. Marple was expecting at the tournament the following weekend, Mr. Marple explained that the tournament would be occurring all day so the crowds will be split up throughout the day.

No questions on the motion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

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

8. Motion to approve an agreement with El Grande for a storm sewer project on Murdock Street in connection with our CDBG project in the amount of \$17,225.

Mrs. Bails made a motion to approve an agreement with El Grande for a storm sewer project on Murdock Street in connection with our CDBG project in the amount of \$17,225. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowman - Yes

Mr. Yorke - Yes

Mr. Russo - Yes

Mrs. Bails - Yes

Mr. Severine - Yes

Mr. Chandler - Yes

Mr. Bell - Absent

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

9. Motion to allow the Canonsburg-Houston Ministerial Association to hold a 9/11 Ceremony in the front of the Borough Building.

Mr. Yorke made a motion to allow the Canonsburg-Houston Ministerial Association to hold a 9/11 Ceremony in the front of the Borough Building. Seconded by Mr. Severine.

No questions on the motion.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Ordinance/Map - Public Hearing will be held before September voting meeting
2. Ordinance making Jefferson Avenue one way to create on-street parking (tabled from April 12th meeting) - Continue to table
3. Vacant Property Ordinance - Committee met last week and will meet again before finalizing
4. Landlord/Tenant Registration - Committee met last week and will meet again before finalizing
5. Weight Limit Ordinance - Will be ready for the August meeting.

Mr. Russo stated that it was previously discussed to remove the tree in front of the Borough building that blocks the view of the electronic sign.

Mr. Russo asked for assurance that KLH be present at the next Agenda meeting to discuss project cost estimates for the bond issuance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Severine stated that the blinking crossing light near the Senior Center is covered by a tree and causing a safety issue.

Mr. Yorke presented a letter to council explaining a policy that gift cards cannot be purchased with Borough money. This is an issue during the audit as all purchases with Borough money must have a detailed backup showing what the money was used for. The new Finance Officer, Mr. Luchini, noticed a gift card was purchased by the Park Board for the Garden Club and brought it to the attention of the Finance committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session was called by Mayor Rhome with a possible voting item afterwards.

Executive Session held from 7:27 PM to 8:23 PM. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Bails to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. Seconded by Mr. Yorke.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Submitted by:

Callie Munch