

CITY OF CORRY

CHAMBERS/ZOOM - ONLINE

7:00 PM

MARCH 20, 2023

Mayor Baker opened the meeting followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call found Council members Fike, Lindstrom, Roche and Sproveri present, along with City Solicitor Caparosa, City Administrator Smith, Public Works Manager Leofsky, Police Lt. Kitchen, Fire Chief Hodak, City Controller Hammond and City Treasurer Kelly.

(1) Mrs. Smith announced an amendment to the agenda – adding under Correspondence 5c: Airport Authority Letter.

(2) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2023 Regular Meeting; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(3) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda – adding the Airport Authority Letter under Correspondence 5c; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public: Mr. Fike spoke regarding his feelings of failure in representation by Knox Law Firm on behalf of the City in regards to Airport business. They represented the City for over 8 months, made plenty of money and took us down the wrong direction – having us believe the members that had been accepted to the board were eligible. It was not until it was brought up at a council meeting that it was sent back to them and discovered to be correct that some members were not eligible. Those members then had to find ways to make themselves eligible to stay on the board. Mr. Fike stated he believes it's in the City's best interest to request them to leave our service. Mr. Roche added that it is pretty hard to defend what happened and Mr. Sproveri agreed. Mr. Hammond added that the Airport bills from Knox tally up to \$7,600 (start of Airport business to date). Mr. Fike stated that they have held up business from being taken care of at the Airport for 8 months – are they going to remain under City employment? Mayor Baker responded, that is up to Council. Mr. Fike asked if we were able to motion to dismiss their services at this point – City Solicitor Caparosa stated not at this point – but at next months meeting or a special meeting.

Mr. Roche stated soft wood prices are half of what they were a year ago – we won't be doing that forest project right away.

(4) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file notification dated March 6, 2023 from Charter Communications/Spectrum regarding upcoming channel lineup changes; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(5) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation of the 2023 Liquid Fuels payment in the amount of \$220,874.69; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(6) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter dated March 15, 2023 from the Airport Authority outlining the actions and recommendations from the authority meeting; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(7) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file the 2020-2021 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Audit from the Pennsylvania Auditor General's Office; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(8) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 1633, Bill 23-02 official title Corry Tree Ordinance restating in the entirety ordinance 1451; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

**AMENDMENT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**APPROVE 2/20/2023
REGULAR MTG MINUTES**

**APPROVE AMENDMENT
– AIRPORT AUTH. LTR**

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

**CHARTER/SPECTRUM –
UPCOMING CHANNEL
CHANGES**

**PA DOT – NOTICE OF
PYMT MARCH 2023
LIQUID FUELS**

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY
LTR**

**LIQUID FUELS 2020-2021
AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**ORD 1633, BILL 23-02
CORRY TREE ORD
2ND READING**

(9) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 1634, Bill 23-03 known as the Quality of Life Ordinance restating in the entirety ordinance 1593; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**ORD 1634, BILL 23-03
QUALITY OF LIFE ORD
2ND READING**

(10) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 1635, Bill 23-04 the 2023 Refuse Rate Ordinance; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**ORD 1635, BILL 23-04
REFUSE RATE ORD
2ND READING**

- Weekly collection of refuse and twice a month of recycling at a rate of \$32.48/month.
- Residential electronic & household hazardous waste program rate of \$1.65/month.
- Senior Citizen discount of \$3.00/month.
- Additional toter rate of \$7.70/month.

(11) Mr. Fike announced the 1-2023 Contract (tar/chip) bid results:

**1-2023 CONTRACT
SEAL COAT
BID RESEULTS**

Suit-Kote	Base	\$ 87,918.01	low bidder
	Alt Bid 1	\$ 71,090.76	low bidder
	Alt Bid 2	<u>\$ 23,636.67</u>	low bidder
	Total	\$182,645.44	low bidder
Russell Std	Base	\$104,961.22	
	Alt Bid 1	\$ 91,810.68	
	Alt Bid 2	<u>\$ 26,658.71</u>	
	Total	\$223,430.61	

(12) Mr. Roche made a motion of notice of intent to award Seal Coat Bid Contract 1-2023 (Base Bid/Alt Bid #2) to Suit-Kote Corporation, Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**1-2023 CONTRACT
NOTICE OF INTENT
SUIT-KOTE**

(13) Mr. Fike announced the 2-2023 Contract (paving) bid results:

**2-2023 CONTRACT
PAVING BID RESULTS**

Lindy	Base	\$ 330,398.80	
	Alt Bid 1	\$ 375,229.40	
	Alt Bid 2	<u>\$ 574,024.10</u>	
	Total	\$1,279,652.30	
Cross	Base	\$ 300,693.34	
	Alt Bid 1	\$ 336,550.48	
	Alt Bid 2	<u>\$ 523,929.68</u>	
	Total	\$1,161,173.50	
IA Constr	Base	\$ 289,540.83	low bidder
	Alt Bid 1	\$ 321,118.35	low bidder
	Alt Bid 2	<u>\$ 501,387.05</u>	low bidder
	Total	\$1,112,046.23	low bidder
McCormick	Base	\$ 383,978.95	
	Alt Bid 1	\$ 434,687.00	
	Alt Bid 2	<u>\$ 676,709.00</u>	
	Total	\$1,495,374.95	

(14) Mr. Roche made a motion of notice of intent to award Paving Bid Contract 2-2023 (Base Bid/Alt Bid #1 w/ removal of Wright St) to IA Construction Corporation; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**2-2023 CONTRACT
NOTICE OF INTENT IA
CONSTRUCTION**

(15) Mr. Sproveri announced April 2023 is Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. This initiative serves as a reminder to all excavators and homeowners to call 811 at least three business days before digging. The call before you dig process helps prevent injuries, property damages, and inconvenient utility outages. The City of Corry supports April as Safe Digging Month! Call 811 before you dig.

**2023 SAFE DIGGING
MONTH
PROCLAMATION**

(16) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the hiring of Jonathan Harvey as a full-time Police Officer with the start date of March 13, 2023; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**J HARVEY FULL-TIME
POLICE OFFICER**

(17) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the hiring of Alyssa Turner as a full-time Police Officer with the start date of March 19, 2023; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**A TURNER FULL-TIME
POLICE OFFICER**

(18) Mr. Fike made a motion to authorize Chief Cherry to begin research and creating a K9 program and to authorize the City to accept donations specifically for the K9 Program; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**K9 PROGRAM –
ACCEPTING
DONATIONS**

- (19) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the 2023 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the Jefferson Education Society Multi-Municipal Collaborative Grant application; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (20) Mr. Roche made a motion to forgive water/sewer bill on Mead Park Association's acct #2337-0 due to underground water leakage in the amount of \$1,725.16; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (21) Mr. Roche made a motion to forgive water/sewer penalty on Mead Park Association's acct #2339-0 in the amount of \$26.34 due to the confusion related to underground water leakage within the park; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (22) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve 201 Mead Ave for consideration by the Erie County Land Bank (note: if property is acquired by the Land Bank, a full inspection of the property will be done to determine the feasibility of rehab or demolition); Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (23) Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion to receive and file letter dated February 24, 2023 from Charles Thompson resigning from the Airport Authority effective immediately; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (24) By recommendation of the Airport Authority Members – Mr. Sproveri made a motion to appoint Logan Hunt to the vacant seat on the Airport Authority; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (25) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the bill list when the monies are available and the vouchers are signed; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (26) Mr. Roche announced that moving forward, pending bills for the Airport Authority will be submitted for approval separate from the City's normal bill list except for the monthly utility bills. At this time, the City's General Fund will be paying these bills and then invoicing the Airport Authority for reimbursement.
- (27) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve payment of the Airport pending invoice to the Corry Journal in the amount of \$99.75 for the public notice regarding Solicitor Request for Qualifications (RFQ); Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (28) Mr. Sproveri reminded everyone of the new trash and recycling information:
- All trash must be inside toter starting week of April 1st
 - Bi-weekly recycling collection starts week of April 10th
 - Large item pickup on specific Tuesday for each route
 - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) including electronics – At Your Door Program is available now by calling Waste Mgmt. or going to their website
- (29) Mr. Fike Announced the following:
- Spring Brush and Bagged Yard Waste is scheduled for April 17-28 and must be at the curbside by April 14th.
 - Spring Hydrant Flushing is scheduled for the week of May 1st
 - Ward 1 – Monday, May 1st
 - Ward 2 – Tuesday, May 2nd
 - Ward 3 – Wednesday, May 3rd
 - Ward 4 – Thursday, May 4th
 - Columbus & Wayne Twp – Friday, May 5th
- (30) Mrs. Lindstrom announced the YMCA and the Chamber are working together to bring a finalized and detailed description to Council for the Wood Carving Event and CorryFest for the dates of June 15th – 18th.
- (31) City Solicitor Caparosa stated that we have been working to resolve the residency issues with the Airport Authority and she believes that we have resolved that finally – after working with Jennifer Gornall and the Mayor – it is believed that everyone is now eligible and with appointment of Logan Hunt we are now to a full compliment.

- 2023 MOU
JEFFERSON EDU.
SOCIETY**
- MEAD PARK #2337-0
BILL FORGIVENESS**
- MEAD PARK #2339-0
PENALTY
FORGIVENESS**
- 201 MEAD AVE
ERIE CO LAND BANK**
- C THOMPSON –
AIRPORT AUTH RESIG**
- L HUNT – AIRPORT
AUTH APOINTMENT**
- BILL LIST**
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PENDING BILL LIST**
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PAYMENT**
- TRASH/RECYCLING
CHANGES**
- SPRING BRUSH
CLEANUP AND
HYDRANT FLUSHING**
- YMCA/CHAMBER –
WOOD CARVING &
CORYRFEST EVENTS**
- CITY SOLICITOR
UPDATE – AIRPORT
AUTH.**

Hearing of the Public: Mr. Roche spoke in regards to the study that is being done with DCED – he'd like to have their guidance on buildable areas within the City and asked Mrs. Smith to please pass that message along.

Mr. Sproveri said he'd like to challenge the public to come and fill the empty seats at Council meetings so they can hear their opinions.

Mayor Baker announced a change he'd like to see in regards to Hearing of the Public - to the way it was done when he was on the school board – a speaker is requested to announce their name, address, if they are a resident, business owner or tax payer. If not, Council will vote on approval to hear the comments.

James Roberts spoke via Zoom – inquiring if local media station WHYP is considered a reporter. He watches as a volunteer reporter for WHYP and would like to ask a question if he wants to. Council advised that will be accepted. He questioned Airport billing and what is billable to the Airport Authority. Mrs. Smith advised him to contact her for a total as the numbers weren't available at that time.

(32) Announcement of meetings:

- a. March 9th a Council information session was held regarding a potential project.
- b. March 20th (prior to tonight's meeting) a Council information session was held regarding contracts.
- c. Thursday, April 6th, CDBG Public Hearing, 5 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom.
- d. Thursday, April 6th, work session, 5:15 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom
- e. Monday, April 17th, regular meeting, 7 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom

(33) The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Thomas
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 City Clerk

