

CITY OF CORRY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

Mayor Mitchell opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Chief Lathrop. Roll call found Council members Drake, Hamilton, Roche and Sproveri present, along with City Solicitor Carney, City Manager Biondi, City Business Manager Heil, Police Chief Shopene and Fire Chief Lathrop.

(1) Mr. Biondi announced an addendum to the agenda – adding a letter from the Tri-County Snowblazers under correspondence.

(2) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the January 20, 2020 regular meeting minutes; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public:

Marty Radock presented to Council the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance Annual Report of 2018. Along with a request for the City to become a member of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance (EPTA). Documents were handed to the City Clerk.

Kelly Soety, of the Corry Federal Credit Union asked why the credit union was not considered for the City's official banking service. It was stated that there was no specific reason the credit union was not considered. The City did request proposals from the approved 2020 depositories of PNC Bank, First National Bank, Northwest Savings Bank and Key Bank.

(3) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file letter from the Department of Community & Economic Development stating that the grant for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for \$298,504 has been approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roche and carried unanimously.

(4) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file letter dated January 24, 2020 from the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission regarding the PCCD Compliance Monitoring Program; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The letter stated the commission visited the Corry Police Department on January 24, 2020 and found no violations or problems requiring formal resolutions were identified during the site visit. The department is in full compliance with the core protections identified within the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002.

(5) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file the January 30, 2020 Impact Corry Update correspondence; Mr. Drake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(6) Mr. Drake made a motion to receive and file resignation letter dated January 30, 2020 from Yulonda Theuret; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Drake made a motion to accept resignation of Yulonda Theuret effective February 7, 2020; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mayor Mitchell thanked her for her service to the City.

(7) Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to receive and file letter received February 3, 2020 from the Tri-County Snowblazers requesting permission to use Shady Avenue and Hatch Street for snowmobile use for the 2019-2020 season; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

AMEND AGENDA

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

**HEARING OF THE
PUBLIC
- TRAIL ALLIANCE
- CORRY FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION
QUESTION**

**2019 CDBG GRANT
APPROVED**

**PA JUVENILE
COURT JUDGES
COMPLIANCE
MONITORING
PROGRAM**

**IMPACT CORRY
UPDATE**

**Y THEURET
RESIGNATION LTR**

**TRI-COUNTY
SNOWBLAZERS
REQUEST**

Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve the same predesignated streets used last season of Shady Avenue, Hatch Street and Russell Road for snowmobile traffic for the 2019-2020 winter season; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(8) Mr. Drake made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1603, Bill 20-01 on second reading an ordinance setting 2020 refuse and recycling rates. Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(9) Mayor Mitchell presented a proclamation designating the month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" to encourage all residents, engineers, designers, excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or swimming pool or replacing a drive way. Mr. Drake made a motion to accept the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(10) Mr. Roche started discussion regarding the City's banking relationship and asked what are the rules governing transactions such as moving funds to another banking institution. He asked if we should check into the Credit Union. Mr. Roche made a motion to table the vote on moving the bank accounts; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion. Mayor Mitchell and Mr. Biondi explained the time crunch as to PNC closing the Corry branch on February 21, 2020 and the need to make daily deposits. Mr. Carney recommended moving forward with moving the funds and look into future services with the credit union. Mr. Roche withdrew his motion to table and Mr. Sproveri seconded. A meeting will be setup with the Corry Federal Credit Union to review future banking services.

Mr. Roche made a motion to approve moving bank accounts from PNC Bank to First National Bank as the City updates its banking relationship; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(11) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve an offer to promote Jerred Hodak to Deputy Fire Chief and Deputy Code Compliance Officer; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Sproveri made a motion to appoint Jerred Hodak as the Deputy Fire Chief and Deputy Code Compliance Officer as of February 10, 2020; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(12) Mayor Mitchell congratulated everyone that help with the weekend events of Cabin Fever and Flannel Night downtown. The downtown was very busy both Friday night and Saturday.

(13) Mr. Roche made a motion for the approval of the payment of the bill list when funds are available and vouchers are signed; Mr. Drake seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mr. Roche announced that a review of the 2019 year end financials was conducted at the planning meeting on Thursday.

(14) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve restricting \$220,000 in the City General Fund for future capital improvement; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(15) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve restricting \$95,000 in the City Sewer Fund for future capital improvement; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(16) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve restricting \$200,000 in the City Water Fund for future capital improvement; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(17) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve restricting \$65,000 in the City Refuse and Recycling Fund for future capital improvement; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**APPROVE USE
STREETS FOR
SNOWMOBILES**

**ORD 1603,
BILL 20-01
2020 REFUSE
RATE**

**PA 811 SAFE
DIGGING
PROCLAMATION**

**MOVE BANK
ACCOUNTS TO
FIRST NATIONAL
BANK**

**J HODAK
DEPUTY FIRE
CHIEF AND
DEPUTY CODE
COMPLIANCE
OFFICER**

**MAYOR
COMMENTS**

BILL LIST

**TRANSFER TO
RESTRICTED
FUNDS**

(18) Mr. Sproveri stated that the down payment for the 100-foot aerial platform firetruck was delivered to Rostraver Central Volunteer Fire Company to secure the purchase. The truck is planned to be delivered in April.

Mr. Sproveri made a public service announcement/request to see residents of Corry pay things forward by helping their neighbors or others that are not able to shovel their sidewalks by assisting them in doing so. By ordinance, it is the property owners responsibility to clear snow from the sidewalks. The City does plow a prearranged route approved by the City and the School District.

Chief Lathrop stated the engine #2 is at the City garage for repairs.

(19) Mr. Drake made a motion to approve research and purchase of a used vacuum truck not to exceed already budgeted expenditures for equipment capital improvements; Mrs. Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(20) Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve the event request for the Corry Alliance Academy Warrior 5K to be held on April 18, 2020; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(21) Mr. Biondi announced that Steve Bailey was a recipient of a the Kendrick B. Melrose Family Foundation gift to send 17 members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) to the 2020 Golf Industry Show in Orlando, January 25th – 30th 2020. Mr. Bailey participated in networking, leadership activities and education seminars. All expenses were paid by the foundation with no cost to the City.

Hearing of the Public:

Mr. Roche announced that he will be meeting with Guy Dunkle of The Foundation for Sustainable Forests on Wednesday, February 5th, at 9 am to look for diseased trees that should be removed at Mead Park and Sherman Street.

Karen Silvis voiced her concern regarding the safety of individuals using motorized wheelchairs on the streets. Chief Shopene stated that the law is ever fluxing and motorized wheelchairs have not been addressed. Mrs. Silvis also asked if there may be any items in the old waterworks building that could be saved for historical purposes. If so, she asked if the City would donate them to the Corry Historical Museum.

(22) Announcement of meetings:

- Thursday, January 30, 2020, an executive session was held regarding personnel and legal matters
- Thursday, February 13, 2020, 4 pm – planning session
- Monday, February 17, 2020, 7 pm – regular meeting
- Thursday, February 27, 2020, 4 pm – planning session
- Monday, March 2, 2020, 7 pm – regular meeting

(23) Mayor Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Joanne M. Smith
City Clerk

**SAFETY
DIRECTOR
COMMENTS**

**APPROVE
RESEARCH /
PURCHASE
VACUUM TRUCK**

**EVENT REQUEST
WARRIOR 5K**

**S BAILEY
2020 GOLF
INDUSTRY
SHOW**

**HEARING OF THE
PUBLIC**

**MEETINGS
SCHEDULE**

ADJOURN