

# CITY OF CORRY

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**7:00 PM**

**APRIL 20, 2020**

Mayor Mitchell opened the teleconferenced meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Jonathan Fehl of the First United Methodist Church. Roll call found Council members Drake, Hamilton, Roche and Sproveri present, along with City Solicitor Carney, City Engineer Maas, City Manager Biondi, City Business Manager Heil, Police Chief Shopene, Fire Chief Lathrop and Public Works Lead Operator Leofsky.

**ROLL CALL**

(1) Mr. Heil announced an addendum to the agenda – adding under new business a Letter of Support to the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance.

**AMEND AGENDA**

(2) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the March 16, 2020 regular meeting; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

**APPROVE  
MINUTES**

**Hearing of the Public:**

Rick Novotny and Erin Passinger of the Corry Redevelopment Authority presented a downtown banner campaign for Center St honoring military veterans or active-duty. They have received grants from three clubs totaling \$3,000 for the banner campaign. Suggested launch is for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and run for the summer. Mr. Novotny explained that another project by other individuals is to honor the graduating 2020 seniors with banners. He stated that either project would need the support from the City to hang the banners.

**HEARING OF THE  
PUBLIC**

Mayor Mitchell made a motion to use the downtown light poles for the downtown banners related to the military and also for the high school senior project if it becomes viable; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

**APPROVE  
DOWNTOWN  
BANNERS**

(3) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file a letter related to the repository sale of W Washington St 2.64 AC CAL, Tax ID# 07-025-051.0-001.00 and Grand St Tr 50&51 268X126, Tax ID# 07-025-052.0-001.00 for the offer of \$275 each from Michael A. Tebalt. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

**REPOSITORY SALE  
W WASH ST  
GRAND ST  
TABLED**

Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to table both repository sale request until the May 18, 2020 Council Meeting to allow for more time for research and review; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(4) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file the April 6, 2020 Impact Corry update; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously. Mr. Roche stated that he has been in contact with Impact Corry to insure that there is no duplication of services and expenses by different organizations.

**IMPACT CORRY  
UPDATE**

(5) Mr. Drake made a motion to receive and file the letter dated March 13, 2020 from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission offering a settlement agreement related to the WWTP bypass to Hare Creek; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

**PA FISH & BOAT  
SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT**

Mr. Drake made a motion to approve the agreement and payment to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in the amount of \$500; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(6) Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to receive and file the letter from Heather Stanbro related to the Class of 2020 Yard Sign Project; the motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously.

**CLASS 2020 YARD  
SIGN PROJECT.**

Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve the Class of 2020 Yard Sign Project under the condition the organizers coordinate with the City Zoning Officer to ensure requirements are met related to sign dimensions, location, removal and length of posting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(7) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and Warn Notice dated April 14, 2020 from FXI to the planned closure of their facility; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(8) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file the March 2020 District Judge Report; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(9) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file the March 2020 Fire Report; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously. Chief Lathrop stated the #103 is back in service. The City Garage repaired a leak in the valve.

(10) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file the March 2020 Police Report; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously. Chief Shopene stated the March was in line with January and February but April has dropped off in crime. Mayor Mitchell thanked the Chief and Police, Fire, Public Works and administration for the dedication during this difficult time. He stated it shows that we are one team and that team has stepped up.

(11) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file the March 2020 New Vendor List; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(12) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve Resolution 20-03 Temporarily Eliminating Water Turn Off Fees until restrictions are lifted by the PUC at which time the fee will be reinstated and assessed; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(13) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to reappoint Paul Carney as the City Solicitor with the term to expire the first Monday in May 2024; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously. Mr. Carney thanked Council and is looking forward to the next four years.

(14) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to reappoint August Maas as the City Engineer with the term to expire the first Monday in May 2024; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously. Mr. Maas thanked Council.

(15) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to reappoint Joanne Smith as the City Clerk with the term to expire the first Monday in May 2024; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously. Mrs. Smith thanked Council.

(16) Mr. Drake made a motion to approve the purchase of a used 2015 ¾ ton truck and plow for the Water Department not to exceed \$28,000; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(17) Mr. Drake made a motion to approve the transfer of truck #14, 1999 Ford F-250, to the Streets Department from the Water Department; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(18) Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve the development of a project related to updates to our emergency shelters housed in City owned facilities in addition to requesting funding for the projects through

**FXI WARN  
NOTICE**

**DISTRICT JUDGE  
REPORT**

**FIRE REPORT**

**POLICE REPORT**

**NEW VENDOR  
LIST**

**20-03 TEMP  
ELIMINATING  
FEE RESOLUTION**

**APPOINT  
SOLICITOR**

**APPOINT  
ENGINEER**

**APPOINT  
CITY CLERK**

**APPROVE  
PURCHASE 2015  
TRUCK & PLOW**

**TRANSFER  
TRUCK #14**

**PROJECT  
EMERGENCY  
SHELTERS**

the CDBG funding process related to the COVID-19 Pandemic; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(19) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve a MOU between the City of Corry and the Jefferson Society related to the support of the Jefferson Society Leadership Academy; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(20) Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve a letter of support to the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance for seeking funding to Pennsylvania DCNR; the motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously.

(21) Mayor Mitchell again thanked Council and staff for their hard work. He highlighted how the people of Corry are responding and cooperative for the most part to the regulations regarding COVID-19. He stated that the City has worked very hard over the past 2 years with the emergency management system and staff under the leadership of Mr. Biondi and Council and he is truly grateful.

(22) 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.

(23) Mr. Sproveri stated the COVID-19 action plan is holding true to the State plan. Chief Lathrop, Chief Shopene and Mr. Biondi have put the City plans to paper. Mr. Biondi stated that the team has responded well and have been able to follow the Federal, State and County mandates while continuing to provide services. Chief Lathrop stated that PPE supplies were received today to protect our employees and also supplies were received to treat buildings and vehicles.

(24) Mr. Drake announced that spring brush and bagged leaf pickup will begin today, April 20<sup>th</sup> and run through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

(25) Mr. Biondi explained the need of the WWTP SCADA System replacement with the hardware and software being obsolete and the failure that had just happened. He stated that a detailed review of proposals needed to be done, the funding of the project could be done by reallocating \$95,000 in the 2020 budget and the balance of \$105-\$145,000 to come from the sewer capital reserve fund. This would leave approximately \$220,000 in the sewer capital reserve fund.

Mr. Drake made a motion to approve a capital project to replace the WWTP SCADA system with a price not to exceed \$240,000 and allow the Director of Public Works, City Manager and Business Manager to determine which firm to contract for the work; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously. A motion to unrestrict funds will come before Council at a later date.

(26) Mr. Drake made a motion to approve the purchase of a used 2015 ¾ ton truck and plow for the Water Department not to exceed \$27,000; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously. Mr. Biondi stated that by purchasing used equipment will save the department over \$25,000 in the 2020 budget.

(27) Mr. Drake made a motion to transfer truck #21, 2000 Ford F-250, to the Streets Department from the Water Department; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

(28) Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to receive and file the event request related to Drag Racing events at the Corry Lawrence Airport; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

Gary Dietz and Curt Utegg of C&G Drag Racing gave a brief overview of the event and gave detail of a similar event in St. Marys. He stated this year's plan is to have street cars and racing would be limited from

**MOU JEFFERSON  
SOCIETY**

**LETTER OF  
SUPPORT TRAIL  
ALLIANCE**

**MAYOR  
COMMENTS**

**APPROVE  
BILL LIST**

**SAFETY  
DIRECTOR  
COMMENTS**

**SPRING BRUSH  
PICKUP**

**APPROVE  
REPLACEMENT  
WWTP SCADA  
SYSTEM**

**APPROVE  
PURCHASE 2015  
TRUCK & PLOW**

**TRANSFER  
TRUCK #21**

**EVENT REQUEST  
DRAG RACING**

noon – 5 p.m. Mr. Biondi explained concerns from the Police Chief and Fire Chief. Rick Novotny stated that he would support any ventures to help the airport to help become self-sufficient and to preserve the asset. Mayor Mitchell suggested doing something special for the residents in the area of the airport. Jenna Ayers spoke as a resident of Airport Road stated she thought it was a wonderful idea.

Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to approve the event request under the condition it is coordinated with City Management and the Airport Authority to address any approvals or areas of concern; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(29) Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to cancel all City events through June 30, 2020 related to the COVID-19 Pandemic protocols; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Roche and carried with Mr. Drake and Mr. Sproveri voting against. This motion can be reversed by Council.

(30) City Engineer Maas stated that the Phase II of the Water Project has started with the building on Sciota Road has been demolished and preliminary work has begun on the water tanks. The booster project has not been started.

(31) Mr. Heil thanked Council for the technology investments during the past 2 years with the website and water department software. This has allowed us to continue servicing customers remotely and have the availability to get through the pandemic well.

**Hearing of the Public:**

Jackie Joy questioned if the parks were also going to be closed until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Biondi stated that the motion was for scheduled events. The City will follow the mandates regarding the parks provided by the Federal, State and County levels.

Charlie Campbell asked for more information regarding the settlement agreement with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The agreement states that the waste water treatment plant had a series of events that lead to waste water entering into Hare Creek. And that the City is voluntarily agreeing to pay the commission \$500 in lieu of fines and civil damages.

Mr. Campbell voiced his concern that there was no comments from Council regarding the Warn Notice from FXI. Mayor Mitchell stated that he and Council does share his concerns regarding the letter from FXI but at this time Council does not have enough information to comment. The City does not know their plan and will gather information. The City has reached out to Economic Development and Rick Novotny.

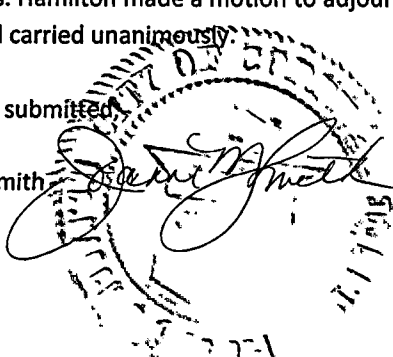
(32) **Announcement of meetings:**

- Thursday, April 30, 2020, planning meeting CANCELLED
- Monday, May 4, 2020, regular meeting CANCELLED
- Thursday, May 14, 2020, planning meeting CANCELLED
- Monday, May 18, 2020, 7 pm – regular meeting – teleconference
- Monday, June 15, 2020, 7 pm – regular meeting – teleconference

(33) Mrs. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Smith  
City Clerk



**APPROVE  
EVENT REQUEST  
DRAG RACING  
AT AIRPORT**

**CANCEL EVENTS  
THRU 6/30/2020**

**CITY ENGINEER  
COMMENTS**

**BUSINESS  
MANAGER  
COMMENTS**

**HEARING OF THE  
PUBLIC**

**MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

**ADJOURN**