

CITY OF CORRY

COMMUNITY CENTER

7:00 PM

AUGUST 3, 2020

Mayor Mitchell opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Pastor Brian Eiss of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Roll call found Council members Drake, Roche (by phone) and Sproveri present, along with City Manager Biondi, City Business Manager Heil, Police Chief Shopene and Fire Chief Lathrop.

(1) Mr. Biondi announced an addendum to the agenda – adding under new business – Police Promotion Recommendation.

(2) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the July 20, 2020 regular meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public: none

(3) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file letter dated July 21, 2020 from the Downtown Business Association thanking all involved with assisting with the July First Friday event; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(4) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file letter dated July 27, 2020 from Joshua Olszewski tendering his resignation as a part-time officer on August 15, 2020; ; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

Mayor Mitchell made a motion to accept Officer Olszewski's resignation as a part-time officer with regret; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously. Council wished him well with his full-time position with the Erie Police Department.

(5) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file letter dated July 29, 2020 from Blue Zones Project related to yard signage; the motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously.

Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the signage request from the Blue Zones; the motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously. Signs will be available for yard placement beginning September 8 and will be removed no later than November 15. Signs will be distributed along with detailed instructions on the restrictions and timeline to be followed.

(6) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file a communication dated July 29, 2020 from Taree Hamilton tendering her resignation from City Council effective immediately; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the resignation of Taree Hamilton from her role on City Council with deep regret; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously. All of Council sent best wishes to Mrs. Hamilton and stated she will be missed. She had done great work on many projects and grants including the recycling projects/events.

(7) Mr. Biondi presented the 5 year Municipal Winter Traffic Services Agreement with PennDot to allow the City to plow the state roads listed on exhibit "A" of the agreement. This agreement has reduced the number of state roads the City will be plowing. The agreement states that the City will be responsible for 13.01 lane miles and compensated with a lump sum payment of \$25,262.93 for the first year with suggested increase of 3% per year. Mr. Drake made a motion to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement/resolution with PennDot; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

AMEND AGENDA

APPROVE
MINUTES

DOWNTOWN
BUSINESS ASSOC
THANK YOU LTR

J OLSZEWSKI
RESIGNATION AS
PART-TIME POLICE
OFFICER

BLUE ZONES YARD
SIGNAGE REQUEST

T HAMILTON
RESIGNATION
FROM COUNCIL

5 YEAR MUNICIPAL
WINTER TRAFFIC
SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH
PENNDOT

(8) Mayor Mitchell was pleased with the First Friday event and happy the Community Yard Sales could be held this year. He expressed how proud we are of the Corry Trap Team. They have been shining stars of the community for many years.

(9) 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 he's not attending the meetings in person because of the fatal virus and he believes it is the smart thing to do and keep exposure down.

(10) Mr. Sproveri stated for the safety of yourselves and others to be careful and follow the CDC guidelines and to be courteous of others. The City is taking the next step and as of today will be taking all employee temperatures daily.

(11) Mr. Biondi announced the following paving bid tabulations:

Contract 1-2020 Asphalt Paving and ADA Curb Ramps/Sidewalks

- Total Bid Lindy Paving Company \$181,736.00
- Total Bid Joseph McCormick Const \$218,706.75
- ADA curb ramps and sidewalk Empire Snow Mgmt \$ 57,385.00

Contract 2-2020 Asphalt Seal Coat

- Base Bid Suite Kote Corp \$100,800.00
- Alternate Bid Suite Kote Corp \$167,280.00

Mr. Drake made a motion to award Contract 2-2020 base bid to the only and low bidder of Suite Kote Corporation of Meadville PA at the amount of \$167,280.00 upon review of the City Engineer; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

Mr. Drake made a motion to award Contract 1-2020 base bid to the low bidder of Lindy Paving of Union City PA at the amount of \$181,736.00 upon review of the City Engineer; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(12) Mr. Drake made a motion to approve General Funds to be unrestricted in the amount of \$176,000 towards the paving contract 2-2020; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(13) Mr. Leofsky stated the public works department has been very busy with pot hole patching, line painting, the building on Sciota Rd roof is complete, summer help is mowing and many other projects. He announced the water project will include upgrading the mapping system to GIS mapping. There will be many blue lines throughout the City marking locations to be mapped. He noted that there will not be any digging this is only to mark for mapping. He stated a lot of calls have come in asking why the City is not repairing the main streets. He stated that the City cannot work on any State Roads. The State Roads include: Main St, Center St, Washington St, White St and Turnpike Road. Mr. Biondi stated the plowing of some of these State Roads will not be the same because of the new winter traffic contract with the State. A list of the plowing changes will be provided to the newspaper prior to the snow season. The plowing patterns will not be the same as in the past and asking the public to be patient with the changes.

**MAYOR
COMMENTS**

BILL LIST

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMENTS**

**PAVING BID
TABULATIONS**

**APPROVE
PAVING BID
CONTRACT 2-2020**

**APPROVE
PAVING BID
CONTRACT 1-2020**

**GENERAL FUND
UNRESTRICT FOR
PAVING**

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMENTS**

**HIRAM/HILL
DOWNTOWN
CLEANUP**

**LETTERS OF
INTEREST**

**STMP REPORT
RECEIVED**

**HEARING OF THE
PUBLIC**

(14) Mayor Mitchell thanked the volunteers that helped with the Hiram and Hill Downtown Cleanup Program. He appreciated all their hard work and the downtown looks very nice and it raises the spirits of those coming to the downtown.

(15) Mr. Biondi stated with the resignation of Mrs. Hamilton, letters of interest for the open council position must be received by August 13, 2020 at 4 pm to City Clerk Smith or Lisa Jordan.

(16) Mr. Heil stated the STMP Report has been received and asked if council had any questions to contact him.

Hearing of the Public:

Melissa Jordan, of 324 E 5th St, questioned about court hearing postponements. She stated that she had a court hearing scheduled for last Friday and found out that day that it was postponed. This caused her and her husband hardship with missing work for that day and will now need to request a new day off when the hearing is rescheduled. Mr. Biondi stated the hearings are controlled by the Court House. Chief Shopene listed some reasons as to why the hearing may have been postponed. She also stated her concern as to why one of the policemen called them out during a discussion at the station regarding them having a gathering at their home after the last council meeting. The policeman stated that Mr. Fike was at their home. She stated that was not true and doesn't know why that would be a concern if he was at their home.

Jeff Fike, of 65 E Irving St, referenced Mrs. Jordan's concern and stated he does not know the Jordans and he was not at their house. Mr. Fike voiced his continued concern regarding the drug problem in the city. He thanked the police department for more patrols in the neighborhood at all times of the day and night. He suggested more moving, equipment and bicycle violation stops be conducted that would make more reasons for contact with individuals. He also suggested looking into the State DRE Program which is a no cost training program to aid with recognizing individuals under the influence of drugs.

Rex Messenger, of 173 Random Rd, he was pleased to see the street line painting. He voiced his continued concern regarding the coronavirus. He is very concerned about people not following the mask guidelines.

Patricia Bowen, of 17 E Congress St, brought information to council regarding the drug problem in her neighborhood. She has surveillance video and photos that she can show to police and council of the activity. She is asking please do something to get our community back. She is asking what the residents can do to help.

Char Meerhoff, of 680 Wright St, stated that she had taught drivers education for years and she urged to use any free programs to help in the fight against the drug problem.

Christy Fike, of 65 E Irving St, stated they do appreciate the police department and have seen an uptick in the surveillance on their homes and that is perfect. She said that when visiting her daughter out of state when the police patrolled they would also walk through areas. In the past, the Corry police also had bike patrol and she suggested something like that be done to encourage more public relations.

Scott Jordan, of 324 E 5th St, stated that in his work he is in the Corry and Union City areas and Corry is becoming known for its big drug issues.

Mayor Mitchell stated he appreciated everyone for being here tonight. Mr. Biondi explained that a lot of factors go into the drug issues for example the blighted houses, low rent cost far below the cost of living and out of town property owners. He stated a lot of work is being done in the background related to these issues. He

encouraged all to come to the planning sessions and budget meetings to continue to work together on these issues and to see the budget process.

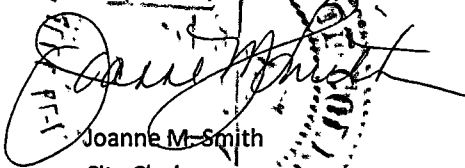
(17) Announcement of meetings:

- Thursday, August 13, 2020, 4 pm – planning session – Community Center
- Monday, August 17, 2020, 6:30 pm – CDBG Public Hearing – Community Center
- Monday, August 17, 2020, 7 pm – regular meeting – Community Center
- Thursday, August 27, 2020, 4 pm – budget session – Community Center
- Thursday, September 3, 2020, 4 pm – planning session – Community Center
- Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7 pm – regular meeting – Community Center

MEETINGS
SCHEDULE

(18) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Smith
City Clerk

