

# CITY OF CORRY

COMMUNITY CENTER

7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Mayor Mitchell opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Johnathan Fehl of the United Methodist Church. Roll call found Council members Drake, Oliver, Roche (by phone) and Sproveri present, along with City Solicitor Carney, City Manager Biondi, City Business Manager Heil, Police Chief Cherry, Fire Chief Lathrop and Public Works Lead Operator Leofsky.

(1) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public: none

(2) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution 20-20 related to the authorized signers for the Police Pension; signers include David E. Mitchell, William J. Roche, Michael P. Cherry, Jordon P. Kitchen, Joanne M. Smith along with Jason T. Biondi and Nickolas R. Heil will have limited authorization to provide instruction regarding benefit payment and routine administration matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously.

(3) Mr. Drake made a motion to approve Resolution 20-21 related to the authorized signers for the Non-Uniform Pension; signers include David E. Mitchell, Diane L. Cowles, William J. Roche, Jason N. Christianson, Erik M. Sproveri along with Jason T. Biondi, Nickolas R. Heil and Joanne M. Smith will have limited authorization to provide instruction regarding benefit payment and routine administration matters. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oliver and carried unanimously.

(4) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve Resolution 20-22 related to the authorized signers for the Firemen's Pension; signers include David E. Mitchell, William J. Roche, Andrew H. Sproveri, Ryan Card, Chris Young, Nickolas R. Heil and Joanne M. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously.

(5) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve Resolution 20-23 related to the duties of the City Treasurer; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(6) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve Resolution 20-23 amending and revising the Schedule of Fees per City Ordinances and Resolutions effective January 1, 2021; the motion was seconded by Ms. Oliver and carried unanimously.

(7) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2021 City Council meeting schedule. The reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 10:00 am, the regular voting meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm and planning sessions will be held on the two Thursdays proceeding the regular voting meeting at 5:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oliver and carried unanimously.

(8) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to change the start time of the remaining planning sessions for 2020 to the time of 5:15 pm; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(9) Mayor Mitchell gave an update on the Community College and they are moving in a positive direction. The by-laws are planned to be completed this Wednesday and classes are to start August 2021. The main location will be in Erie with hopes to have a satellite office in Corry.

(10) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the bill list when the monies are available and the vouchers are signed; the motion was seconded by Mr. Drake and carried unanimously. All of Council express condolences to Mr. Roche on the passing of this brother Tom Roche.

ROLL CALL

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLUTIONS:  
20-20 SIGNERS  
POLICE PENSION

20-21 SIGNERS  
NON-UNIFORM  
PENSION

20-22 SIGNERS  
FIREMEN'S  
PENSION

20-23 CITY  
TREASURER  
DUTES

20-23 SCHEDULE  
OF FEES

2021 MEETING  
SCHEDULE

PLANNING  
SESSION TIME  
CHANGE

MAYOR  
COMMENTS

BILL LIST

(11) Chief Lathrop stated that 400 smoke detectors have been received and will be distributed to the public. He stated the state grant has been extended to the end of the year and the COVID grants are a work in progress.

**SAFETY  
COMMENTS**

(12) Chief Cherry stated that there are currently 2 unmarked police SUV vehicles. He is working with the vendor to get markings on both. He stated the police officers are participating in the no shave November and all money raised will be donated to the Nickerson family. He stated trick or treating went well. There was only 1 arrest made the night of Halloween. Patrol the night of Halloween was done in the unmarked vehicles.

**POLICE  
COMMENTS**

(13) Mr. Leofsky stated salt was delivered this morning. The first snowfall for the year was handled well. The leafing will begin again this week finishing the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward and start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward. The water works building on Sciota Road is moving along well and the booster pumps are waiting for electric.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMENTS**

(14) Ms. Oliver gave an update on the Corry Junction Greenway Trail which has seen quite the increase in use. She reminded everyone that the trail is an all season trail and can be used during the winter months.

**GREENWAY  
TRAIL UPDATE**

(15) Mr. Biondi stated that the bid opening on October 30 for the storm water separation project on Maple Avenue and an alternate on Wright Street. Had a total of 8 bidders the low bid from Chiver's Construction Company is under review with the engineer. Base bid was for \$59,950 and the alternate of \$48,970 which is under the estimate and will leave additional 2017 CDBG funds. This will then go in front of the Housing Authority Board as they administer the CDBG funds.

**AWARD  
STORM WATER  
SEPARATION BID**

Mr. Drake made a motion to accept the low bid from Chiver's Construction Company for the base and alternate bid for the storm water separation project on Maple Avenue and Wright Street; the motion was seconded by Mr. Sproveri and carried unanimously.

(16) Mr. Roche presented a question by a citizen regarding the water rates and as to why the rates are lower for the more water that is used. Mr. Biondi explained that water rates over the last 4 years have closed the gap between volume based discounts and the standard rate. He explained that in some drought stricken areas that the cost of water increases with the increase of volume used. The City of Corry does not pump to the maximum capacity. Previously we had 4 tier pricing and now we have 2 tiers. Mr. Roche stated we will continue to evaluate the rate structure moving forward.

**WATER RATE  
QUESTION**

**Hearing of the Public:**

Rex Messenger, of 173 Random Road, voiced his concern over intimidation and citizens carrying fire arms at the voting polls. Mr. Biondi explained that a meeting was held with Erie County related to safety at the polling locations. He stated there are rules and regulations in place for those carrying fire arms which they cannot be within 100' of the door unless they are voting. He also suggested concerned residents on the drug issues in Corry to organize together and get a committee started.

**HEARING OF THE  
PUBLIC**

(17) Announcement of meetings:

- Thursday, November 12, 5:15 pm – planning session followed by a budget review
- Monday, November 16, 7 pm – regular meeting
- Thursday, November 3, 5:15 pm – planning session
- Monday, December 7, 7 pm – regular meeting

**MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

(18) Mayor Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Smith, City Clerk