

# CITY OF CORRY

**CHAMBERS/ZOOM - ONLINE**

**7:00 PM**

**MAY 17, 2021**

Mayor Mitchell opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Lathrop gave the invocation. Roll call found Council members Drake, Oliver, Roche and Sproveri present, along with City Solicitor Carney, City Engineer Maas, City Manager Biondi, City Business Manager Heil, Police Chief Cherry, Fire Chief Lathrop and Public Works Lead Operator Leofsky.

(1) Julia Drinkall, Quarter Master of the VFW Post 264, started the 2021 Buddy Poppy sales with selling the first poppy to Mayor Mitchell. All other members of Council and the members of the audience joined in purchasing poppies. All money raised will be used locally to assist veterans and their families in need.

(2) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the April 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Hearing of the Public: none**

(3) Ms. Oliver made a motion to receive and file letter dated April 27, 2021 from Blue Zones regarding special event, "Pledge Palooza" signage; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. Oliver made a motion to approve the special event yard signage request for placement from June 8 and to be removed from yards no later than August 1, 2021; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(4) Mr. Drake made a motion to receive and file letter dated April 22, 2021 from Gregory Schweitzer resigning from his role with the City; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Drake made a motion to accept the resignation from Gregory Schweitzer; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(5) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file letter dated April 30, 2021 from Tommie Beebe stating his intention to retire; Mr. Drake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Mitchell made a motion to accept the retirement request from Tommie Beebe; Mr. Drake seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mayor Mitchell thanked Mr. Beebe for his years of service.

(6) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file letter dated April 30, 2021 from Gary Doolittle stating his intention to retire; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Mitchell made a motion to accept the retirement request from Gary Doolittle; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(7) Mr. Drake made a motion to receive and file letter dated May 10, 2021 from Robert Barton resigning from his role with the City; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Drake made a motion to accept the resignation from Robert Barton; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mayor Mitchell thanked Mr. Barton for his years of service.

(8) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file letter from the Fire Department Mission of Western PA related to the donation of breathing apparatus; Ms. Oliver seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve the donation of obsolete equipment in the form of used SCBA to the Fire Department Mission of Western PA related to donation of breathing apparatus; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**ROLL CALL**

**VFW BUDDY  
POPPY SALES**

**APPROVE COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**BLUE ZONES  
YARD SIGNS  
PLEDGE PALOOZA**

**G SCHWEITZER  
RESIGNATION LTR**

**T BEEBE  
RETIREMENT LTR**

**G DOOLITTLE  
RETIREMENT LTR**

**R BARTON  
RESIGNATION LTR**

**DONATION OF  
BREATHING  
APPARATUS**

(9) Ms. Oliver made a motion to receive and file the letter dated May 13, 2021 from Impact Corry related to the intended project report for Phase II Trails; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. Oliver made a motion to approve the plan for the intended project report for Phase II Trails from Impact Corry; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(10) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file the April 2021 District Judge Report; Ms. Oliver seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(11) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file the April 2021 Code Compliance Report; Mr. Drake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(12) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file the April 2021 Fire Report; Ms. Oliver seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(13) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to receive and file the April 2021 Police Report; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(14) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file the April 2021 New Vendor List; Mr. Drake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(15) Mr. Drake made a motion to receive and file the April 2021 Streets and Water Department Reports; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(16) Mayor Mitchell made a motion to approve the purchase of Police Body Cameras for the Police and Fire vehicle camera systems and storage in the amount not to exceed \$49,900.00; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Mitchel made a motion to approve the transfer from the General Fund restricted funds in the amount not to exceed \$49,900.00 to cover the expenses on the camera project; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(17) Mr. Biondi announced the 2 offers made for the sale of old engine 102:

- Dean Johnson, \$1,000.00
- John Zeleznik, \$2,501.00

Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve the sale of old engine 102, 1988 Kovatch, for \$2,501 as offered by John Zeleznik; Mr. Drake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(18) Ms. Oliver made a motion to approve the 10 year lease agreement for the Hare Creek Campground property between the McCray's and the City of Corry; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Lease agreement details includes:

- Dates from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2030
- Rental sum of \$450.00 monthly lease rental for the first year, and the monthly lease rental for each subsequent year thereafter shall be adjusted annually at the rate of two (2%) percent, as set forth below:

	Year Monthly Rate	Yearly Rate
o 2021	\$450.00	\$5,400.00
o 2022	\$459.00	\$5,508.00
o 2023	\$468.18	\$5,618.16

**IMPACT CORRY  
PHASE II  
TRAILS LTR**

**REPORTS  
- DISTRICT  
JUDGE  
  
- CODE  
COMPLIANCE**

**- FIRE  
  
- POLICE  
  
- NEW VENDOR  
  
- STREET/WATER**

**APPROVE  
PURCHASE  
POLICE BODY  
CAMERAS  
RESTRICTED  
FUNDS**

**SALE OF 1988  
FIRE TRUCK**

**APPROVE  
HARE CREEK  
CAMPGROUND  
10 YR LEASE**

- o 2024 \$477.54 \$5,730.52
- o 2025 \$487.09 \$5,845.09
- o 2026 \$496.83 \$5,961.98
- o 2027 \$506.79 \$6,081.20
- o 2028 \$516.89 \$6,202.74
- o 2029 \$527.28 \$6,327.45
- o 2030 \$537.82 \$6,453.90
- o Annual payment is due to the City on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December each year.

(19) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve moving forward with the potential forestry project in the form of working with the Forestry Service to prepare bid specs and packages for City Properties; Ms. Oliver seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(20) Mr. Roche made a motion for the approval of the payment of the bill list when funds are available and vouchers are signed; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mr. Roche asked for an update regarding the tax collections for the year.

(21) Mr. Sproveri stated that he is very excited about the volunteer program. The fire reports states that 15 volunteer members attended training at Warren County Fire School. He stated that plans are being made for training in the city with burning a couple houses down.

(22) Ms. Oliver made a motion to receive and file the event request for the Deluxe 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to be held on August 7, 2021; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. Oliver made a motion to approve the Deluxe 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to be held on August 7, 2021 on N Center St from Washington St to the railroad tracks pending approval from the State for closure of N Center St; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(23) Ms. Oliver made a motion to receive and file the event request for the Farmer's Market by Corry Young Professionals to be held on Fridays June 18, 2021 through November 5, 2021 in the City Park; Mr. Drake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. Oliver made a motion to approve the event request for the Farmer's Market pending proof of insurance; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(24) Ms. Oliver made a motion to receive and file the event request for the Sausage Guy to be held on Thursdays, Fridays and occasional Saturdays in 2021 for use of a portion of the City parking lot at 1<sup>st</sup> and E Main Streets; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. Oliver made a motion to approve the event request for the Sausage Guy for use of a portion of the City parking lot; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(25) Ms. Oliver made a motion to receive and file the event request for St. Paul's Church Memory Walk Worship Service to be held on May 30, 2021 requesting the closing of E South St from King to Concord; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. Oliver made a motion to approve the event request for St. Paul's Memory Walk Worship Service; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(26) Ms. Oliver congratulated Corry Rails for a good job on their event that was held on Saturday showing the progress on the Climax Train Project.

**MOVE  
FORWARD  
FORESTRY  
PROJECT**

**BILL LIST**

**SAFETY  
DIRECTOR**

**EVENT  
REQUESTS:  
-DELUXE 3 ON  
3 BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

**-FARMER'S  
MARKET**

**-THE SAUSAGE  
GUY**

**-MEMORY  
WALK  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**PARKS  
DIRECTOR**

**ENGINEER  
UPDATE**

**TAX INCOME  
UPDATE**

**HEARING OF  
THE PUBLIC**

**MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

**ADJOURN**

(27) Mr. Maas gave an update on the water projects including the reservoir. He stated that the paving bids are due by the end of the day on May 27, 2021.

- (28) Mr. Heil gave an update on the tax income:
- Real estate taxes received \$1.7 million of the \$1.8 million budget
  - Delinquent taxes received \$140,670 of the \$160,000 budget
  - EIT received \$150,000 of the \$450,000 budget
  - LST received \$53,000 of the \$180,000 budget
  - General Fund received \$2.5 million of the \$4 million budget

**Hearing of the Public:**

Mr. Roche asked if the City is obligated to bid the campground lease. Solicitor Carney stated no because it is a continuation of a current lease.

Mike Baker suggested the planning session regarding the health and safety inspection program start at 7 pm to allow for more individuals to attend after their work day. He also suggested a larger room to hold the session.

- (29) Announcement of meetings:
- May 13, 2021 an executive session was held regarding personnel and staffing levels
  - Thursday, June 10, 5:15 pm – planning session Chambers by Zoom
  - Wednesday, June 16, 5:15 – planning session regarding Health & Safety Inspection Program in Chambers by Zoom
  - Thursday, June 17, 5:15 pm – planning session Chambers by Zoom
  - Monday, June 21, 7 pm – regular meeting Chambers by Zoom

(30) Mr. Roche made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanne M. Smith*  
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City Clerk