

CITY OF CORRY

CHAMBERS/ZOOM - ONLINE

7:00 PM

JANUARY 17, 2022

Mayor Baker opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation. Roll call found Council members Fike, Lindstrom, Roche and Sproveri present, along with City Solicitor Carney, City Business Manager Heil, Interim Fire Chief Hodak, City Engineer Maas and Streets Lead Operator Mark Leofsky.

(1) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the December 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(2) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve the January 4, 2022 reorganization meeting minutes; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public: none

(3) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter from EmeryCare announcing the retirement of Bill Hagerty; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(4) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter from Michael Leshner resigning from the Zoning Board; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(5) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file letter of interest for the Zoning Board from Karen Silvis; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Roche made a motion to appoint Karen Silvis to the open seat on the Zoning Board with the term ending December 31, 2023; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried with Mr. Sproveri abstaining.

(6) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter from Brad Russell regarding a single point of contact with the Erie County Land Bank; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(7) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file memo from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Delegates; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Zupanc as voting member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the year of 2022; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(8) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file the December 2021 District Judge Report; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(9) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file the December 2021 Code Compliance Report; Mayor Baker seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(10) Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion to receive and file the December 2021 Fire Report; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(11) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file the December 2021 Police Report; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(12) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file the December 2021 New Vendor List; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

-REGULAR MTG

-REORG MTG

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

EMERGYCARE LTR

M LESHNER RESIGN ZONING BOARD

APPOINT K SILVIS ZONING BOARD

B RUSSELL LAND BANK LTR

APPOINT MPO DELEGATES

REPORTS:
-DISTRICT JUDGE

- CODE COMPL

-FIRE

-POLICE

-NEW VENDOR

(13) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file the 2022 Vendor List; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

-2022 VENDOR LIST

(14) Mayor Baker made a motion to receive and file the December 2021 Streets and Water Department Reports; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

-STREETS

(15) Mr. Roche made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1620 Bill 21-11 updating the LERTA ordinance on second reading; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion. Yes votes: Mr. Roche, Mr. Sproveri, Mrs. Lindstrom. No votes: Mayor Baker, Mr. Fike. Mayor Baker noted that during the last work session it was discussed to vote down this ordinance and have a new ordinance presented allowing for 0% taxation for the full 10 years. Solicitor Carney recommended another vote for Ordinance 1620.

**ORD 1620
BILL 21-11
LERTA UPDATE**

Mr. Roche made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1620 Bill 21-11 updating the LERTA ordinance on second reading; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion. Yes votes: Mr. Roche, Mr. Sproveri. No votes: Mrs. Lindstrom, Mr. Fike, Mayor Baker. Motion failed.

A new LERTA ordinance will be presented for first reading at a special meeting to be held on February 10, 2022 after the work session.

(16) Mr. Heil stated that he reached out to the school district regarding their audio equipment used for their board meetings. He has also connected our IT vendor, Velocity, and is awaiting quotes and recommendations.

AUDIO QUALITY AT MEETINGS

(17) Mayor Baker announced the 2022 Council Meetings as follows: regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm and the work session will be held the two Thursdays prior to the regular scheduled Monday night regular meeting at 5:15 pm.

2022 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

(18) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve a full-time Deputy Fire Chief employment offer to be extended to Christopher Young effective January 24, 2022. If in the event that Mr. Young declines the offer, an offer is to be extended to Nathan Greer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fike which carried unanimously.

APPOINT DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

(19) Mayor Baker made a motion to appoint Levi Kelly as Acting City Clerk for the current year when there is an absence of the City Clerk; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mayor Baker asked Mr. Heil to calculate Mr. Kelly's average hourly wage. Mr. Kelly is to be paid for 4 hours of pay per meeting that he is Acting City Clerk. This will allow for time spent at the meeting and typing of the minutes.

ACTING CITY CLERK

(20) Mayor Baker started discussion regarding the need of an Interim Zoning Officer. Mr. Heil was asked to contact Ralph DeRose the Zoning Officer for Concord and Union Townships to see if he would be interested in the position for Corry. If he is interested, to negotiate a rate of pay on an as needed basis and submit a letter of interest to Council. Also to post the need for letters of interest for the position with hopes of others to come forward.

INTERIM ZONING OFFICER

(21) Mayor Baker made a motion to appoint Nickolas Heil as the Right to Know Officer; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER

(22) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve advertising for a full-time Utility Clerk; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

FULL-TIME UTILITY CLERK

(23) 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.

BILL LIST

(24) Mr. Roche made a motion to appoint William Roche, Finance Director; William Hammond III, City Controller, Nickolas Heil, City Business Manager; and Joanne Smith, Office Administrator/City Clerk as principal signers on all City of Corry bank accounts with various institutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fike which carried unanimously.

SIGNERS ON ALL BANK ACCOUNTS

(25) Mr. Roche made a motion to appoint William Roche, Finance Director; William Hammond III, City Controller, Nickolas Heil, City Business Manager; Levi Kelly, City Treasurer and Joanne Smith, Office Administrator/City Clerk as principal signers on all City of Corry bank accounts related to tax collection with various institutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fike which carried unanimously.

SIGNERS ON TAX COLLECTION ACCOUNTS

(26) Mr. Sproveri made a public service announcement – with the big snowfall, he reminded residents to have their sidewalks cleared, do not block the sidewalks when plowing driveways, assist the Fire Department by shoveling around fire hydrants and do not burn any laminated wood in wood stoves or fireplaces. Also to make sure chimneys are inspected yearly. Interim Fire Chief Hodak reminded residents that free smoke detectors are available at the fire station.

SAFETY PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

(27) Mr. Fike discussed the sewer plant repairs that are needed. A new compressor was quoted by 2 vendors. The compressor can be purchased through a local Corry vendor, Al Xander Company, at a cost of \$10,085 with a 5 year warranty and the local vendor can do all maintenance. The other vendor, Ingersoll Rand, cost totaling \$9,825 with a 2 year warranty. Council was in agreement to go with Al Xander Company with the 5 year warranty. He noted that one current compressor's parts are out for repairs. Once that unit is back in use, the next compressor will be repaired. We should have a rental in place at this time.

WWTP REPAIRS COMPRESSOR

(28) Mr. Fike started discussion regarding the Mead Park Restroom Project – he stated there are currently 2 options. Option 1, accept the precast restroom delivery on January 26 and unload the unit in the parking lot at the cost of \$10,000. Then the need to have the equipment and crane return to move the unit to the final location at an additional cost of \$5,000. Option 2, to have M&W Precast LLC to store the precast restroom at their site on rented trailers at the cost of \$1,500 per month. The current deadline to have the project completed is in May 2022.

MEAD PARK RESTROOM PROJECT

Mayor Baker made a motion to delay the delivery of the precast restroom and to have it stored at M&W Precast LLC for a rate of \$1,500 per month; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mr. Roche recommended having the project reviewed by another engineering firm. Mr. Fike stated the weight-limit on the bridge to the entrance of Mead Park also needs to be reviewed.

APPROVE PRECAST RESTROOM TO BE STORED

Hearing of the Public:

Russ Williamson, of 805 E South St, asked if Council would require the next City Manager to live in the city limits. Mayor Baker stated that they could strongly suggest that but it is not required. Mr. Williamson asked Council if the wages could be reevaluated. Mayor Baker stated that is in discussion.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

(29) Announcement of meetings:

- January 6, 2022 executive session was held regarding personnel.
- January 13, 2022 executive session was held regarding personnel.
- Thursday, February 10, 2022 work session, 5:15pm in Council Chambers or by zoom.
- Thursday, February 10, 2022 special voting meeting regarding LERTA following the work session
- Thursday, February 17, 2022 work session, 5:15pm in Council Chambers or by zoom.
- Monday, February 21, 2022, regular meeting, 7pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom.

MEETING SCHEDULE

(30) Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne M. Smith, City Clerk