

# CITY OF CORRY

CHAMBERS/ZOOM - ONLINE

7:00 PM

JANUARY 16, 2023

Mayor Baker opened the meeting followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call found Council members Fike, Lindstrom, Roche and Sproveri present, along with City Solicitor Caparosa, City Administrator Smith, Public Works Manager Leofsky, Police Lt. Kitchen, Fire Chief Hodak, City Controller Hammond and City Treasurer Kelly.

- (1) City Administrator Smith announced the following amendment to the agenda:  
- Under the Hearing of the Public – addition of Steve Bresler regarding the Airport
- (2) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the December 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (3) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the January 3, 2023 reorganization meeting minutes; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Hearing of the Public:** Mayor Baker announced that Mr. Bresler had five minutes to speak regarding the airport. Mr. Bresler asked Mayor Baker if Charlie Campbell could speak to this as well and Mayor Baker allowed. Mr. Campbell shared that he thinks the City should take a step back from the Airport to make sure everything is being done correctly. Mr. Campbell said Ord 22-03 that was passed – is incorrect and against Municipal Authority Law due to incorrect terms and board members living outside the City limits. Mr. Bresler then summarized Mr. Campbell's comments and concerns and stated that the Articles of Incorporation for the Airport Authority are not compliant, again due to incorrect terms and residency. Mr. Bresler emphasized that this needs to be done right and asked Council to do their due diligence. Mr. Bresler expressed that he doesn't agree with the way the Service Agreement was written and he doesn't feel it's right for anyone from the City to do safety checks at the airport because it's a different world there with federal laws/regulations. He also said that an Airport Authority is a commonwealth agency – not a city agency. Mr. Bresler then asked Council to not make this mistake, step back and let's get it done right.

- (3) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter dated December 16, 2022 from Charter Communications announcing upcoming changes effective on or after January 17, 2023; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (4) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter dated January 3, 2023 from the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) stating that the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has been approved in the amount of \$307,122; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (5) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file Code Enforcement 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Report; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (6) Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion to receive and file Fire 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Report; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (8) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file Police 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Report; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (9) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file Public Works 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Report; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- (10) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve Resolution 23-02 to become a member in the Erie Area Council of Governments; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

AMMENDMENT TO AGENDA

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES 10/17/22

APPROVE REORG MTG MINUTES 1/3/23

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS LTR

DCED – 2022 CDBG GRANT APPROVAL LTR

CODE ENF 4<sup>TH</sup> QTR REPORT

FIRE 4<sup>TH</sup> QTR REPORT

POLICE 4<sup>TH</sup> QTR REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS 4<sup>TH</sup> QTR REPORT

RES 23-02 ERIE AREA COG

(12) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve Resolution 23-03 to reclassify monies owed to the City by the 1955 Airport Authority in the amount of \$82,487.80 as an appropriation to the 2022 Airport Authority; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(13) Mr. Fike made a motion to accept Ordinance 1632, Bill 23-01 to authorize the City to incur up to \$1,000,000 debt by guaranteeing a note from the Municipal Authority of the City of Corry to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 at a fixed interest rate of 1.0% per annum for a period of 59 months (the "note") for the purpose of financing a Corry public sewer system capital improvement project, and to take all actions necessary to obtain the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development relating to the note and guaranty; Mayor Baker seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(14) Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion to table the vote on approving the Service Agreement between the City of Corry and the 2022 Airport Authority with the initial term beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and end on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(15) Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion to approve moving forward within the union and then advertise if needed for the police clerk position; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(16) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve moving forward within the union and then advertise if needed for the water operator position; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(28) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the bill list when the monies are available and the vouchers are signed; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(31) Fire Chief Hodak gave a public safety update – The fire department received a \$12,000 grant from the Arlene Smith Foundation for water rescue and dive equipment. Call volumes and fires are up and everything has been pretty busy. Mr. Sproveri added a reminder that there are two open council seats coming up for the primary in May and offered to answer questions for anyone interested.

(31) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the purchase of a used 10' power angle plow; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(32) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the purchase of a used portable generator for the W Washington St sewer booster pump station; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(33) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve event request for Cabin Fever to be held at Mead Park on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously with the following specifications:

- The City delivering loads of snow (if there is snow) but the responsibility to create the sled riding hill will need to be done by someone other than City employees and equipment.
- The allowance of a bonfire in a location determined by the Fire Department. The bonfire must be maintained at all times by the event staff and extinguished fully at the completion of the event.

(34) City Solicitor Caparosa announced that on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 pm, Erie County Elections Bureau would be holding an elections seminar.

(35) Mayor Baker gave a handout to all Council members and gave a brief summary – looking for Council members to prioritize a list of a few projects within their respective departments.

**Hearing of the Public:** Mr. Leofsky asked where we stand as far as tar/chipping and paving projects because we need to get those underway – Mayor Baker advised that's a high priority. Mr. Fike suggested the list that was previously provided be revisited at the next work session in order to put things together and start making decisions. Mr. Roche reminded council that everyone needs to look over the phase two documents

RES 23-03 1955 AIRPORT AUTH MONIES OWED RECLASSIFICATION

ORD 1632, BILL 23-01 CMA/RDA

2022 AIRPORT AUTHORITY SERVICE AGRMT

POLICE CLERK POSITION

WATER OPERATOR POSITION

BILL LIST

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

PLOW PURCHASE

PORTABLE GENERATOR PURCHASE

EVENT REQUEST – CABIN FEVER

CITY SOLICITOR UPDATE

MAYOR BAKER – HANDOUT

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

that they received to look for corrections/changes and that he would send them out to everyone again. Mr. Campbell added that he thinks the bids for tar/chipping/paving should go out early February/March. Mr. Messenger brought up a previous comment he heard about having a committee to go between the city and the people – he thinks that’s something we need and should get it going. Mr. Fike suggested we get more people filling the seats in council meetings and less people only bringing things up on Facebook.

HEARING OF THE  
PUBLIC – CONTINUED

(39) Announcement of meetings:

- a. Executive session was held on January 10, 2023 regarding legal counsel on the airport.
- b. Thursday, February 9, 2023, work session, 5:15 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom
- c. Monday, February 20, 2023, regular meeting, 7 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom

MEETING SCHEDULE

(40) The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

