

REGULAR SESSION ** ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL ** MAY 27, 2008

Council Vice President Larry Googins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building to conduct business of general purposes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Larry Googins, Arthur Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, John C. Thomas

ABSENT: Ronald R. Rock, Prior Family Commitment

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor David N. Poling (7:22), Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager, Earl Fitzgerald, Road Foreman

William Vescio, President, Bryon Funding, Inc., gave an update and a market commentary of the Police Pension Fund and the Non Uniformed Pension Fund for the First Quarter, 2008.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

John Campbell, 123 Gross Drive, reported the Memorial Day Service was nice; to keep them safe, he will remove the service flags from in front of the municipal building to the police station. Mr. Campbell reported tomorrow the base for the Veterans Memorial would be set; in 8-10 days the monument would be installed; the next phase would be the flag poles; funding is at 70%; there will be a total of 750 bricks in the next phase, 400 of which are off the current marker names on the municipal building. Mr. Campbell commented the Memorial Day service was not in the Beaver County Times. No one knows who should have called this in.

MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Mutschler – to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2008, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Poling asked the status of the insurance broker on health care; could possibly save Economy Borough \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year. Mr. Kunkle reported he is coordinating with Chris Foley a meeting tentatively set for this Friday with the broker. Mayor Poling wishes the road department to be included.

Mayor Poling asked about the Memorial Day Service not being advertised. The secretary will check with Rose Livingston on who calls this in to the Beaver County Times.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Access Control: Mrs. Mutschler reported the Knighthawk price does not include a locksmith, the cost would be over and above the bid; a locksmith should be involved with it. Mrs. Raymer reported Knighthawk has a locksmith they call in. Mr. Sivy reported a locksmith does not appear to be part of the quote. Mayor Poling reported if there is a power outage, they still must have access to all doors. Officer Lively reported Chief Harrington would like the same company to handle both the electronic and key systems. Mayor Poling reported Knighthawk had no communication with Chief Harrington, only Randy Kunkle. Mr. Kunkle reported each vendor talked to each person for their building; every vendor was told to talk directly to Tom or Earl. Mrs. Raymer reported Knighthawk did talk with Chief Harrington. Mr. Googins summarized, the Access Control bid was put out; the vendors met with department heads to validate the work to be done; it was presented and a motion was made to accept the low bid; now Council has to try to decide if the bids received are adequate for what is wanted. Mr. Mutschler felt the motion was made subject to Chief Harrington's approval. Mrs. Mutschler read the motion from the April 8, 2008, meeting awarding the contract. Mr. Fouse advised this is a conditional motion and is not binding; the motion fails as it does not fit the criteria. Mr. Googins advised the Property and Building Committee, Mr. Kunkle, Mr. Fitzgerald and Chief Harrington will put specifications together and resubmit them. Mr. Fouse advised it is apparent to Council that there may be a need to have a more specific bid on each of the 3 buildings; as a result, the Property and Building Committee may come back to Council and make a recommendation that rather than have all 3 buildings included in the same bid, separate bids for separate buildings. Mr. Thomas stated it would be a lot easier to have 1 vendor for all 3 buildings. Mr. Googins asked the Property and Building Committee to coordinate this with Mr. Kunkle.

Mrs. Mutschler asked the status on her request from the last meeting on scrap metal. Mr. Kunkle stated he is close to finishing the research and will put it in Council mailboxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:

PROPERTY and BUILDING:

Mr. Sivy reported he spoke to the Boy Scout leader at the Memorial Day Service regarding an Eagle Project near the pavilion.

Mr. Sivy reported due to the frequency of use of the men's and women's room by the PennDOT employees working on Conway Wallrose Road, the water leak is worse; believes it is a drain; working on a solution.

Mr. Sivy reported 1 heat exchanger was replaced last week at the police building; the HVAC will be replaced shortly.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No Report

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Mutschler read the Road Department Report for May, 2008, as prepared by Mr. Fitzgerald, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mr. Mutschler read a letter from Sheldon Stone thanking the road crew for the work done on Roberts Lane.

Mr. Googins asked about the Memorial Flag Program. Mr. Kunkle advised originally for a donation of \$25.00 a 3X5 nylon American Flag, pole and bracket, would be displayed at the donators requested location; new posts were ordered last week at a small increase. Mr. Googins reported it takes 2 men 2 days to put the flag up and take them down, costing Economy Borough more than the \$25.00 per flag. Mr. Googins asked Mayor Poling to check into a flag program for Economy Borough. Mr. Thomas suggested requesting a grant from the local legislators to take care of this for a few years.

ORDINANCE and RECREATION:

Mr. Thomas reported the Economy Borough Recreation Board Summer Activities have been scheduled.

Mrs. Mutschler reported there will be a Karate program tentatively scheduled for mid July, upon Officer Orsini's return from military summer camp.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. Googins advised at the Economy Borough Municipal Authority (EBMA) meeting last week, during the public session, it was reported that Rod Belsky has filed suit against the EBMA regarding a right of way issue.

Mr. Sivy asked the status of the Ambridge Water Authority tank on Conway Wallrose Road being filled. Mr. Kunkle reported it was scheduled for mid June. Mr. Googins reported Mary Hrodic is on vacation.

Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Kunkle to provide him with the name and phone number of the contact person for Liberty Hills regarding a hydrant problem.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No Report

ENGINEER:

No Report

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Fouse advised he would like to talk to Council in Executive Session regarding 1) Road Department Grievance; 2) Crown Communication Assessment Litigation; 3) Ambridge Water Authority Litigation; 4) eminent domain matter, with no vote.

Mrs. Mutschler also requested an Executive Session to talk about a personnel matter, with Mr. Kunkle in the meeting.

Hear the Public II:

John Campbell suggested setting up a \$1,000 flag budget for Memorial Day and replacement flags; if the money is not spent, carry it over to the next year as a nest egg. Mr. Thomas again suggested WAM money from our Representative or Senator. Mr. Googins reported Council would look into this as a budgetary item. Mr. Campbell suggested different proposals for each building for the security systems.

Butch Thompson, 115 First Street, asked why Chief Harrington does not come to the Council meetings and answer questions pertaining to the police. Mayor Poling advised if requested he would come to meetings. Mrs. Mutschler stated the committee head is the liaison to that department. Mr. Googins reported little comes up for Chief Harrington or Mr. Fitzgerald; can't anticipate the questions. Mr. Thompson stated he feels Chief Harrington should attend the meetings at least once a month.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to enter into Executive Session to discuss 1) Road Department Grievance; 2) Crown Communication Assessment Litigation; 3) Ambridge Water Authority Litigation; 4) eminent domain matter; and 5) a personnel issue, with no vote.
Time: 8:14 PM CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mrs. Raymer – to return to the regular order of business. Time: 9:42 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

ADJOURNMENT:

***MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:43 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum
Borough Secretary
May 30, 2008