

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, September 9, 2021

President Alfano called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, Mr. Maddiex, Mr. Mariscotti, and Mayor Stetar

ABSENCE: Mrs. Gutosky

MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN OF JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Stetar swore in Junior council members Cayley Winwood and alternate council member Kai Vanderlaan.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Attorney Agrafiotis added garbage contract extension

Mr. Maddiex added presentation

President Alfano stated the agenda will stand as printed and amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments at this time

MINUTES

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2021 carried with all members present stating aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Evans read the accounts payable and bank balances as of August 31, 2021.

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to accept the Treasurer's report carried with all members present stating aye.

PRESIDENT ALFANO'S REPORT

RECREATION AUTHORITY UPDATE

Mrs. Roth thanked council for their donation. She introduced other recreation authority members that were in attendance. She stated they got wonderful feedback and actually made money this year. She stated they are excited to start planning next year's Riverfest. She stated there will be an event to dedicate a bench and celebrating the life of Marshall Craig at Rotary Park on Saturday night at 6:00 pm.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – DR. MARTIN

UPDATES

Dr. Martin referred council to his weekly email updates.

RENTAL REFUND – Dr. Martin stated in your packets there is information provided for a rental refund due to overpayment of rental inspection fees. The property changed hands and the original owner had paid and then the new owner also paid. He's asking for a motion to refund

Motion by Maddiex /Mariscotti to refund the duplicate paid rental fees to DC Real Estate Development LLC in the amount of \$155.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. MADDIEX

UPDATES

Mr. Maddiex stated he has not been to the zoning office this week and he has not received any emails from Mike.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Maddiex presented to the Mayor a fire extinguisher that was donated free of charge from Safety First for fire safety training in the police department. Mr. Maddiex wanted on the record that he will pay for one recharge.

PUBLIC WORKS – MR. BITTNER

Mr. Bittner thanked Jeff and his crew for the sidewalks on Wood & Third and with the traffic light being taken down by a truck at the same location they worked throughout the day to get that temporarily repaired.

PUBLIC SAFETY- MR. DIFILIPPO

POLICE DEPT. PURCHASES

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to purchase 5 (five) patrol rifles & related equipment at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.00 to be paid from Act 13 fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Maddiex to purchase 5 (five) patrol shotguns & related equipment at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00 to be paid from Act 13 fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to purchase range supplies, cleaning & repair equipment at a cost not exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid from Act 13 fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Maddiex to purchase 10 tasers & related equipment at a cost not to exceed \$22,000.00 to be paid from Act 13 fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to purchase ammunition for all weapons at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Alfano stated he would just like to say that the police department has no made any weapon purchases in a very very long time and he's glad to see that the police department is at least coming up to the minimum standards of todays departments.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Bittner/Maddiex to pay the monthly bills as presented duly carried a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC HEALTH- MR. MARISCOTTI

WIDMER INVOICE

Motion by Mariscotti/Maddiex to pay Widmer invoice #222108724 in the amount of \$2,500.00 for DEP permits & sewer line upgrade project duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

MR. GLAB

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS FOR 2022

Motion by Glab/Bittner to approve the MMO for the Non-uniform pension plan in the amount of \$38,357.50 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Glab stated as a matter of record the MMO for the Uniform pension plan is zero (0).

MAYOR'S REPORT – DR. STETAR

Mayor stated the Center in the Wood put on a car show this past weekend, it was a wonderful event and they had a very nice turn out.

RESIGNATION OF PART TIME OFFICER ADAM RUSSELL

Motion by Maddiex/Difilippo to accept the resignation of part time officer Adam Russell effective Sept 1, 2021 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

HIRE PART TIME OFFICER

Mayor asked for a motion to hire Timothy Nease as a part time police officer pending medical clearance and hiring packet.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to hire Timothy Nease as a part time officer pending physical & hiring packet duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ENGINEERS REPORT – MR. EBY

Mr. Eby asked for a motion to authorize Council President to sign annual MS4 report.

Motion by Maddiex/Mariscotti to authorize President Alfano to sign the annual MS4 permit duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Eby stated we will have someone coming out doing an inspection of the outfalls to go along with that report.

He will get with Ron to schedule a time to install the SCADA's for Coal Center Pump Station and Vulcan village pump station.

He spoke with Morgan Excavating and they should be starting the paving project in about two weeks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

Mr. Agrafiotis asked for a motion to advertise Leaf, Recycling, and garbage contract for 2022. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he has contacted County Hauling to see if they are agreeable for the last one- year extension of the current contract but has not heard back yet so wanted the motion on the books in the event they decline.

He stated he's hoping he will have a commitment from County Hauling within a couple of days. Ms. Evans stated if she would advertise it won't be in until Tuesday anyway.

Motion by Maddiex/Mariscotti to advertise for the Leaf, Recycling & garbage contract for 2022 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Maddiex asked if the new junior council member has anything for tonight.

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBERS- MS WINWOOD

Ms. Winwood stated she did prepare something just in case she was asked.

She thanked council for the opportunity to serve as junior council member. She stated she's lived in California for her entire life. She stated the high school will be voting for homecoming court on Monday, Sept. 13th and there are 21 nominations and they will narrow that down to 7. Those 7 girls will be escorted by the 7 senior football players. She stated they will also be voting for senior class officers on Monday also. Last Friday the varsity football team beat Beth Center Bulldogs 36 – 30 at home field. Tomorrow the varsity team will play Waynesburg central at their field at 7 pm. Tonight the boys varsity soccer team will play away at Bentworth at 7 pm and the girls varsity volleyball team will also play today against Avella at 7 pm as well. The cross-country team will have their first home mete next Tuesday and the students have also come together to create a student session called the Woods named after the head football coach Ed Woods. One of the clubs SADD which is students against destructive decisions is open for new members and there will be a meeting tomorrow during homeroom that any interested students can attend. They will be required to write a short essay on how they can help the SADD club and the essay is due on Monday the 13th. She stated there is also a 3D printing club starting Sept. 14th after school at 4:30 and all ages are invited and it will be held at the elementary building.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

No citizens wished to be recognized. Mayor Stetar requested a short executive session on personnel following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to adjourn carried with all members present stating aye.