

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 8, 2012

**Call to Order**

President Collins called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President David Collins, Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Mssrs., Jarrell Brazzle, Jeff LoPrinzi, Edward Simpson, Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones, and Mrs. C. Villa Hunt. Staff members present included City Manager Kirby Hudson, City Solicitor John Carnes, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Public Works Director Donald Wilkinson, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Acting Fire Chief James Lentz, Interim Police Chief James Bell, and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

Mr. Collins announced an executive Session was held earlier this evening, October 8, 2012 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve the September 27, 2012 meeting minutes with edits; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

Item moved.

**Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda**

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to modify the agenda and move the accounts payable to the last regular action item for this meeting Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Citizens' Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (5 Minutes)**

Marie Hess – Resident

Ms. Hess offered her support for the withdrawal of the trust fund and made suggestions to obtain fees for the parks. The City has offered to waive fees for some park rentals. The fees should not be waived for any event but a City event. This is a loss of income.

Kareem Johnson – Resident

Mr. Johnson stated he is in support of the trust fund withdrawal. The City was in the same predicament at the end of the 2008 year.

Lewis Hanna – Resident

Mr. Hanna commended City Council and the staff for the workshop. Council did their homework on where the money would be applied. He commended the members on their non-votes until questions were answered.

Al Baxter – Resident

Rev. Baxter stated he has been watching the Reserve Trust slowly dwindle and the interest was to be used for expenditures.

Sharon Scott – Non-Resident

Mrs. Scott voiced her concerns on the corruption regarding the sale of the CCA to the City of Coatesville by the lawyers and Chester County Chamber of Commerce. Coatesville did not receive fulfill their agreement since a youth center was not developed. She asked the City to stop tricking the public and treating the lawyers.

Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor - Resident

Dr. Taylor explained that 255 of the people live in poverty. The Council's judiciary responsibility is to the public. The City's current budget is in hospice care. When the City reserve runs out, what will be done then? She asked for Council to approve the withdrawal.

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Citizens' Hearings – Non-Agenda Items Only (5 Minutes)**

**Marie Hess – Resident**

Ms. Hess announced the Halloween Parade on October 27 and the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 30, 2012.

**Ron Suber – Resident**

Mr. Suber explained the budget problem has been going on a long time. Coatesville should not have touched the fund. The City has an attorney who sued the City and now is back working for the City. He voiced his concerns about the Parking Enforcement Officer and all the tickets she is handing out.

**Denise Smith – Non Resident**

Mrs. Smith read a statement on how it would profit the City to hire Allen Smith as the Assistant City Manager and what all Mr. Smith has provided the City so far. He is a man of determination and a man of God.

**James Bryant – Resident**

Mr. Bryant's daughter read a statement regarding his support to hire Allen Smith as Assistant City Manager.

**Allen Smith – Non Resident**

Mr. Smith thanked everyone for their support. He explained to Council that he loves the community and it hurts to see what he is reading in the paper. He announced that he would not take a salary as Assistant City Manager until the City's finances are in line. He asked to be put in the position of Assistant City Manager.

**Sparticus Lewis – Resident**

Mr. Lewis announced he has spoken to Mr. Harris and will contact Mr. Hudson to speak with him.

**Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor - Resident**

Dr. Taylor suggested having Council assign only one member to speak for Council.

**Rosalyn Allen – Resident**

Ms. Allen stated Mr. Smith is the best candidate for Assistant City Manager. He is always working on the best solution to solve everything.

**Sharon Comfort – Resident**

Ms. Comfort explained Mr. Smith loves the City and the City does not have anyone to do their strategic planning.

**Alesha McMullen – Resident**

Ms. McMullen explained Mr. Allen stands for who he is. He is a man on integrity and for the people.

**Michelle Torres – Resident**

Ms. Torres explained Mr. Smith will bring the City in the direction we need to go. He is willing to do it for free and he deserves a chance.

Dale Scott – Non Resident

Ms. Scott announced she is the parking Enforcement Officer and she is doing the job she was hired to do.

Linda Lavender - Resident

Ms. Lavender encouraged Council to hire Allen Smith as Assistant City Manager. The City can't lose when he offered to do it for free for a while. She thanked Council for hiring Kirby Hudson as City Manager.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance authorizing the withdrawal and use of principal of a City Reserve Trust Fund in an amount up to two million two hundred forty-seven thousand and eight hundred and fifty-two dollars for emergency needs.

Mr. Carnes explained the \$275,000 settlement fees. Mr. Collins announced at the next Meeting Council will discuss letting legal Counsel go and bring in new counsel. The City needs stronger management and a better look at the frivolous spending. He encouraged Council to look at the payables and ask questions. He encouraged Council to consider a month to month review if the finances and a quarterly meeting with the Departments. He suggested a council member work with the Finance Director. The City can no longer to go on as usual.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance authorizing the withdrawal and use of principal of a City Reserve Trust Fund in an amount up to two million two hundred forty-seven thousand and eight hundred and fifty-two dollars for emergency needs; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the 2012 adopted annual budget and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the City government as therein set forth, for the year 2012.

Vice President Hamrick asked for a Council member to be appointed as an alternate in case he is unable to attend a meeting.

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve First Reading and Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the 2012 adopted annual budget and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the City government as therein set forth, for the year 2012; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Receive and consider acknowledgment of the revised 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation  
Mr. Brazzle made a motion to acknowledge the revised 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Receive and consider a Resolution of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania authorizing the allocation of \$386,219.85 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program.

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania authorizing the allocation of \$386,219.85 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Receive and Consider Second Reading an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, enacted pursuant to the terms of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53 PA C.S.A. Section 2301, ET SEQ., Authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with other municipalities located in Western Chester County Council of Governments (“WCCCOG”)

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve Second Reading and adoption an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, enacted pursuant to the terms of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53 PA C.S.A. Section 2301, ET SEQ., Authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with other municipalities located in Western Chester County Council of Governments (“WCCCOG”) and adding Jeff LoPrinzi as an alternate; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Receive and consider Halloween “Trick or Treat” on October 31, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve Halloween “Trick or Treat” on October 31, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm;

7. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Section 218 of the City of Coatesville’s code entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” by amending the sections governing penalties and violations in Sections 218-8, 218-10, 218-15, 218-21, 218-26, and 218-60 (to provide for new fines applicable to periods up to ten days after issuance of a ticket, up to twenty days after issuance of a ticket and after twenty days and thereafter providing for the issuance of citations) and by also amending section 218-50 to provide for on street parking meter rates at .25 for 15 minutes for different periods of times depending on parking zone

Mr. Carnes explained the Ordinance. Mrs. Jones asked why all the fees could not be the uniform throughout the City.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Section 218 of the City of Coatesville’s code entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” by amending the sections governing penalties and violations in Sections 218-8, 218-10, 218-15, 218-21, 218-26, and 218-60 (to provide for new fines applicable to periods up to ten days after issuance of a ticket, up to twenty days after issuance of a ticket and after twenty days and thereafter providing for the issuance of citations) and by also amending section 218-50 to provide for on street parking meter rates at .25 for 15 minutes for different periods of times depending on parking zone; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. President Collins and Mrs. Jones were the dissenting votes.

8. Receive and consider accounts payable

Mr. Brazzle questioned what various line items were used for. Mr. Marcarelli answered Mr. Brazzle questions. Mr. Brazzle stated he will be asking questions like this at all the meetings. Mrs. Jones asked why two pages were the same. Mr. Hudson explained they were not double payments. The page was copied in error and placed in the packet. Mr. Collins explained the same scrutiny will happen on the Police Uniform Allowance. He would like to see all information and purchases accounted for.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve accounts payables with the addition of \$24,000 for HDH fees; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Special Events**

There were no special events at this time.

### **Presentations (5 Minutes)**

There were no presentations at this time.

**Discussion Items (5 Minutes)**

There were no discussions at this time.

**Solicitors Report**

Mr. Carnes asked if there were any questions on his report. There were no questions at this time.

**City Manager's Report**

Mr. Hudson asked if there were any questions on his report. There were no questions at this time.

**Council Comments**

Mr. Brazzle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He will be looking at the budget line by line and will do it at every meeting. There are some very tough decisions for Council.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It was good seeing everyone. There has been healthy dialogue and healthy monologue this evening.

Mr. LoPrinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated that it's a shame that there is a crowd only when something major is going on. He asked everyone to keep coming to the meetings and bring someone.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated that Council has tough decisions to make. Next year we will be back here asking to take money from the trust if we do not take control of the expenses. She encouraged resident to become more involved. Council is more than just sitting here at meetings. Council goes well over and beyond what is required.

Vice President Hamrick thanked Mr. Marcarelli for all her has done. He stated as Council, we have the cohesion to hold spending. We have the strength to keep administration from going over.

President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He appreciates all the comments and appeals. If Council is holding administration accountable, then Council should be held accountable also. If the spending continues @ 2 million per year, there will be no money in 5 years. The departments need tp be held accountable.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Submitted by:  
Kirby Hudson  
City Manager