

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 26, 2012

**Call to Order**

President Collins called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President David Collins, Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Msrs., Jeff LoPrinzi, 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.

President Collins announced an executive Session was held earlier this evening, November 16, 2012, 2012 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Collins announced Mr. Brazzle and Mr. Simpson would not be in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the November 13, 2012 meeting minutes; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve the accounts payables with a hold on the payment for Siana, Bellwoar, McAndrew, LLP; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to move the awards presentation to the December 10, 2012 meeting; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Presentations (5 Minutes)**

1. Awards Presentation – Acting Chief James Lentz  
Presentation moved to the December 10, 2012 meeting.

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

There were no citizen's comments on regular action items only.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Ron Suber – Resident

Mr. Suber inquired about an investigation regarding the money that was spent years ago from the Trust Fund. Money was spent on the acquiring the Saha farm and someone should be held accountable. Mr. Suber voiced his concerns on the Parking enforcement officer. He provide Council with a pamphlet with programs that could be used at the Coatesville Community Memorial Center.

Chris Strunk – Former employee

Mr. Strunk asked when the officers who retired this year will receive their additional payouts as agreed. Mrs. Hunt stated the City had until December 31, 2012 as per the agreement.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider adopting 2013 Preliminary Budget

Vice President Hamrick stated he would like to see the tax millage increase taken out of the budget. He would not vote for a tax increase. President Collins asked Mr. Marcarelli to take the millage increase out and add a withdrawal from the Reserve Trust to supplement the tax increase.

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion the adoption of the 2013 preliminary budget with no millage increase and add the withdrawal from the Reserve Trust Fund; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Hunt and Mars Jones approved with reservations.

2. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Article III of Chapter 115 of the City of Coatesville's Code entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention" to adopt the International Fire Code (2009 Edition) with certain amendments thereto

Mr. Carnes explained the updates for the Fire Code.

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3. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Article III of Chapter 115 of the City of Coatesville's Code entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention" to adopt Article IV permitting the recovery of certain expenses incurred and identifying false alarms and the establishment of fines for false alarms by Resolution of City Council.

Mrs. Hunt asked Acting Chief Lentz to explain false alarms.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Article III of Chapter 115 of the City of Coatesville's Code entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention" to adopt Article IV permitting the recovery of certain expenses incurred and identifying false alarms and the establishment of fines for false alarms by Resolution of City Council; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Special Events submitted as Regular Action Item**

4. A special event permit has been submitted from First Apostle FBH Church for a Fund Raiser on December 8, 2012 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. A request has been made to close 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Chestnut Street to Lumber Street.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the special event permit from First Apostle FBH Church for a Fund Raiser on December 8, 2012 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm requesting a street closure on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Chestnut Street to Lumber Street; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close regular action items; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Discussion Items (5 Minutes)**

Mrs. Hunt asked of the City was putting out the Christmas decorations. Mr. Wilkinson explained that most of the lights are out on the wreaths. The wreaths will not be placed on the poles this year.

Mr. Collins asked what the City is doing to get the finances under control. The Council is working to bring the revenues and expenditures in line. The City is putting forth the measure to put fees in line.

**Solicitors Report**

Mr. Carnes explained he is working on the fee ordinance, Strode Avenue and the Millview dedication.

**City Manager's Report**

Mr. Hudson thanked the volunteers for their help on Thanksgiving serving the homeless at Jubilee Church.

**Council Comments**

Mr. LoPrinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Mr. Suber for his comments. It is good to get feedback from the citizens. Everyone praises for what is going right but sometimes we need to hear what is wrong.

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The continued support means a lot. She stated with an open an open mind most people can learn about new things and can use the new ideas to build on the old ideas.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked Chief Bell for all he has done and what he is doing for the City and his staff. She announced this is the 1st time since 1993 that the Coatesville Football team has been in the finals.

Vice President Hamrick thanked Chief Bell; he has done a great job. He announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 30, 2012 at 6 pm and the Christmas Parade on December 1, 23012 starting at 10 am.

President Collins thanked Chief Bell for his willingness to step in, in such short notice. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by:  
Kirby Hudson  
City Manager