

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 28, 2013

A moment of silence was held in memory of James Lopp

Call to Order

President Collins called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President David Collins, Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Msrs, Jarrell Brazzle, Jeffrey LoPrinzi, Edward Simpson and Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt and Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones. Staff members present included City Manager Kirby Hudson, City Solicitor John Carnes, Public Works Director Donald Wilkinson, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Police Chief John Laufer, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Acting Fire Chief James Lentz, and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

An Executive Session was held earlier this evening, October 20, 2013 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the October 14, 2013 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-2. Mr. Brazzle and Mr. LoPrinzi abstained from the vote.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve the accounts payable; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

There were no additions/deletions or modification to the agenda.

Presentations

There were no presentations at this time.

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

There were no citizens' hearings on regular actions items only at this time.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular actions only at this time; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Crystal Thomas – Homeowner

Ms. Thomas voiced her concerns on the third floor means of egress. She asked why it was not grandfathered in.

Paul Dodson – Homeowner

Mr. Dodson asked inquired about the private hauler fees and the labor involved. He had questions on generating revenue. President Collins asked Mr. Dodson to speak with Mr. Hudson.

Joe Leofsky – Homeowner

Mr. Leofsky questioned the meeting between the Landlords (Coatesville Housing Association) and the City. Mr. Hudson stated he is waiting on information from the Codes department to set up meeting with the association. Mr. Leofsky read sections of the 2013 Budget message.

President Collins asked the citizens speaking to please be respectful to the staff.

Skye Dennis – Filmmaker

Mr. Dennis announced he is filming in DC. He would like to film certain scenes in the City's Police Department. He is willing to pay any fees. Chief Laufer questioned how the City would be viewed in the film. Council asked Mr. Dennis to meet with Chief Laufer to discuss the film.

Portia Graham – Harcum College

Ms. Graham announced programs offered at Harcum College. Mr. Brazzle asked Ms. Graham to come to the next meeting with a presentation.

David DeSimone – Homeowner

Mr. DeSimone provided Council with packets of information he has requested from the City. Mr. DeSimone questioned what the City receives for all the expenses. The fees are being used to generate revenue. Mr. Carnes stated at the meeting with the landlords the issues will be addressed.

Clyde Wilson – Resident

Mr. Wilson voiced his concerns on being apprehended for alleged harassment/assault in Valley Township and other township police arrived at the scene. This was the second time he has been stopped. He read an article from Coatesville times.

Paul Evans – Homeowner

Mr. Evans read the Associations mission statement. He questioned if Council will be reading fee by fee.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 82 "Building Construction" to add Article V "Water Supply" to establish that public water is to be used in the City of Coatesville and that private wells not already inexistence are prohibited

Mr. Brazzle asked why a person could not have a well if they could afford it.

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve second reading and adoption a second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 82 "Building Construction" to add Article V "Water Supply" to establish that public water is to be used in the City of Coatesville and that private wells not already inexistence are prohibited; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Brazzle was the dissenting vote.

2. Consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 190, Section 9 of the Code of the City of Coatesville to address licensing of collectors and to establish that there is no charge for the City's licensing or registration of same, and also amending Section 20 to establish that it is unlawful to burn recyclables or materials identified in the recycling program, and to identify violations of Chapter 190 as subject to alternative enforcement by means of fine and citation at the discretion of the City.

Mr. LoPrinzi asked what defines recyclables. Mr. Hudson explained there is a broad range.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve a second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 190, Section 9 of the Code of the City of Coatesville to address licensing of collectors and to establish that there is no charge for the City's licensing or registration of same, and also amending Section 20 to establish that it is unlawful to burn recyclables or materials identified in the recycling program, and to identify violations of Chapter 190 as subject to alternative enforcement by means of fine and citation at the discretion of the City; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. LoPrinzi was the dissenting vote.

3. Consider soliciting proposals for a 2014 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) in a principal amount not to exceed \$2 million.

Vice President Hamrick asked why Mr. Marcarelli was asking for such a high amount. Mr. Marcarelli explained he is expecting less but requesting a ballpark high at this time for the proposal. The budget process has not been completed.

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve solicitation of proposals for the 2014 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) in a principal amount not to exceed \$2 million; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Consider advertising public special meetings and workshop sessions as indicated on 2014 budget calendar.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the advertisement for the public special meetings and workshop sessions as indicated on the 2014 budget calendar; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes explained he worked on the street closure Ordinance which has been pulled from the agenda. Mr. Carnes announced a meeting has been scheduled to address the Non-Uniform Pension.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson explained the City has received a substantial amount of tax assessment appeals. There has been significant reduction in the assessments.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items at this time.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Brazzle thanked everyone for attending the meeting, There are issues that as a person, he may not agree on, but must look at what is best for the City. He hopes all works well for the City and the Coatesville Housing Association. He sent his condolences to the family of Mr. Lopp. He was a very good man. Mr. Brazzle hopes that when he has children, they grow up to see a positive Coatesville.

Mr. LoPrinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It is nice to see new faces. It is different when you sit as Council and make decisions; everything is not set in stone. We can work together and make changes.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She explained Council makes sure that what is done is done for the best of the City. We need to make sure it is fair and across the board. Council is put in the position to take the brunt end of the decisions made.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He apologized to the Association; he thought the meeting would have been scheduled. He sent his condolences to the family of Mr. Lopp. He was instrumental to the City.

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for attending. She is sorryful to the family for the loss of Mr. Lopp. Mrs. Jones quoted "worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles, it empties today of its strength."

Vice President Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He sent his condolences to the family of Mr. Lopp.

President Collins sent his condolences to the family of Mr. Lopp. He explained that no one on Council makes an independent decision. The decisions are made as a group. He asked everyone to be patient. Council is committed to make something happen.

Adjournment

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Kirby Hudson
City Manager