

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 4, 2017

3:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairman James Decker, Sr., Councilmembers Jim Bair, John Gradwell, and Donna Isenberg, Mayor Dee Dee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

VISITORS: Tammy Stubler, Steve Jackson, Jinny Cooper, and Jennifer Clark.

Chairperson Decker called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Tammy Stubler, 250th Celebration Committee, she distributed the 5k brochures.

Steve Jackson asked if the Community Development Committee has anything to do with the upcoming parking meter issues. Chairperson Decker stated the meters are a maintenance item. Manager Wheeler stated that it also may be handled in the Administration Committee because it is going to require a change in the ordinance and an advertisement. Manager Wheeler stated it would be better to come back during the Administrative Committee on Tuesday at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Jackson asked if the building on Allegheny Street, the old Reeves Parvin building, is Community Development Committee item. Councilperson Isenberg stated that would be under Administrative Committee also. Manager Wheeler reported Gladfelter reached an agreement with the owner of the building on Allegheny Street so the lawsuit has been settled. Mr. Jackson asked if there is anything going on in the way of development with that building. Manager Wheeler responded to the best of his knowledge there is nothing going on with development on that property.

Mr. Jackson asked why William Smith Street is still shut down from the power service being down. Councilperson Bair stated that we have not control over that. Manager Wheeler will look into why Penelec has not come in to repair it.

Jinny Gill, Courthouse employee, was present to talk about the possibility of parking meters being put on William Smith Street. She stated that she has a handicapped employee that works in her office. She cannot use the courthouse parking lot or the Bailey Building parking lot because there is a downward slope to

the sidewalk to the handicapped entrance to the Courthouse. This is an ADA concern. Manager Wheeler suggested that the courthouse purchases the employee and any of their staff Parking Permits. Chairperson Decker asked her to return Tuesday at 5:00 pm for the Administrative Committee.

Manager Wheeler reported that he spoke with a gentleman at Penelec that assured him that Allegheny Street will be fixed by the end of the day today.

Tammy Stubler reviewed the 250th Celebration calendar with the Committee.

GRANT'S ADMINISTRATOR STATUS REPORT: Manager Wheeler reported that we were issued the NPDES permit. He, Mark Collusy and Laurie Nearhood are going to sit down and discuss what expectations we have with moving forward with the CDBG. Councilperson Gradwell reported that at the SCCBA meeting it was announced that the CDBG funding is going to be ending. Councilperson Bair stated that we were told to write letters to our senators and let them know that we are not in agreement with this. Chairperson Decker requested that Manager Wheeler sends a letter to all Federal and State Representatives.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown stated that there was a banner that we used at the Mayfest booth we would like to use for the 250th. Councilperson Bair suggested that the banner is posted at the front of the Borough Building. The Memorial Day Parade will be on May 29th at 10:00 am. We are planting the gateway garden on May 19th if anyone would like to help. The Bloomtown is going very well. Chairperson Decker asked Mayor Brown if she was aware of anything on the microloan status. She is not.

Councilperson Gradwell reported that at the SCCBA meeting. The speaker was Attorney Susan Smith. Councilperson Gradwell distributed the handout that he received on Property Management. Chairperson Decker suggested that we have Solicitor Wilson look at this and provide a comment.

OPEN ISSUES:

JUNIATA COLLEGE-COLDSPRINGS/MOORE STREET PROJECT-BILL WHEELER COMMENTS ON PLAN: Manager Wheeler reported they are not going to start work until school is out.

JUNIATA COLLEGE –ISMA (ARTS) BUILDING PROJECT-BILL WHEELER: Manager Wheeler stated that construction is moving along.

Manager Wheeler reported the Brumbaugh entrance is going well.

BOROUGH ACTIVITY REGISTRATION-BILL WHEELER-COMMENTS ON REGISTRATION PROCESS: Manager Wheeler stated that people are using the activity registration. Councilperson Houck suggested that the Calendar be put on the front page of the borough’s website for easier access.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Chairperson Decker asked Melody about putting brackets up to display the strategic plan. She is working on it.

250TH CELEBRATION UPDATE-NICOLE & RON ENYEART: Chairperson Decker stated that Tammy gave us an excellent update. Councilperson Bair stated the parade is coming along very well. Councilperson Houck stated she would like the borough to present something for recognition to the committee.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT ACTIVITIES-JUNIATA COLLEGE CONTACTED: Manager Wheeler stated that he spoke with someone at the college and they said there isn’t anything they can do if they do not know these things are happening. The event you are speaking of was not a sanctioned event.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOWN CLOCK REPAIR SUPPORT: Chairperson Decker asked for the consensus of the council. There is a lot of people working on the town clock repair. In an April meeting Councilperson Bair made a comment about not supporting this project. Chairperson Decker stated that we need, to be honest with the group of people that are spending time on this as to if we feel we can support the project or not. We need to tell the people up front if there isn’t any interest from the Council to support the program. Manager Wheeler responded that at this point we are looking at this repair bond that Council approved. The Clock is an item within that repair bond. He thinks that if Council is not going to support that they need to do it at a public meeting stating they will not be contributing funds from that repair bond. Councilperson Bair stated his comment did not go as far in the recording as it should have or in the minutes. It’s not that he doesn’t agree with the clock. He just has objections to spending \$40,000-\$88,000 on it when we have so many other issues that we need to fix. He is for giving \$10,000 or \$20,000. He does not object to the clock program he objects to the amount. Councilperson Enyeart stated that as a member of the committee he is totally against it. Councilperson Houck stated

we have a responsibility to support fixing the clock because we are tied to it because of the document. Once this is done the Borough should not be responsible any longer. Councilperson Isenberg stated that she also feels we are attached because of the document. She is disappointed that Solicitor Wilson has never really given us an explanation of whether the document is valid or not.

ADJOURNMENT

FINAL DRAFT

BY Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary