

A regular meeting of the Clarion Borough Council was held on July 8, 2008 in the Clarion Free Library. President Wilshire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members with the exception of Mr. Zerfoss were present. Also present were Mayor Stroup, Chief Hall, Robert Ragon and Nancy Freenock.

Minutes of previous meetings were approved as follows:

June 3, 2008 Public Hearing-motion By Ms. Leonard, second by Ms. Moore; vote 6 yea;
June 3, 2008 Council meeting-motion by Mr. Herman, second by Ms. Vavrek; vote 6 yea;
June 23, 2008 Special Council meeting-motion by Ms. Leonard, second by Mr. Hopkins;
vote 5-yea with Ms. Moore abstaining as she was not present at that meeting;
June 23, 2008 Work Session-motion by Mr. Herman, second by Ms. Vavrek; vote 5-yea
with Ms. Moore abstaining as she was not present at that meeting;

ADMINISTRATION

The appropriations for the month of July were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Leonard. Ms. Freenock noted that the Borough would be repaying the advance taken under the Tax Anticipation Note and that the early Intervention Grant would be closed out upon payment to the state of \$82.00 in interest earnings.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Herman and seconded by Ms. Vavrek, permission was given to open a second CDBG account at S&T Bank.

Following a motion by Ms. Vavrek and a second by Mr. Hopkins, permission was unanimously given for Todd Colosimo to have IDIS access on behalf of the Borough. Only Ms. Freenock has draw down capability.

Mr. Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Vavrek to donate \$750 to the Chamber for the July 4th Fireworks celebration which was enjoyed by the Borough. The motion unanimously carried.

The Special event request of the Chamber regarding the Autumn Leaf Festival was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Herman and a second by Ms. Moore. Mr. Hopkins clarified that no decisions have been made regarding the placement of food vendors. Mayor Stroup stated that discussions were ongoing in that regard.

Permission was given for Ms. LaVan to attend the PLGSA Annual Conference following a motion made by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Herman.

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

Ms. Moore reported that the Main Street project has been delayed due to the need to obtain a PennDot permit because the brick portion of the sidewalk is in PennDot's right-of-way. She noted that no work would be done during ALF. A letter detailing the project has been sent to all affected Main Street property owners.

PUBLIC WORKS

Permission to take the following actions was unanimously granted following motions made by Ms Vavrek:

- a) Engage Gannett Fleming to continue with the bidding process and other matters related to the Main Street project; motion seconded by Mr. Hopkins.
- b) Advertise the Borough's Request for Proposals for contractors for the main Street Project; motion seconded by Ms. Moore.
- c) Award the procurement for light pole brackets and anchors to Charles Tool; motion seconded by Ms. Moore.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Herman requested that a copy of his testimony before the Pennsylvania House Local Government Committee be appended to these minutes together with a copy of his comments made at a rally held in Harrisburg on June 25th to support House Bill 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leonard and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Herman noted that all groups were represented at the rally and that the bill is not expected to pass the House this year but plans to form a coalition to move the bill thru next year are in process. Mr. Herman also thanked Representative McIlhattan for being one of the 60 co-sponsors of the bill and for participating in the rally. Mr. Herman stated that representatives from other local municipalities were present and questioned why Representative Hutchinson has been silent on this matter.

Permission to take the following actions was unanimously given following motions made by Mr. Herman:

- a) Advertise Ordinance No. 2008-752 regarding changes on Payne Street; second by Ms. Vavrek.
- b) Advertise Ordinance No. 2008-75 regarding North Riverview Avenue; second by Mr. Hopkins.
- c) Advertise for engineering services for North Riverview project; second by Ms. Leonard.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Leonard reported about a recent meeting with President Grunenwald to discuss the potential for partnering with the University on recreational projects.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stroup read Resolution No. 2008-263 regarding tolling I80 into the record. Following a motion made by Mr. Herman, wherein he requested that the resolution be amended to provide signature by all Council members, and a second by Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was unanimously approved. President Wilshire thanked the Mayor for his leadership on this issue.

Mayor Stroup also thanked the Mayor of Oil City for attending the rally on June 25th.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Freenock stated that work order for Gannett Fleming to do the engineering for the 7th Avenue storm sewer project was received. The engineering costs are \$10,000 more than what was estimated at the June Council meeting. The cost is now \$60,000. On a motion by Mr. Hopkins and a second by Ms. Leonard, Gannett Flemings revised cost was approved.

Ms. Freenock also stated that the Section 902 DEP and the Second Step Early Intervention grant applications have been filed. She also requested permission to attend the TEAM seminar in September in Harrisburg. A motion was made by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to approve the expenditure.

On a motion by Mr. Herman, seconded by Ms. Leonard, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Freenock
Secretary