

**STEELTON BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 1, 2024

Present:

Vanessa Bowers, President
Natashia Woods, Vice President
Denae House, Pro Tem
Willie Slade
Julianna Paoletti

Kathy McCool, Borough Manager
Randy Watts, Engineer, HRG
Ryan Gonder, Solicitor
Aaron Curry, Codes Enforcement Officer
William Shaub, Police Chief

Absent: Mr. Brian Proctor, Mr. Michael Segina

President Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

President Bowers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was led by Mayor Dent, observed for the family of Orillia Rivera.

Special Presentation:

None

The roll call was conducted by Kathy McCool, and the attendees listed above were present.

President Bowers announced that there was an executive session held on March 18, 2024, at 7:02 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Public Comments on Agenda items only:

No comments were made.

Approval of the Minutes:

Approval for 3/4/24 and 3/18/24 minutes. Minutes were tabled for review.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Randy Watts, Engineer, HRG – The contractor for the Hoffer Street Pump Station Project is looking to start work on the generator in late April. Bids for the Frank S. Brown Parking Lot Improvement Project are scheduled to come in mid-April. They are beginning easement acquisition with some of the affected property errors for the Trewick Force Main Replacement Project.

Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Mrs. House to approve the Engineers Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Gonder presented for consideration and approval of a properly advertised ORDINANCE 2024-3 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STEELTON AUTHORIZING THE VACATION, CANCELLING, AND REMOVAL FROM ANY PLAN OF STREETS OF THE

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BOROUGH OF STEELTON THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF CHRISTIAN STREET. A public hearing was held to hear about the issue.

Motion made by Ms. Paoletti, seconded by Mrs. House to approve Ordinance 2024-3. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mr. Gonder presented for consideration and approval of AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION 2023-R-21 RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PENNSYLVANIA GAMING STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT. Chief Shaub explained that the BolaWrap devices and training cost must meet the grant threshold of \$25K and the application needs to be amended to reflect the new amount of \$26K+.

Motion made by Mrs. House, seconded by Ms. Paoletti to approve Amended Resolution R-2023-21. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to advertise ORDINANCE 2024-4 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR, INTEREST ASSESSMENT, AND ATTORNEY FEES AND COLLECTION FEES ADDED TO THE AMOUNT COLLECTED AS PART OF UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CLAIMS FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Ms. Paoletti to approve to advertise Ordinance 2024-4. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool Consideration and approval to accept the Pricing Proposal for Cloudpermit software solution for Codes Department activities. Total amount for the first year will be \$8,500. Mrs. McCool noted that this is not included in the budget, but will move reserves over at the end of the year if needed to cover the cost. President Bowers asked if it was including the start-up fee. Mrs. McCool stated that it did include the start-up fee and that the cost will decrease.

Motion made by Mrs. House, seconded by Mr. Slade to accept the Pricing Proposal for Cloudpermit.. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to write a greeting from Borough Council for a Souvenir Booklet to commemorate the 22nd Biennial Brown-Taylor Family Reunion to be held on July 12-14 at the Penn Harris Hotel.

Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Mrs. House to accept the Pricing Proposal for Cloudpermit.. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval for facilities request from Richard Wise to hold the 1st Annual Global Threat Classic Basketball Tournament on 5/18-5/19, 2024, 12 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Municipal Park, pending receipt of appropriate evidence of insurance. (reviewed by Events Committee). Question from Chief Shaub about the midnight start of the basketball tournament. The council explained that the time was only for reservation, not event start.

Motion made by Mr. Slade, seconded by Vice President Woods to approve the facilities use for Municipal Park from Richard Wise. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval for facilities request from Kayli Yeager for a Birthday Party for a 4-year-old at East End Park on 8/4/24, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. (reviewed by Events Committee)

Motion made by Ms. Paoletti, seconded by Vice President Woods to approve the facilities use for East End Park from Richard Wise. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: An executive session will be held to discuss personnel matters. President Bowers suggested moving Public Comments, as the length of the executive session is unknown.

Motion made by Vice President Woods, seconded by Ms. Paoletti to move to public comments rather than executive session at this point in the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Cheryl Powell, 321 Lebanon Street, Steelton, PA 17113 – Question about the new software for the Codes Department and commented about the usage of the old system. President Bowers stated it would be a more efficient system for all staff members. Vice President Woods stated that it is a cloud-based system, which will save documents, paper, access time, etc. It is an updated system. Mrs. McCool stated that the previous program was run by ProChamps which handled vacant property registration. This is replacing that and doing other things for Codes. She explained that ProChamps would take a 20% cut of all registrations, so now we are spending upfront but saving in the end. Ms. Powell stated that it did not seem like the old system was being used, so why get a new one? mS. Powell mentioned the Hideout location and the sexual activity in the location/permitting that activity. Asked why a permit was not obtained originally and someone stated the owner lied.

Mr. Powell, 321 Lebanon St – Asked about the purpose of the street sweeper. Council stated that April 1 is the first day of street sweeping. He mentioned the Harrisburg Street sweeper related to the dirt/dump. Mayor Dent said they have been in contact with PennDOT and the project manager. Mr. Powell stated that residents cannot get support for cleaning up. He suggested “No trucks” signs with tonnage limits. Mr. Powell mentioned Harrisburg St. is a state route. He also mentioned the strip club issue and the Elks shooting incident.

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Michael Nebroski, 110 N Front St, Steelton, PA 17113 - Has 3 interested buyers for his property. Steelton has an interest because of a declaration of taking that was filed against the property 18 years ago. Granger Bowman has contacted his attorney. Asked the Borough attorney if he was familiar with the property. Mr. Nebroski said it went in front of a vote about a year ago with different Council members. He stated that he would like to be on the agenda in 2 weeks to present this project and move forward with it. Mr. Gonder stated he cannot talk to Mr. Nebroski directly because he has an attorney and Mr. Gonder advised Council not to speak to him as well. Mr. Nebroski stated he is not currently represented by any lawyer and asked for a conversation. Mr. Gonder declined.

Council Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Motion to enter executive session by Mrs. House, seconded by Vice President Woods. Motion passed unanimously. Entered executive session.

Motion to close the executive session at 7:19 PM by Mrs. House, seconded by Mr. Slade.

Motion to open the public Council meeting back up at 7:19 PM by Mr. Slade, seconded by Mrs. House. The public meeting is open.

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of personnel action as discussed in the Executive Session.

Motion to terminate Police Officer Cory Allwein by Mr. Slade, seconded by Mrs. House. President Bowers abstained. A roll call vote was requested by Vice President Woods.

Paiolletti – Yes

Woods – Yes

House – Yes

Slade – Yes

Bowers – Abstained

The motion is approved.

Vice President Woods asked Chief Shaub to notify Allwein of his termination effective today.

Motion by Mr. Slade to adjourn at 7:21 PM, seconded by Mrs. House. Meeting adjourned.