

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
December 17, 2019**

The December 17, 2019 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Dennis Simon at 7:01 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center located on Grandview Avenue.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present:

Absent:

Dennis Simon, Council President  
Mary Carol Kennedy, Council Vice-President  
Paul Borkowski, Council Member  
Joe Esposito, Council Member  
Stacy Simon, Council Member

None

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Administrator  
Nick Evashavick, Solicitor  
Dave Gilliland, Engineer  
Denise Hartford, Secretary  
Lou Payne, Mayor

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments

**ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Gilliland reported that the CITF funded projects for paving and demolition bid opening will occur at the TCV COG on 1/7/20. Demolition bids for the emergency demolition on Grandview Ave will occur on 12/23/19.

Mr. Gilliland also reported that the manhole repair work is on hold until final permitting can be obtained by Union RR. He explained this is normal, and no action is needed by the Borough.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Esposito. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

Mr. Esposito made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$162,583.43.  
Seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion passed unanimously.

**FIRE MARSHAL REPORT** – the report is on file.



- d. Resolution to dispose of records in accordance with the State Municipal Records Manual
  - i. Motion: Ms. Kennedy                      Second: Mr. Esposito – Motion Passes unanimously
  
- e. Public Hearing for the ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RECOUPMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE EXPENSES INCURRED IN PROVIDING FOR SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION AND REMEDIATION DUE TO AN EMERGENCY, ACCIDENT OR SOME OTHER EVENT GIVING RISE TO THE NEED FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
  - i. No public comments
  - ii. Motion to approve the Ordinance: Ms. Kennedy                      Second: Ms. Simon – Motion Passes Unanimously
  
- f. Public Hearing for the AMENDING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FALSE ALARMS
  - i. No public comments
  - ii. Motion to approve the Ordinance: Ms. Kennedy                      Second: Ms. Simon – Motion Passes Unanimously
  
- g. Public Hearing for the ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EAST PITTSBURGH BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRADDOCK AND RANKIN BOROUGHS GOVERNING THE PROVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SERVICES FROM THE RIVERS EDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
  - i. No public comments
  - ii. Motion to approve the Ordinance: Ms. Kennedy                      Second: Mr. Borkowski – Motion Passes 4-1, with Mr. Esposito objecting.

**COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

- 1. Ms. Kennedy spoke about the feral cats in the Borough. She and others working on feeding and Trap, Neuter & Release programs. Assistance was requested in getting the word out about the proper care of feral cats to properly control and reduce the population. Mr. Abrams will post information on the Borough website and Facebook page. If needed, a flyer will be created to hand out door to door in the affected areas.
  
- 2. Mr. Simon announced that Mayor Payne is the 2020 delegate to the Allegheny League of Municipalities. Mr. Abrams announced that Ms. Simon has volunteered to be the delegate to the TCV COG.
  
- 3. Mayor Payne thanked Joe Esposito for his dedication on Council and for the work as the Public Works co-chair, which included answering calls in the middle of the night. Mr. Simon was thanked for his 30 years of service – with notation that there will be a hole that cannot be easily filled by his retirement.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Mr. Esposito made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams  
Borough Manager