

EAST PITTSBURGH AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2023

The February 14,2023 agenda meeting of the East Pittsburgh Council was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Ms. Kennedy.

Ms. Hartford took the roll.

Present: Absent: None

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President

Jonathan Reyes, Council Vice President (arrived at 6:02)

Chad Nicholson, Council Member

Mark Petri, Council Member

Ed Ruane, Council Member

Other:

Markus Adams, Mayor

Sarah (LJ) Capps, Borough Manager

Denise Hartford, Borough Secretary

Ms. Kennedy asked for a moment of silence for the fallen officer of McKeesport who was buried today.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Grysiak- St. Johns Church on Sycamore St.

Mr. Grysiak wanted to thank council for the block wall that was constructed to prevent the hillside from sliding.

Now the church wants to begin their part of the project of wall, sidewalk, and curb restoration. All the necessary permits have been applied for. Mr. Grysiak stated that their plans were to build another catch basin and if possible tie into the existing one. He also wanted to know if the borough could help with the cost of paving over part or all the road. Ms. Kennedy informed him that this would have to be discussed with our Engineer.

Plans for this project are included.

Lou Botti, Botti Contracting & Trucking, LLC

Mr. Botti presented a bid to demolish and raze the property at 610 Main Street in East Pittsburgh for a price of \$20,760. Ms. Kennedy explained that three bids are needed to award this project and that we will keep him informed.

Lee Davis, Violence Prevention.

Mr. Davis spoke about the 180 homicides of people 45 and younger and the epidemic of gun violence. People seem to be migrating to the Mon Valley area. What can we do about it? He mentioned that the city was getting money to help the violence but not the neighboring boroughs. Two programs are out there to help people in need. One is "Cure Violence" for ages 13-14 and 17-18 and "Ready Model" for ages 18-34. Readiness training is available. A one-year program at the Health Department for mental health issues and public health issues has been set up.

Mr. Davis also stated that without Shuman Center, some facility is needed to house teenagers with violent behavior and have a person, not an officer with the Regional Police, to communicate with kids and officers.

He mentioned about bringing other boroughs together to purchase "Shot Spotters" in this area.

Review of Minutes:

January 10,2023 Agenda Meeting

January 17,2023 Council Meeting

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. Resolution to amend garbage ordinance- Waiting for the ordinance from the Solicitor.
- b. Have one bid for the demolition of 608 and 610 Main St. Need two more.
- c. Things are moving along with the Regional Police.
- d. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 at 700 Grandview for the Municipal Building project. Money from the Casino's may be available.
- e. Looking into sewer improvements and possibly street sweeping at a cost of \$1,200 a year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Ruane made a motion to approve the November 15,2022 Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Nicholson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent from the Governor's Center for Local Government for the Manager Mentor program. Seconded by Mr. Nicholson. Motion carried.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Dennis Ham is interested in bidding on the demolition of the gym.


Council wants to see the website up and running and the Newsletter to be printed four times a year spring, summer, fall, and winter.

Sherry's Market is celebrating a second anniversary on May 13,2023 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. She wanted to know if the street could be closed off. Further discussion is needed on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Denise Hartford,
Borough Secretary