

**Evans City Borough Council Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2019**

Members in attendance were as follows:

Councilman Dyer	Present
Councilwoman Armstrong	Present
Councilwoman Parenti	Present
Councilman Otto	Not Present
Councilwoman Zoelle	Not Present

Also Present:
Mayor Zinkhann
Neva Stotler, Solicitor

Council President Dyer called meeting to order at 6:00 PM with pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

Sarah Troyan, who resides at 235 W. Main Street, mentioned that she still gets flooding in her yard from water runoff from the alley, she also mentioned the noise of the garbage trucks coming very early.

Joanne Ramsden, who resides at 149 W. Main Street, also mentioned that Vogel has been coming around 4 AM to pick up trash on their street.

Rita Reifenstein, who resides at 346 W. Main Street, was thankful that the one way sign she discussed at last month's meeting was taken down, she also expressed some concerns with changing the Trick-or-Treat time in Evans City to Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 3PM – 5PM, as residents were getting trick or treaters from all over Butler County, which was around 3 times as much as they normally get, and it puts a burden on Evans City residents who were not prepared for that many children. She did mention that she thought having it during the day was safer for the children, and she was happy that it wasn't raining that day.

Discussion Items:

Tom Smith and Police Chief McCombs discussed the 2020 Evans City/Seven Fields Regional Police Department Budget highlights. A list of the budget highlights was provided to council, as well as the public for review. Part of the budget allocates \$25,000.00 for the Plate Capture equipment, which includes software that collects data on each vehicle, that does not include who is in the vehicle, but helps to assist in combating crime. He mentioned that the District Attorney is helping to allocate funding in a match fund between 50-75% from the county, and the two main areas where vehicles will be tracked will be on Route 228 at Castle Creek Drive, and Route 68 at E. Main Street. Overall, Evans City will see a reduction in the cost of Police services. Mayor Zinkhann asked about the new police scanners, to which Chief McCombs explained that they are

transitioning to new radios/scanners, and the new ones will be scrambled to the public. He advised to not buy into everything that may be said in social media regarding calls as the public will no longer be able to hear the content of their calls. He said it was a collaborative agreement with nearby agencies within the 911 Board to proceed with these new radios/scanners. He said the Fire and EMS will not yet be changed, so they will not be scrambled but will follow suit in the near future. Both Tom Smith and Chief McCombs said that if ever anyone has any questions or concerns, both of their phone numbers and email addresses are on the Borough website. They also mentioned that they will have some of the police commission meetings at the Evans City Borough building, and that they will be posting an ad in the Butler Eagle with that information.

Council President Dyer mentioned that the traffic control devices on Main Street were inspected by a traffic engineer and had some dials missing, but that other than that, they are set to the appropriate time, which is 18 seconds, as set by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, (PennDOT).

The Borough will be applying for the Green Light Go Grant for the same lights on Main Street that were inspected by PennDOT, and at 7-11 to assist with traffic flow through town. Mr. Reifenstein asked if there can be a delay on those lights to help with the constant flow of traffic so that those who live on the main streets of Evans City can get in and out of their driveways, Council President Dyer said that unfortunately PennDOT oversees that, and they set the traffic signals.

April Mackelica, who resides at 125 S Washington, Apt 2, asked about having a solar light that flashes installed on Route 68, to help warn motorists to slow down to the set speed limit, to allow people to cross that area of the street, and if another handicap parking space can be put in due to the one, she usually uses is always taken. Council President Dyer said he would look into it.

The second payment of \$10,000 to EDCO Park was also mentioned as it is in with this month's bills to be paid.

The 2020 Budget was discussed, no anticipated tax increase, there will be a tax deduction of 1/2 mil, due to the use of the LED lights that were installed. Council President Dyer went over all the highlighted expenses and revenue included in the budget. He mentioned that it will be in the Borough office for review as well as on the Borough website, and there will be an ad in the Butler Eagle.

The 2018 Audit was discussed, Council President Dyer stated that the Borough is in better shape than 15-20 years ago, that close to 1,500 invoices were paid, along with everything that came in and went out of the Borough was accounted for, and no issues were found. He stated that it will be posted on the website for review.

Mayor Zinkhann reported that there were 97 police calls for Evans City and 132 for Seven Fields.

Council President Dyer reported that we are now receiving invoices from the police department for the times that we close the streets for events such as Oktoberfest, and Halloween. The invoice

for the Halloween parade is \$487.12, which he will ask the Rotary to pay for as this parade was sponsored by them.

John Rogers from EDCO Park mentioned the Purses and Pistols event on November 9, 2019, he said anyone can contact himself or Cindy Caldwell for tickets to that event. Cindy Caldwell discussed at their meeting the ½% tax from the installation of the LED lights in town can be turned over to EDCO Park for help with the funding, they would like the Borough would look into getting ½% for them. Council President Dyer said that ½% cannot be turned over for EDCO Park, to which Cindy said correct, and mentioned that EDCO Park Authority has asked their representatives to look into getting the ½% for EDCO Park, she mentioned Pittsburgh running ads asking people to vote on the tax.

Councilwomen Armstrong read the report given from the Water & Sewer Authority, she mentioned that it said they hired a new employee, that due to Thanksgiving, the next meeting will be held on November 20, 2019, at 6 PM.

Council President Dyer discussed how each month we receive a report from the street department about the trucks, mileage, maintenance schedules, and any issues that need addressed with the Borough vehicles.

Mr. Reifenstein asked where the next council meeting will be held due to the renovations of the community room in the Borough building, Council President Dyer advised that they will keep in touch with the library on the process, and if need be, Ritzert Hall may be an option to have the next meeting. If the location changes, it will be listed on the Borough website.

Official Actions:

Motion to accept the minutes of October 7th meeting by Councilwoman Armstrong. Second by Councilwoman Parenti. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the bills Councilwoman Parenti. Second by Councilwoman Armstrong. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the advertisement for the 2020 Budget by Councilwoman Armstrong. Second by Councilwoman Parenti. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-571 to eliminate parking on the east side of Harrison Street from South Washington to Jefferson Street by Councilwoman Armstrong. Second by Councilwoman Parenti. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:34 PM by Councilwoman Armstrong. Second by Councilwoman Parenti. Motion carried.

-Minutes taken by Denise Powell, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.