

**Evans City Borough Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

Members in attendance were as follows:

Councilman Dyer	Present
Councilwoman Parenti	Present
Councilwoman Zoelle	Present

Also Present:
Mayor Zinkhann
Neva Stotler, Solicitor
John Rogers, EDCO Park

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

Public Comment:

Rick Reifenstein, who resides at 346 W. Main Street, mentioned the Veteran's Memorial located in Titusville, PA, how nice it is and how he believes it would be a good example to use for the Evans City Memorial. He showed pictures he took for council to review. He also discussed his letter he sent to Congress regarding the speed limits in Evans City, he mentioned that he received a response and was referred to our local State Representative.

Cindy Caldwell, who resides at 410 W. Jackson Street, mentioned a large pot hole located at 318 Wahl Avenue near a storm sewer and the weeds and grass were also high. She also mentioned on her street, W. Jackson Street, there is a water pipe that is exposed and she observed a truck that went into a ditch due to that exposed pipe.

Linda Middleton, who resides at 224 S. Washington Street, asked about the alley flooding by Railroad that was mentioned at the last meeting, Council President Lee Dyer said that Councilman Matt Otto was the one who had gone and examined it, but that he was not present to report on it, he will report on it at the next meeting.

Rita Reifenstein, who resides at 346 W. Main Street, expressed concern again about changing the time of the council meetings to 6:30 PM or 7 PM so that more residents can attend them. She asked that a "No Use of Jake Brake" sign put in on the West end of town that because of the noise of trucks using their brakes because they are going too fast. She also mentioned a hole in the road on Route 68 near the ballfield, it was determined that that part of the road was Jackson Township, Council asked the Borough Secretary to notify Jackson Township. She also mentioned the noise from two drains on the road from vehicles driving over them.

Joanne Ramsden, who resides at 149 W. Main Street discussed the 2 large events coming up in Evans City. One being the Clean Up days from September 8, 2019 through September 12, 2019, with September 11<sup>th</sup> being a national day of service, the citizens are being asked to volunteer. She

also mentioned the council meeting times. She also mentioned that there is a website for any type of events in Evans City that residents can use, [evanscitynow.com](http://evanscitynow.com). She asked where the Borough was with the hiring an employee for the Street Department. She also stated that she talked to Bill Caldwell with the VFW about the Veteran's Memorial, he said they support moving the location of it, and that he thought putting it somewhere on Main Street would get more attention to it, and that they would be willing to donate towards the cost of moving it. Council President Dyer mentioned that the Revitalization Committee of Evans City did a clean up recently, so they have yellow vests to donate. He also mentioned that 8 cigarette holders have been placed in different areas on Main Street in town and it appears that they are being utilized.

Discussion Items:

The proposal from General Code to update the Borough's Code Book was discussed. Council President Dyer recommended to save cost to just pay to have 1 or 2 hard copies purchased, with the Code Books being available online for use by Council. Total cost is \$3,380.00

The bids for the catch basin on N. Washington Street. Kaltenbaugh bid: \$5,400, State Pipe bid: \$11,500.00, and Bill Hay & Sons bid: \$6,313.00.

The brick removal on Main Street was recommended to be tabled due to another process that would allow preservation of the bricks, and also allow people to use bricks in memory of ones passed on, Council President Dyer will have more information on it at the next meeting.

Double coat of tar & chipping of Elizabeth Street and single coat of First Street will have to be reviewed and bids obtained, due to removing of Waldron and added to be paved, so therefore will be discussed at the next meeting.

The one bid that was received from Weist Asphalt Paving & Products in Butler, for the paving of Waldron, Division, and Van Buren Streets was opened and discussed. Total cost was \$50,821.60, which is within the \$53,000.00 budget.

The letter from April Mackalica, who resides at 125 S. Washington Street, asking for the handicap sign be returned was discussed.

The Mayor advised that there was no police meeting, so therefore, no report for him to give. He mentioned that he thought the police meeting needs to be changed, as 5:15 PM is not a good time for the residents of Evans City or Seven Fields.

Solicitor Neva Stotler discussed that she will be emailing a copy of the restated Regional Police Charter Document out, to be voted on at the next council meeting.

Council President Dyer gave reported on some unfinished items from the last meeting, one being the issue with Vogel Disposal's placement of garbage cans that currently creates a hazard on W. Main Street, from the Railroad to the Park. Mr. Vogel made an agreement to have the employee that is on that route physically get out of the waste truck and place the garbage cans so that they

are not a hazard any longer. Mayor Zinkhann also said that he will be meeting with Mr. Vogel to discuss the problem as well.

The Borough has posted the open position for the Street Department in the Butler Eagle, on the Borough Website, on Indeed, and Zip Recruiter. All resumes and applications will be reviewed by the HR Committee and will narrow it down to the best 3-5 candidates and start to call to set up interviews.

The traffic issue that Rick Reifenstein had brought up earlier was discussed. Councilwoman Zoelle said that she talked to Chief McCombs, and he had told her that the average speed through the area in question, which is W. Main Street, was around 34.7 mph, and that that did not pose an immediate threat, but as Council President Dyer discussed, because of the many other drivers that come through at higher speeds putting residents and children at risk, the Police Department has been asked to reinforce their coverage of W. Main Street of Evans City.

Council President Dyer addressed the changing of the council meeting time, he mentioned a current petition that has been enacted, it will be taken into review and will be announced at the next council meeting. Councilwoman Zoelle suggested adding an exit poll on that at the next election, with that being one of the questions people can answer when they go to vote so that we get a broader spectrum of people's opinions on this particular issue.

The EDCO Park Veteran's Memorial Site was discussed by council, the majority of Veterans are ok with keeping it where it currently is, Council President Dyer added that due to the length of time it has taken, the low bidder on the cleaning/repainting of that site has not been returning our calls. Mayor Zinkhann said that he is in contact with Nextier Bank about moving it down on their property on W. Main Street, he will report on this discussion at the next meeting. Any further developments or bids will be discussed at future meetings.

John Rogers discussed EDCO Park report, he said they are in the process of closing the pool for the season, he discussed some things they are going to work on to report on for the next meeting in October, the noise reduction problem was discussed, Cindy Caldwell reported that they had someone who was willing to donate \$1,000.00 towards that noise reduction, they had someone who was going to do a variable dry solution, but it is put on hold until May when the pool re-opens so that the warranty can start then, rather than right away when it wouldn't be in use in the winter season. EDCO Park and the Lyons Club together will have a booth at the Purses & Pistols event at Oktoberfest from September 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Financial issues were discussed with the pool and the grants. Approximately \$34,000 debt that is due of the pool. Council President Dyer asked that they arrange a meeting with Lance Welliver and let him know so that he can be present to represent the Borough.

Council President Dyer read over the report from the Fire Department as Aaron Walker was not present.

The report for the Street Department was discussed, pay off agreements number 5 and 6 for the EDCO Park pool were not completed because the designer never returned, so the Borough had an

engineering company come in and evaluated and approved them, signed off on it, it was given to Butler County, their fee was \$2,100.00 that the Borough covered. Any unused grant monies in this process will go back to who issued the grant. The garage doors at the street department garage were replaced, at a cost of \$1,445.00. Zigler will be coming to replace the furnace at the street department garage in October.

Cindy Caldwell asked if the slide for the pool be stored over at the street department garage as for the winter, Council President Dyer said he would check into it.

Official Actions:

Motion to go accept the proposal from General Code for \$3,380.00 by Councilwoman Parenti. Second by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the low bid for the repairs on the catch basin on N. Washington Street by Councilwoman Zoelle. Second by Councilwoman Parenti. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the only bid from Weist Asphalt Paving for \$8,271.60 for paving of Waldron, Division and Van Buren streets by Councilwoman Parenti. Second by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried.

Motion to return the handicap parking spot to 125 S. Washington Street by Councilwoman Zoelle. Second by Councilwoman Parenti. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the minutes of August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting by Councilwoman Parenti with a question about the waste company that Carly Ference was referring to in her request to change the route, it was verified that it was Vogel, so Councilwoman Parenti was satisfied and her motion stands. Second by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried.

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

Motion to accept training on September 11, 2019, by Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs for new Councilwoman Zoelle by Councilman Dyer. Second by Councilwoman Parenti. Motion carried.

Motion by to adjourn meeting at 7:14 PM by Councilwoman Parenti. Second by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried.

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