

Sayre Borough Council

Minutes – July 29, 2020

Call to Order – Mr. Daly called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Mr. Gillette offered the meeting prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Cori Belles, Jessie Dekar, Patrick Gillette, Jessica Meyer, Jason Serfas, Irene Slocum, Council Vice-President; and James Daly, Council President. Also present; Henry Farley, Mayor; Gil Crossett, Assistant Fire Chief; Elizabeth Fice, Borough Treasurer; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Robert Repasky, Fire Chief; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Citizens To Be Heard – No individuals addressed the Borough Council;

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council Meeting held on June 24, 2020 were approved as presented and placed on file.

Approval of Bills List – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the bills list. Under the question: There were none. Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Miss Meyer, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.

Correspondence Report – July 2020 – There were no questions or comments.

Finance Report – June, 30, 2020 – There were no questions or comments.

Elected Officials – Questions & Comments – There were no questions or comments.

Consent Agenda - Mr. Daly explained that the items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion and one roll call vote and that there will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by a Council Member, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda

- a. Request from Travis Barnes, Journey Fitness to use Howard Elmer Park on August 22 and September 19, 2020
- b. Request from Joanne Babcock, Children's House /Child Advocacy Center to use Riverfront Park on July 22, 2020.
- c. Request submitted by Mayor Farley on behalf of Debbie Thompson to use Howard Elmer Park on Saturday, August 15, 2020 for her wedding.
- d. Request submitted by Annie Caplan to use Howard Elmer to host a Black Lives Matter Event on August 13 or August 20, 2020 at 6:30pm.
- e. Request submitted by Kelly McElhaney to use Howard Elmer Park for yoga classes on various dates in August and September.
- f. Approve the closure of Riverfront Park and the Riverfront Park Boat Launch to the public on Saturday, August 22, 2020

A motion was made by Mrs. Belles and seconded by Mrs. Slocum to approve the Consent Agenda items. Under the question: Mr. Serfas asked that Item D be removed from the Consent Agenda so that the request can be discussed further. Mr. Serfas asked if the requestor provided any additional information, and Mr. Jarrett stated that the only information about the event was included in the letter. Mayor Farley expressed his concern with the number of requests the Borough receives for the use of Howard Elmer Park and that the number of events could prevent others from using the park. Mr. Jarrett stated that the Borough has received more requests to use Borough property this year than in previous years, and that many of the requests are not submitted in time to distribute them to the Borough Council prior to the workshop meeting. Mr. Jarrett stated that he is preparing a policy that would require a requestor to provide much more information than what is required now, and that the requests must be submitted by a certain number of days prior to the event. Mr. Serfas asked that Ms. Caplan be invited to the workshop meeting on August 10th to provide the Council with more information about her event. Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Miss Meyer, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.

Recess – Mr. Daly recessed the meeting at 6:10pm prior to the Borough Council going into Executive Session.

Executive Session – The Borough Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and potential litigation issue at 6:11pm. The session ended at 7:30pm.

Approval of Request – A motion was made by Mrs. Slocum and seconded by Miss Meyer to approve the request from Kriger Construction to use former Val Chem property on South Lehigh Avenue for their material storage facility for the duration of the PA 199 improvement project. Under the question: There were none. Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mrs. Dekar, Mr. Gillette, Miss Meyer, Mr. Serfas, Mrs. Slocum, and Mr. Daly; YES.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to adjourn the meeting 7:30pm. There was no objection.

Respectfully submitted,



David M Jarrett, Manager/Secretary