

August 25, 2014

The August 25th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Cohick, Gensemer, Flory, Stover, Daub, and Mayor Redcay. The invocation was given by Mayor Redcay, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizen's Concerns

Donald Wenger inquired if the blacktop by the railroad tracks on Main Street will be repaired and stated someone almost tripped and fell the other day. Discussion followed and George Whetsel, Director of Public Works, reported that the macadam area will be repaired as the Borough repairs other utility cuts in the Borough.

Mr. Wenger reported that some of the blacktop on the walking trail in the Denver Memorial Park by the Skatepark is starting to breakup. Borough Manager Michael Hession responded that there are some tree roots that are pushing up the blacktop. Recently the Borough submitted a grant application to install additional blacktop work at the Park to make sure all the facilities are handicap accessible and at that time it is planned to fix that section of the trail without harming the tree.

Mr. Wenger inquired about what is going to happen with the area where the playground equipment used to be at the North 4th Street Playground. Mr. Hession reported that the Borough received a grant to redevelop the North 4th Street Playground. The grant included provisions for the purchase and installation of new equipment. The Borough was required to remove the old equipment before starting the project. Mr. Hession reported that the Bid packet is complete and once DCNR approves the plan, the Borough will advertise Bids for the project.

Borough Council Comments

Councilman Stover reported that the Street Committee met before tonight's meeting to review street improvement projects for 2015. Discussion followed.

Borough Council discussed the high grass and weeds at 400 Spruce Street. Mr. Hession reported that the vegetation at this property was cut already this year and the property is on the list again to have the grass and weeds cut by the contracted service. Also, the property owner cut a tree down last year adjacent to the sidewalk on North 4th Street and was required to remove the stump and repair the sidewalk. The timeframe for these repairs has expired so the Borough will obtain a cost estimate to remove the stump and to repair the sidewalk and then will bill the property owner for the cost of these improvements.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Boyer reported that he conducted the monthly siren test and he attended the Fireworks Incident Action Plan meeting.

Police Department Report

Chief George Beever reported that the Police Department received a \$3,500.00 donation from the Fritztown Fire Company and will be using the donation to upgrade and repair some camera equipment. Chief Beever also reported that the newest patrol vehicle is still getting the equipment installed and the new county radio system is still undergoing testing and most County agencies are supposed to go live the week of October 6th with the local police departments going live November 1st. Chief Beever also reported that in July, 2014, House Bill 1090 was signed into law and will take effect the 1st week of September. The bill is an addendum to the Safe

Sanctuary Law that allows people to drop off newborns in certain area of a medical facility and now they will be able to drop them off at a police department.

Chief Beever reported that a couple of weeks ago there was a disturbance at 9:20 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street and two (2) people were cited for public drunkenness. On August 8th there was a disturbance in the 600 block of Main Street at 8:50 a.m. and one (1) person was charged with underage drinking. On August 12th there were two (2) vehicle crashes with one (1) at North 6th Street and Locust Street and the other at Snyder Street and Monroe Street. On August 15th the Police Department started abandon vehicle proceedings for a vehicle parked in the 400 block of North 7th Street. On August 15th a vehicle struck a utility pole on North 6th Street and Locust Street knocking out power to part of the Borough. Lastly, between August 16th and August 17th, there was a BMX bicycle that was stolen in the 100 block of Birch Street. Discussion followed.

Denver Fire Company Report

Chief Shannon Hilton was not in attendance.

Police Advisory Board Update

Councilman Mike Gensemer reported that the next Police Advisory Board (PAB) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m. The Board will be discussing the draft charter and he will bring along some of the questions Mr. Hession had forwarded to Borough Council. Mr. Hession stated that the two (2) dates that are available to meet with the Borough Solicitor to discuss the draft agreement are Wednesday August 27th or Thursday September 4th. Discussion followed and Borough Council decided to meet with the Borough Solicitor in an Executive Session on Thursday, September 4th.

Director of Public Work's Report

Mr. Whetsel reported that the Public Works Department has started shutting down the Denver Community Pool for the season. Mr. Whetsel also reported that street repair work on Jefferson Avenue is complete and there still remains one (1) small puddle at the low spot following rain events; the High School and elementary School flasher signals have been programmed for the first day of school; the SpeedSentry Sign has been installed on North 5th Street; and a new stone pad has been installed next to the Recreation Center for the new shed that will be delivered on Wednesday, August 27th. Mr. Whetsel also reported that the central hydraulic system on the dump truck has been repaired and the two (2) sign posts on South 4th Street were replaced with steel posts instead of wood posts.

Mr. Whetsel reported that the Department repaired some stone alleys; patched some potholes; assisted with the chipping of the brush pile; completed maintenance of various fire hydrants; installed the "Deaf Child at Play" signs on the 500-block of Locust Street and in the alley behind Locust Street; completed the monthly water and sewer reports; installed the "Video Surveillance" signs at the Borough Lot; repaired the overhead door at the Borough Garage; assembled the new hockey nets and delivered them to the rink; trimmed the shrubbery around the Municipal Building; finished painting the handicap parking space on Walnut Street; and sprayed the weeds at the Denver Memorial Park, the Denver Community Pool, and the North 4th Street Playground. Mr. Whetsel stated that tomorrow the Department will be painting the parking stall lines in the 300 block of Main Street.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the sale of the property at 1975 North Reading Road. Mr. Hession reported that the property is schedule to be sold on Thursday, August 28th. The Borough has been working with officials from East Cocalico Township and Ephrata National Bank to obtain loan payoff information and procedure so that the Borough can pay off or portion of the outstanding balance due. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the note, the Borough can pay off our portion of the balance due, however, until all of the municipalities pay off their balances, the Borough will continue to incur costa and fees. Discussion followed concerning whether any of the other municipalities have decided how they are going to approach this issue. Since all of the information is not available, Borough Council will not take action concerning the motions included on the Meeting Agenda regarding the payoff of the loan. Discussion followed.

Borough Council discussed the request from Rodney Redcay, Executive Director of the REAL Youth Ministry and Mayor of the Borough, for authorization to close North 3rd Street from Main Street to the entrance of the Gehman Feed Mill (driveway closest to their red office building) on Saturday, October 11, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a Block Party celebrating the grand opening of their new Youth Center at 239 Main Street. Mayor Redcay reported that his organization is real excited to have this opportunity. They acquired the property in July and have been busy working there and kids have been there helping too. There also have been some businesses that have been supporting them as well to help them transform the building into a facility that would be well received by the community. They will be inviting community leaders as well as the local representatives to the ribbon cutting. Turkey Hill will be giving out free ice cream and ice tea and Gehman's Feed Mill will be allowing people to park in their parking lot for this event. Borough Council recommended not blocking the alley way during the event so the homeowners on that street will not be impacted by the road closure. Discussion followed. Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the request from Rodney Redcay, Executive Director of the REAL Youth Ministry and Mayor of the Borough to close North 3rd Street from Main Street to Cherry Alley on Saturday, October 11, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for a Block Party celebrating the grand opening of the new Youth Center at 239 Main Street. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Action Items

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the August, 2014 monthly invoices and bills report. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Borough Council decided to table any action concerning 1975 North Reading Road Property loan until a future meeting.

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to accept Change Order #1 for the 2014 Street Reclamation Project, which results in a net increase in the contract of \$744.40. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to authorize the Denver Lions Club to sponsor the 2014 Denver Community Porch Sale on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cohick, to authorize the Cocalico Education Foundation to sponsor the Cocalico Education Foundation's 5K Race and One-Half (1/2) Mile Fun Run in the Borough on Saturday, September 27, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m., contingent upon representatives from the Cocalico Education Foundation coordinating this event with the Denver Fire Police. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the Denver Fair Committee's permit application to discharge fireworks in the Borough on Saturday,

September 13, 2014, at 10:00 p.m. as part of the 2014 Denver Fair. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Flory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to authorize the President of Borough Council to execute TreeVitalize Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council and the Borough of Denver and the TreeVitalize Certification Form. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Unfinished Business

Charles Messner inquired what type of roof will be on the new storage shed at the Park and also what direction the water runoff will be going. Mr. Hession reported that the roof will be asphalt shingles and will be constructed so that it directs water in both directions and there will be downspouts on both sides of the shed to collect the water runoff. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hession reported that the final drawings for the Scout Cabin are almost complete; the architect is finalizing the MEP drawings, and once that is done, they can begin to get some of the approvals that are required from the Borough and inspection agency. Much of the recent activity concerning the Scout Cabin has been directed towards fundraising. The Denver Lions Club has established an account at the Fulton Bank for people to make donations and a flyer describing the project and requesting donations will be distributed in the next newsletter. Mr. Hession reported that as of the end of July, 2014, a little over \$17,000.00 in donations has been collected in excess of the \$50,000.00 donation pledges by Brian and Joyce Shober. Discussion followed.

Borough Council discussed the status of the Borough Lot. Mr. Hession reported that the new video surveillance signs have been installed and Mr. Electric has installed the required electric meter base and riser. Representatives from PP&L are scheduled to install the power service at the facility on September 2nd and then Dave Endy from Endy Technologies will install the cameras. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.