

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF GREENCASTLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 2, 2018  
7:00p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Thomas, Council President Frank Webster Jr., Councilmembers: James Farley, H. Duane Kinzer, Steve Miller, Craig Myers and Matthew Smith. Also present were Borough Manager Eden Ratliff, Solicitor Sam Wisner, and Finance/HR Manager Lorraine Hohl, and Police Chief John Phillippy. Council Member Larry Faight was absent.

President Webster called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Robert Wertime gave the invocation.

President Webster led the Council, staff and audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

**Opportunity to be Heard:**

Council President Webster invited citizens to address Council on issues of concern and reminded the audience of the public comment policy.

Larry Pittman of 35 W. Baltimore Street asked Council and Mayor for guidance on defining a nuisance and question if the existing code was clear enough. Mayor Thomas elaborated on the definition and areas of improvement for the code. Mr. Pittman then asked Ratliff about an inspection being conducted on the floor at the Water Treatment Plant. Ratliff explained that the cracking suggest structural integrity issues and needed to be evaluated.

Mark Siner of 216 N. Carlisle Street identified himself as living next to Industrial Pallet and displeased with the safety hazard that exists. Mr. Siner explained that pallet companies present a fire hazard to the community and that elderly people live near the company.

Mr. Kinzer questioned Mr. Siner about whether or not he was part owner of the property across from the United States Postal Service office on Baltimore Street. Mr. Siner affirmed at which point there was rigorous discussion about the existence and future of the property.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

*The following is a list of routine items which do not appear to be controversial in nature and which likely do not require additional discussion. They can be acted on by one motion in their current form. If discussion is desired on any particular item, any member of Council, or the public, may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda and that item will be considered separately.*

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

On a Miller/Smith motion the Council voted unanimously to approve the June 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Payment of bills**

On a Kinzer/Farley motion the Council voted unanimously to approve disbursements listed on the June 2018 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$79,166.17.

## Reports from Elected Officials

### **President's Report**

#### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor provided an enlightening report that is attached to the minutes. Mayor Thomas made special note that Kay Martin of Keystone Health would be giving a presentation at next month's meeting. Mayor Thomas also provided a report prepared by Councilmember Larry Faight to the Council that is attached to the minutes.

#### **Chief's Report**

The Chief provided an interesting report that is attached to the minutes. Chief notes that there were 9 law enforcement deaths in the month of June. 8 human officers and 1 canine unit.

#### **Manager's Report**

Ratliff provided a report of activities that is attached to the minutes.

### **1. Administration & Finance:**

On a Kinzer/Smith motion the Council voted unanimously to accept an offer of \$1,500.00 from the Greencastle-Antrim School District for the sale of the Police Department K9 Unit vehicle, VIN#1GNEK13V64J278440.

On a Miller/Smith motion the Council voted unanimously to authorize RJ Hall, the pension actuary, to reduce the Principal Financial Group Stock investment for the Police Pension Plan from 17.70% to 5.00% over the course of six (6) months.

### **2. Personnel:**

### **3. Public Safety:**

### **4. Public Facilities:**

### **5. Community Development:**

### **6. Correspondence:**

President Webster asked the officials if they had any parting comments:

Councilmember Myers had no comments.

Councilmember Kinzer encouraged Mockingbirdhil, INC to meet with the Community Development Committee and encouraged Mr. Siner to work with the Borough.

Mayor Thomas wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and noted the birthday of the late Master Sergeant Bittner.

Councilmember Farley made comments that required no action.

Councilmember Smith had no comments.

Councilmember Miller asked the Chief if a report could be generated to show how often a canine unit would be needed on existing calls. Chief noted that when the canine unit was a part of the department it got used daily.

Ratliff encouraged the audience and Council to look out for the next Borough Bulletin featured in the Echo Pilot.

Hohl had no comment.

Wiser wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

On a Myers/Kinzer motion the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eden R. Ratliff,

Borough Manager