

**CONNELLSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
5 PM – OCTOBER 15, 2024**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROLL CALL:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CITY TREASURER REPORT:**

**CITY CONTROLLER REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Paula Johnston, Diversity and Inclusion Board, Pride In the Park 2025, June 7, 2025

**Resolution:** “To grant permission to the Diversity and Inclusion Board to use Yough Park on Saturday, June 7, 2025 for their Pride Fest 2025 from 10 AM to 5 PM; further granting items listed on the Utilization Form.”

Toni Colland, Payne AME Church, Election Day Dinner, November 5<sup>th</sup>

**Resolution:** “To grant permission to Payne A.M.E. Church at 812 West Crawford Avenue, to reserve the parking on the block of West Crawford Avenue, in front of the church, allowing a line to form to turn right onto Henderson Lane in front of the church from 11 AM until 6 PM on Tuesday, November 5, 202 for their Election Day Dinners; pending approval of the Police Chief and Fire Chief”

Brooke Deason, Chamber of Commerce, Christmas Parade, December 7, 2025, Road closure request

**\*Resolution:** “To close South Pittsburgh Street from Green Street to West Crawford Avenue, West Crawford Avenue from North Pittsburgh Street to Eighth Street, Leisenring and Marietta for the Chamber of Commerce’s Christmas Parade on December 7, 2024 at 5 PM; further authorizing use of road barriers and personnel to assist with traffic as requested on the Utilization Form; pending review and approval of Police Chief, Fire Chief and PennDOT.”

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution:** “To accept the minutes from the, September 17, 2024 City Council Meeting.”

**Resolution:** “To waive the Four-Day Resolution Rule to allow for items submitted after the Four-Day Rule to be read at the meeting tonight, such Resolutions will be marked with an asterisk.”

**MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Police Department Report  
CDBG and CV Programs Report

**Resolution:** "To open bids for the sale of a 2008 Ford Explorer, as is condition."

**Resolution:** "To accept the bid of \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2008 Ford Explorer, in as is condition; pending review and approval of City Solicitor."

**Resolution:** "To grant the City Clerk permission to post the 2008 Ford Explorer that was previously advertised on the Municibid site to sell."

**Resolution:** "To accept the Bid/Proposal of \_\_\_\_\_ for completion of the Lower West Side Comprehensive Plan at a price of \_\_\_\_\_; Money to be paid by Appalachian Regional Commission Grant, Pennsylvania Statewide LSA Grant, and the City of Connellsville's General Fund (Capital Improvement Fund)."

**Resolution:** "A resolution of the City of Connellsville, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act (42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570), and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program."

**Resolution:** "The City of Connellsville (Grantee) has completed the Four Factor Analysis and has determined that there are no items identified from the analysis above for this grantee, program or activity that will trigger the need for a Language Access Plan. However, the Grantee will make all reasonable attempts to accommodate language access needs of residents requesting oral translation during citizens participation, income surveys and/or direct assistance intake activities including but not inclusive of public hearings, public notices, advertisements, income surveys and direct assistance intake documents."

**Resolution:** "The City Council of the City of Connellsville, hereby re-designates the City Clerk of the City of Connellsville, to serve as Section 504 Compliance Officer throughout the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant Program. The responsibilities of the 504 Officer include:

1. Coordinating and monitoring the city's compliance with Section 504, as well as state civil rights requirements regarding discrimination and harassment based on disability;
2. Overseeing prevention efforts to avoid Section 504 violations from occurring;
3. Implementing the city's discrimination complaint procedures with respect to allegations of Section 504 violations; discrimination based on disability and disability harassment; and
4. Investigating complaints alleging violations of Section 504 discrimination based on disability and disability harassment.

Citizens with Section 504 grievances must submit them to the Section 504 Compliance Officer within two weeks of the date the person filing the grievance becomes aware of the alleged discriminatory action.

The office will respond in writing to written citizen grievances. Citizen grievances should be mailed to: City of Connellsville, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425. All written citizen grievances will be responded to within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the comments. Should any individual, family, or entity have a grievance concerning any action prohibited under Section 504, a meeting with the compliance officer to discuss the grievance will be scheduled. The meeting date and time will be established within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the request. Upon meeting and discussing the grievance, a reply will be made, in writing, within thirty (30) calendar days. If the citizen is dissatisfied with the local response, they may write to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. DCED will respond only to written comments within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the comments.”

**Resolution:** “LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Connellsville that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status(families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the City of Connellsville to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Therefore, the City of Connellsville does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the City of Connellsville will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Connellsville shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

(1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and

- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
- a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
  - b. Applications for assistance
  - c. Contracts
  - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

If you are a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification, please contact the business offices of City of Connellsville, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, 724-628-2020, [www.connellsville.us](http://www.connellsville.us), [connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com) .

If you have Limited English Proficiency and require a document translation of any notification, please contact the business offices of City of Connellsville, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, 724-628-2020 [www.connellsville.us](http://www.connellsville.us), [connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com) .

Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Connellsville held October 15, 2024.”

**Resolution:** “To adopt the Drug Policy as presented by the Safety Committee into the “City of Connellsville Personnel Policy and Procedure Handbook.”

**Reminders October and November:**

October 19, 2024, Fall Afternoon in the Park, Cameron Park, Noon – 5 PM, Chalk Art Festival, Entertainment by Laurie and Shirley Acoustic Duo and Bond Turner beginning 1 PM – 5 PM, Light food/beverages sold, sign a team of 1 to 4 people, Vote for your favorite drawing, for information call James at 919-795-0112 or Janine at 724-366-4003

October 20<sup>th</sup>, Kids Day at Crawford School of Terror, 12 PM – 3 PM, \$5

October 26<sup>th</sup>, Central Fellowship Church’s free lunch, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

Christian Church’s free lunch on Mondays, 11:30 AM – 1 PM

October 29<sup>th</sup>, New Haven Hose’s Halloween Parade, 7 PM, west side

October 31<sup>st</sup>, Trick or Treat, 6 PM – 8 PM

November 7<sup>th</sup>, Fayette Gives, 8 AM – 8 PM, [fayettegives.org](http://fayettegives.org), 96 local charities will be involved this year

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Christmas in the Park, 11 AM, Yough Park, Chamber of Commerce, 724-628-5500

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM – 1 PM, Community Thanksgiving Meal, Senior Center, Contact Jessica at City Church to volunteer or donate: 724-628-0700

**COUNCILMAN KEEDY:**

**Resolution No:** "To pay \$7,428.00 to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Payment; monies to be taken from line item #483.300."

**Resolution:** "To pay \$378,444.00 into the Police Pension Plan in order to satisfy the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 410.160."

**Resolution:** "To pay \$99,156.00 into the Fire Pension Plan in order to satisfy the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 411.160."

**COUNCILMAN ADDIS:**

Health Officer's Report  
New Haven Hose Report  
Fayette EMS Report

**COUNCILMAN TOPPER:**

**Resolution:** "To allow the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture permission to spray in all necessary City parks for treatment of the Spotted Lanternfly."

**\*Resolution:** "To approve HR Fencing to install a security fence at Washington Park to secure camera and internet equipment at a price of \$2,422.00 as recommended retroactively from the Recreation Board. Money to be taken from line-item REC 450.374."

**\*Resolution:** "To allow the Recreation Board to hold the inaugural "A Fall Afternoon in the Park/Chalk Art Contest" at Cameron Park on Saturday, October 19, 2024 and also grant permission to block off Carnegie Avenue from East Fairview Avenue to South Street from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM; pending approval of the Chief of Police and Fire Chief."

**COUNCILWOMAN TIBERIO:**

Public Works Report

**Resolution:** "That this meeting of the City Council does hereby adjourn."