

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford asked all for a moment of silence.

The City Secretary read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri – present

Eric Bartels – present

Robert Forish – present

Ralph Jenko – present

Jim Kelley – present

Christine Weller – present

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present

Also present were the following: John Greiner, Partner/Associate Solicitor; Michael Gray, Director of Public Works/Interim City Manager; John Sleasman, Chief of Police; John Brasile, Fire Chief; and Ann Powell, Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Jenko moved to adopt the March 11, 2019 minutes, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Forish moved to adopt the March 25, 2019 special voting meeting minutes, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0 (Mr. Kelley abstained).

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$293,409.69
Total Payroll	<u>138,251.21</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$431,660.90

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM MARCH 2019

Treasurer's Report

See attachment "A"

Police Report

See attachment “B”

Public Works Report

See attachment “C”

Fire Report

See attachment “D”

Code Report

See attachment “E”

Tax Collector’s Report

See attachment “F”

Mr. Baldonieri moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Kelley. Vote 7-0.

CITIZENS’ REQUESTS (related to agenda)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Kelley, Wolford

No report.

Public Safety and Fire Committee – Forish, Kelley

No report.

Public Works Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels

No report.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Jenko, Wolford

No report.

Events Committee – Weller

Mrs. Weller announced the Rabbit Race which supports Angel Arms will be held on April 20th.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels

Mr. Bartels is currently waiting on student resumes, and stated that the award presentation will be moved to June due to school event conflicts.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Latrobe Municipal Authority – No report.

Library Board – No report.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Revitalization – Mr. Jenko reported that a tenant of the Incubator is working on a documentary about Sheetz v. WaWa.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Mike Gray, Director of Public Works

- 1) 2019 Hot Mix Paving project was put out to bid with Victor Paving coming in with the lowest bid, and stated paving will be broken into two separate projects due to the pending HUD funding for CDBG paving.
- 2) There is a utility meeting on April 15th at 9:00 AM with SPK Engineering to discuss utilities for the traffic signal replacement project.
- 3) Two trees in Lot A belonging to the City need to be removed due to branches falling on cars in the lot, and bids for tree removal are currently being obtained.

Police Department – John Sleasman, Chief of Police

- 1) Reported that Sean Grosso, the City's new police officer is progressing rapidly and doing very well.
- 2) Convictions were received on all 2016 homicide cases.
- 3) There is a spaghetti dinner being held on May 18th sponsored by USW Local 1537 at the American Legion, with all proceeds benefiting the Latrobe Police Department.
- 4) The School Resource Officer contract with GLSD expired in 2017 and will need to be renewed with the school board.

Fire Department – John Brasile, Fire Chief

- 1) Reported a fund has been set up to help defray medical costs of Gabriel Monzo, and the Fire Department has donated \$1,000.

Code Enforcement – Ann Powell, Code Enforcement Officer

No report.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2019-14

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, appointing a member to the Latrobe Industrial Development Authority. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-15

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, authorizing the City Mayor and/or Manager to sign a hold harmless agreement for the fireworks display for the Fourth of July committee. Mr. Kelly moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION 2019-16

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, awarding the 2019 Hot Mix Paving project contract to Victor Paving. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Weller made a motion, second by Mr. Jenko, to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 256 regarding parking restrictions for periods of time. prohibitions near the new elementary school on a trial basis. Approved 7-0.

- Mr. Kelley questioned whether this was the adoption of an old restriction or something new. Mr. Greiner advised that it was something new for the current year pertaining to two different areas in the vicinity of the new elementary school to put into place a 90-day experimental parking regulation.
- Mr. Bartels questioned the penalty if the parking restrictions were violated, and advised by Chief Sleasman that it would initially be awareness and warnings prior to issuing parking tickets.
- Mr. Jenko questioned whether this will impact any residents Cherry or Cedar Street. Chief Sleasman stated the residents of Cedar Street park on the southern side, and one vehicle potentially affected Cherry Street.
- Chief Sleasman advised the parking restrictions were only for limited times Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

RESOLUTION 2019-17

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, designating portions of Cherry Street and Cedar Street as prohibited parking areas on a temporary basis pursuant to Latrobe Code Section 256-4. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michael Gray, Director of Public Works/Interim City Manager

- 1) Brewery Bridge – PennDOT and Westmoreland County held a preliminary meeting on the brewery bridge replacement. They advised the superstructure will be replaced, one-half at a time, with limited pier work. Northbound traffic will remain open; southbound traffic will have a detour. Pedestrian traffic will remain open during construction. The bidding process will begin in 2020 and construction in 2021. Utilities will be new, and the water and gas lines will be replaced.
- 2) There will be a Stormwater Management class held in Council Chambers, Tuesday April 30th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. This will be an informational class discussing what residents can do to control flooding on their property.
- 3) Derry Township will be working on the replacement of a pipe at Raymond and Montana Street. The City will be responsible for 41 linear feet of a stormwater line and one-third of the end retainer wall.
- 4) The roll-off truck has been ordered with an August/September delivery estimate.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

James Miller, 127 East 4th Avenue

- Questioned whether homeowners with water run-off drains at the end of their driveway will need to change this due to the new stormwater regulations. Micheal Gray advised no.
- Mentioned the passing of the police officer in Derry Township and hoped that everyone would keep him and his family in their prayers.
- Noted the county demolition project to take down blighted homes, and questioned whether the City had applied for any current-year demolition funds. Ann Powell advised that the City had applied for funds for one house and is still waiting on the determination of that award.
- Questioned whether the City Manager position had been posted and the requirements of the position. Mayor Wolford advised that the City was still reviewing options.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion to adjourn, second by Mrs. Forish. Vote 7-0.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly Peton", written over a horizontal line.

Holly Peton, City Secretary