

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:31 P.M.
Mayor Wolford asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Wolford asked all for a moment of silence.
The City Secretary read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri –absent
Eric Bartels – present
Robert Forish – present
Jim Kelley – present
Ralph Jenko – present
Christine Weller – present
Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present

Also present were the following: Michael Gray, City Manager; Zachary Kansler, Solicitor; John Brasile, Fire Chief, and Ann Powell, Code Officer.

Mrs. Weller moved to adopt the September 9, 2019 minutes, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$177,522.60
Total Payroll	137,487.59
GRAND TOTAL	\$315,010.19

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM SEPTEMBER 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. Forish moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Kelley. Vote 6-0.

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.

Mayor Wolford announced that the City of Greensburg's Public Works building had a fire. Solicitor Kansler noted that the building sustained damage and they lost their street sweeper, and the majority of their fleet. City Manager, Gray and Public Works, Clair Fink will contact the City of Greensburg tomorrow to see how we can assist them in their time of need.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Wolford

No Report

Mayor Wolford reported that council met in executive session prior to the meeting at 5 PM to discuss personal matters and were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law.

Events Committee – Weller

No Report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels reported that hopefully for next meeting he will have resumes and names.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Latrobe Municipal Authority – No Report.

Revitalization – No Report.

Parks & Recreation – No Report.

Library – Last event was successful.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Public Works Director, Michael Gray reported that leave collection to start hopefully this week in the area of Raymond Avenue, Lincoln and Sylvan Avenue.

Police Department – Sgt. Santo Columbo reported there was an attempted homicide over the week and all are in jail. Last evening, they had a drug bust that seized five hundred (500) bags of fentanyl.

Mayor Wolford as Sgt. Santo Columbo is opinion on radar that is in the legislation and he explained that you have to have line of site how things are currently with radar you do not and he would be for the city acquiring radar is it is passed.

Fire Department – Municipal Authority is working on the lines and hydrants, so hopefully this will change the ISC (Insurance Services Coverage) rating for the city to maybe a two (2) from the current three (3).

First Fourth (4th) of July Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Planning/Development/Code Enforcement –No report.

Mr. Jenko asked Project Coordinator, Ann Powell for an update on the Underpass project. Ann reported that Gibson Thomas Engineering is working of the bid packets and the hopefully the project would be completed in the spring, but she did not have a date to provide. Mr. Jenko was not happy that the project would not be completed this year as originally planned.

Mayor Wolford asked inquired about of the train debris and what was being done. City Manager, Gray stated that he spoke with Shannon in Representative Petrarca’s office and she state that she will reach out to the shipper again as it is their responsibility and not the railroads.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION 2019-37

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Approving the City of Latrobe’s Leasing of the “Snyder Lot” from Jamie S. Brown and Elizabeth Snyder Bloom. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

POLICE

RESOLUTION 2019-38

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and Between the City of Latrobe and City of Latrobe Police Department Collective Bargaining Unit. Mr. Jenko moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Weller. Approved 6-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ORDINANCE 2019-9

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Amending City of Latrobe Code Chapter 92 Concerning Storage of Materials on Public Right of Way. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Bartels Approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-39

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Authorizing the City's Application for Community Development Block Funding for the Demolition of Structures. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2019-40

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Authorized Official Resolution Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish Approved 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Michael Gray reported that he has submitted his resignation and thanked Mayor, Wolford; Council; and city residents for all their support over the years of his employment.

Mr. Kelley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forish to amend the meeting's agenda to include City Manager's resignation. Approved.

Mr. Kelley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bartels to accept City Manager, Mike Gray's resignation effective Friday, October 18, 2019 with regret. Approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor, Woford wish Mr. Gray the best of luck and thanked him for his serves. Noted that Trick or Treat is coming up on October 26, 2019 from 4-6 PM with the parade at 2PM, thanking the police and fire departments for their parts in the events. Next meeting October 28, 2019.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 6:57 P.M with a motion by Mr. Forish, seconded by Mrs. Weller. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary
