

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:30 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 – present
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; John Greiner, Partner/Associate Solicitor; John Sleasman, Chief of Police; Ann Powell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; John Brasile, Fire Chief.

Mr. Kelley moved to adopt the July 8, 2019 minutes, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$511,546.83
Total Payroll	<u>196,230.82</u>

GRAND TOTAL \$707,777.65

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM JULY 2018

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

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda)

Mr. Byers of 1937 Sloan Avenue stated Right of Ways are 40 feet in the city and on Josephine Street where he lives it is 50 feet due to a mistake from the past, he would like to claim the 10 feet. City Manager, Michael Gray stated this is later on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Kelley, Wolford

No report. Mayor Wolford stated there is a Finance meeting on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 5 PM.

Public Safety and Fire Committee – Forish, Kelley

No report.

Public Works Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels

No report.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Wolford

No Report

Events Committee – Weller

Mrs. Weller proved reminder the Banana Split festival was coming up.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels

Mr. Bartels reported that an indoor mini golf fundraiser will be coming up in the fall.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Latrobe Municipal Authority – No Report.

Revitalization – Mr. Bartels reported they are looking at the coal dust issue in the Hotel Loyal vicinity. The three underpasses in the city are going to be refabricated and painted.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Wolford along with council presented two proclamations:

Honoring Carol Greenawalt, Gary Greenawalt, and the Fourth of July Committee.

Proclaiming Banana Split Appreciation Month.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Public Works Director, Michael Gray reported work will begin at the parking garage Monday, August 26, 2019 and last approximately six weeks. Paving on Josephine and Pine Streets have been completed. During the paving of Pine Street there was a water line break unfortunately the contractor is not coming back to pave approximately 60' of the Pine Street that the final wearing course had not been applied. This section a subcontractor (Pro 1 Paving) will need to pave at a cost of \$2,200.00. To fulfill the City's obligation regarding the Compactor Bid we are advertising for bids again since no bids were received. If no bids are received again then the City can obtain quotes. Westmoreland Cleanways Recycling Center now is accepting glass, it must be separated by color. No blue or specialty glass is accepted.

Police Department – Police Chief, John Sleasman reported that the School Resource Officer for school is signed and sealed. Bethany Church had a fundraiser that benefit the Police and Fire Hose Company No. 5. The National Night Out was again a success featuring the Blackhawk helicopter. Beth Straka should get the credit as she did ninety percent of the work.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Brasile reported that the Steeler Fest went well with approximately seven hundred cars. Fire prevention week will be the second week in October and be relocated back to the stadium.

Code Enforcement – Ann Powell had no report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion, second by Mr. Jenko to approve the hiring of Zachary Lukon for the position of Police Officer. Approved.

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion, second by Mr. Bartels to accept the resignation of Donald Albert from the Civil Service Commission. Approved

RESOLUTION 2019-33

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, appointing Dr. Selip to the Latrobe Civil Service Commission. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-34

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, making the east side of the 1000 block of Alexandria Street as permit parking. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Jenko. Vote 7-0.

Mayor Wolford stated that Council would break for Executive relating to personnel matters and would return shortly.

PUBLIC WORKS

ORDINANCE 2019-7

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, amending City Code Chapter 327 concerning street excavations. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-32

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, approving agreement between City of Latrobe and AFSCME AFL-CIO, Council 83 Local 629. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller to award the repaving of two alleys to address stormwater concerns to Pro 1 Paving. Approved

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kelley made a motion, second by Mr. Baldonieri, to table Resolution 2019-35 to the September 9, 2019 meeting. Approved.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mr. Jenko accepting the resignation of Donald Albert from the Planning Commission. Approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-36

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, confirming the city's interest in the Right of Way on Josephine Street. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Jenko. Vote 7-0

ORDINANCE 2019-8

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, amending City Code Chapter 262 concerning small recreational fires. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Jenko. Vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

Cassandra McQue, 509 Main Street

- Mrs. McQue stated she would like to see more public trash cans in the city. Mentioned about the speeders in town and what is going to be done. Would like to see more police presence on the ground at festivals/events.

Mr. Lou Haines, 1935 Sloan Avenue

- Mr. reported that a property by his property is in a deplorable state, they are not paying their taxes and it is up for sheriff sale, and it has been abandoned. He would like the city to clean up the property. City Manager, Michael Gray commented that he and the Code Enforcement Officer, Ann Powell are working on trying to acquire the property.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Michael Gray reported that he and Mr. Jenko will be meeting with the PA Department of Transportation regarding the underpasses. Mike and Chief of Police, John Sleasman have received complaints regarding the operations of drones.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Thanked Council and City Employees for their support through the death of her father.
- Gave a reminder of the Banana Split Celebration August 23 through August 25.
- Gave a reminder that school starts on August 26, 2019 to please drive safely keeping an eye out for children.
- Thanked Police Chief, John Sleasman and his Officers, Beth Straka, and Fire Chief, John Brasile and the fireman for their work with the Steeler Fest and National Night Out.

Mayor Wilford asked Police Chief, Sleasman, Fire Chief, Brasile, and City Manager if they have received complaints regarding fireworks. Fire Chief, Brasile commented they had some, but not a lot and it is the same areas. Mayor Wilford was wonder there should be a fireworks ordinance. It was mentioned it should be covered under the sound/nuisance ordinance; the ordinance is to be looked into as it may be too vague.

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

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary
