

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017
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.

Mayor Wolford called a Public Hearing to order at 6:33 P.M.

This Public Hearing is to address the proposed ordinance on tonight's agenda amending the Latrobe City Code to provide standards for tower and non-tower based wireless communication facilities. Solicitor Kansler explained that this amendment will bring the City Code up to standards. Solicitor Kansler stated that the ordinance and the public hearing were duly advertised and the ordinance has been available for inspection.

Mayor Wolford asked for public comment.

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:38 P.M.

Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council reconvened at 6:39 P.M.

The City Secretary read Roll Call:

Eric Bartels - present

John Murtha – present

Christine Weller - present

Robert Forish - present

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri - present

Julie Bisi – present

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford - present

Also present were the following: Wayne B. Jones, City Manager; Zachary Kansler, Solicitor; James Bumar, Police Chief; Michael Gray, Public Works Director; Ann Powell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; John Brasile, Fire Chief.

Ms. Bisi moved to adopt the April 10, 2017 minutes, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$295,320.84
Total Payroll	<u>97,021.38</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$392,342.22

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM APRIL 2017

Treasurer’s Report

See attachment “A”

Police Report

See attachment “B”

Public Works Report

See attachment “C”

Fire Report

See attachment’s “D”

Code Report

See attachment’s “E”

Tax Collector’s Report

See attachment “F”

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

CITIZENS’ REQUESTS (related to agenda)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Bisi, Wolford.

No report.

Public Safety and Public Works Committee – Bartels, Forish

Mr. Bartels reported that a meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Personnel Committee – Murtha, Wolford

Mayor Wolford reported the city is proceeding with a Civil Service hire of a Police Officer.

Events Committee – Baldonieri, Murtha.

None.

Parking Committee – Bartels, Baldonieri, Forish.

None.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee - Bisi, Murtha

Ms. Bisi reported the Committee met with GLSD personnel and will have a nomination in September, and then interview.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department - Director of Public Works Mike Gray reported that there have been problems with PennDOT's bridge detour. He stated that PennDOT completed a study and they said everything was up to Code, but will continue to look for changes. Mr. Gray reported that speed monitoring devices are being used in the city and he will continue to move them around sporadically.

Mayor Wolford asked if PennDOT looked at the timing of the traffic light on 982 and Mission Road. Mr. Gray said they have, and if they changed the timing the traffic would back up on Mission Road.

Police Department – Police Chief Bumar reported that during the bridge construction we all need to have patience during traffic backups. He agreed with the Public Works Director to leave the traffic lights timing as is. Chief Bumar reported that he is in the process of hiring a new Police Officer. The physical testing and written testing are completed and he will now interview the top three candidates.

Fire Department – Chief Brasile reported that the traffic detours are confusing to drivers, but emergency personnel are working around the problem. He reported that the recent microburst storm kept everyone very busy.

Code Enforcement – Ann Powell reported that if anyone wants a fire pit they need a permit. She stated she has had twenty-five fire pit permits so far.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2017-18

Establishing a Handicap Parking Space on Avenue D. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Murtha. Vote 7-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE 2017-8

Amending the Code of the City of Latrobe providing standards for the location, placement, construction and maintenance of tower-

based and non-tower based wireless communications facilities. Mr. Bartels moved to enact this ordinance, second by Ms. Bisi. Vote 7-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2017-19

Authorizing the disposition of the 2009 public records of the Administration and Finance Department. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Ms. Bisi. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Bartels made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance designating the southerly side of West 1st Avenue, from the west side of the intersection at Joanne Drive to a point 105' west, as permit parking only, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wolford said one of her favorite things to do is to recognize employees. Mayor Wolford presented awards to William Barr for twenty years of service, and Officer Ronald Keslar for fifteen years of service. Chief Bumar accepted a fifteen-year award for Officer Raymond Swiderski. Mayor Wolford invited all in attendance to stay for refreshment after the meeting.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS REQUESTS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jones reported that the bids were opened for the Roof repair for the Fire House and will be on June's agenda for approval.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford asked everyone to be patient with the bridge repair as it is a long time until November when it is expected to be completed. She asked everyone to watch out for children, and please slow down since school will be out soon. Mayor reported there are a lot of festivities this summer including Mr. Rogers Day on June 10th, the 4th of July Celebration, Banana Split Festival, the Relay for Life, and the Police Chief's Candlelight Vigil on June 9th. Mayor Wolford gave recognition to the City Solicitor Zachary Kansler as he was honored by the Westmoreland Barr Association as the Outstanding Young Lawyer for 2017.

Mayor Wolford stated that Council will meet in an Executive Session for personnel matters immediately following the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of Council.

Mr. Bartels made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Baldonieri.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary
