

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:45 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:

John Murtha – present

Eric Bartels – present

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri – present

Robert Forish – present

Christine Weller – present

Jim Kelley – present

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present

Also present were the following: Wayne Jones, City Manager; Claire E. Throckmorton for Zachary Kansler, Solicitor; Michael Gray, Public Works Director; Ann Powell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Weller moved to adopt the December 11, 2017 minutes, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses \$317,319.36

Total Payroll 116,593.35

GRAND TOTAL \$433,912.71

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM DECEMBER 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. Murtha moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda)

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFinance Committee – Wolford

No report.

Public Safety and Public Works Committee – Bartels, Forish

Mr. Bartels reported the committee just met, and the theme of the meeting was perseverance through the weather. He reported that the departments were doing the best that they could with their available resources.

Personnel Committee – Murtha, Wolford

No report.

Events Committee – Baldonieri, Murtha

No report.

Parking Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels, Forish

No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Murtha

The showcase will occur again in the Spring.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Carl Bollinger stated that starting in February, there will be a new billing system resulting in changes on the bills. In addition, there was an approved increase in the debt service on sewage from \$6.00 to \$9.25. This debt service increase is effective for 11 months, with the rate returning to \$6.00 in January 2019. He requested that meters be read, and either called in, or sent in on the blue card provided.

Mayor Wolford reported that Parks and Recreation had a meeting and passed the budget.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Michael Gray, Director of Public Works briefed on the December 30, 2017 snow storm, and thanked his crew for all of their hard work and time. Mayor Wolford thanked Mike and his department for their hard work.

Police Department – Chief Bumar acknowledged Chief John Brasile and Mike Gray for their hard work. He also congratulated both the new council members and the City Secretary.

Fire Department – Chief Brasile expressed the same sentiments as Chief Bumar and wanted to thank all departments for what they do. Mayor Wolford recognized the commitment that the three departments have for the City during these times.

Code Enforcement – No report.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Forish made a motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance that would make changes to the municipal waste disposal fees, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Murtha made a motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance that would issue the budgeted wage increases for City department heads, effective January 1, 2018, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2018-5

Authorizing small borrowing for capital purposes under Section 8109 of the Local Government Unit Debt Act to purchase a police car. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Ms. Weller. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2018-6

Authorizing small borrowing for capital purposes under Section 8109 of the Local Government Unit Debt Act to purchase a Ford F-550 truck. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Murtha. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Forish made a motion to accept the resignation of Edward Kubicek as a member of the City of Latrobe Planning Commission, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Bartels made a motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise a notice of joint public meeting between Council and the various foundations, second by Ms. Weller. Vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Wolford discussed the Community Summit that would bring together Council members, department heads, various foundations, Parks and Recreation, and community revitalization, in addition to April Kopas from Land Bank, for a four-hour meeting that would give each organization/group an opportunity to give a 15 to 20-minute presentation of their goals and objectives, and an explanation of what their organization as a whole. This Summit will also provide an opportunity for questions and provide a better understanding of each groups roles within the community. The Summit will be held on February 17th, from 10:30-2:30, and the City will provide lunch. Mayor Wolford will accept any special topic requests and forward them to the respective organizations.

Mayor Wolford would like everyone to plan for the agenda meeting scheduled on January 22, and be prepared to talk about current committee needs in addition to certain goals and objectives Council members would like to see from different committees, and potentially new committees.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forish questioned who is responsible for Lot G snow removal, citing concerning over citizen safety. Michael Gray stated he will research the boundaries of City lots.

Mayor Wolford would like to revisit the existing sign ordinance.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS REQUESTS

No report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Jones reported that 2017 year-end expenditures came in at 98%, while revenue collection came in at 99%. Mayor Wolford expressed concern over lost EIT tax revenue and empty office space as a result of physician and medical office practices moving to Unity Township.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford wanted to welcome the new, and newly appointed, council members — Mr. Kelley, Ms. Weller and Mr. Baldonieri. She once again thanked the Public Works, Police, and Fire departments for keeping the roads travelable.

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

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Peton, City Secretary

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