

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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 – absent

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

Mr. Bartels moved to adopt the May 13, 2019 minutes, second by Mr. Kelly. Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses \$217,035.76

Total Payroll 131,775.48

GRAND TOTAL \$348,811.24

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM MAY 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”

Mrs. Weller moved to adopt the May 28th, 2019 special voting meeting, second by Mr. Jenko.
Vote 6-0.

Mr. Kelly moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr.
Forish. 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.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Jenko, Wolford

No report.

Events Committee – Weller

Mrs. Weller announced that the Mister Roger's Day event was wonderful.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels

No report.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Latrobe Municipal Authority – No report.

Library Board – No report.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Baldonieri

Mr. Baldonieri announced that a major cleanup of the Legion Keener Park is underway. Work included removal of the trees next to the Tennis Court and other tree trimming throughout the park.

Revitalization – No report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Mike Gray, Director of Public Works

- Working with the businesses next to the Courtyard Plaza on preliminary plans to repair the handicap accessible ramp, steps, and aisle that connects Spring Street to the Parking Garage. Work would be completed in two phases.
- Will be looking into price quotes for the replacement of an old brick sidewalk located in the City's parking lot behind the Library.

Police Department – John Sleasman, Chief of Police

- 1) On May 21, 2019 E C Cruiser held a benefit car cruise where a portion of the proceeds went to the Latrobe Police Department.
- 2) On June 7th, 2019 a security audit was conducted which passed by 100%.
- 3) Receiving complaints regarding scammers, the Chief announced these telephone calls are fraudulent and advised residents that the IRS will not call you.
- 4) The United Steel Workers 1537 held a benefit dinner on May 18, 2019 for the Latrobe Police Department. Mr. Vince Quatrini matched \$2,000.00 for a total donation of \$6,083.90 towards the Police Department.
- 5) A proclamation was given to honor John Dickson for 56 years of service with the City and the City of Latrobe Fire Department.
- 6) On May 18th County DUI Force had a check point in the 500 Block of Depot Street. A total of (6) six DUI arrests were made along with numerous drug violations.

Fire Department – John Brasile, Fire Chief

- 1) Preparing and planning for all the events including the 4th of July Celebration.
- 2) Announced that the Company #1 Fire Department will be having the 1st Ward Fair on June 17th through June 22nd.
- 3) Chief advised they have been received complaints regarding fireworks, fireworks are legal now. He urged residents to call 911 if fireworks are being set off to close to a structure or if there is falling debris.

Code Enforcement – Ann Powell, Code Enforcement Officer

- No report

PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. Weller made a motion, second by Mr. Forish to authorize the Solicitor to advertise notice of requests for bids for the removal of the radio tower located off Donohoe Road in the Saint Mary Cemetery. Approved 6-0

RESOLUTION 2019-25

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, approving the Growing Greener grant. Mr. Jenko moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Kelly. Vote 6-0

Mr. Jenko made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller to appoint Clair Fink to the position of Working Foreman in the Public Works Department. Approved 6-0

RESOLUTION 2019-26

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, awarding the Parking Garage repair bid to Pullman-Services as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$68,692.44. Mr. Kelly moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0

Mr. Bartels made a motion, second by Mr. Jenko to authorize Gibson-Thomas, City consulting engineer, to prepare and submit an application on the City's behalf for funding under the Floodplain Management Services Funding Program for technical assistance with the Sulfur Run Watershed. Vote 6-0

ORDINANCE 2019-4

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approving the financing for the roll-off truck pending DCED approval. Mr. Kelly moved to enact this ordinance, second by Mr. Jenko. Vote 6-0

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Bartels made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for passage an ordinance amending Latrobe Code Section 256-49 to remove Minehan Avenue from the one-way street schedule, rendering the same a two-way street. Vote 6-0

ORDINANCE 2019-5

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amend City of Latrobe Chapter 256 regarding parking prohibitions and addition parking restrictions. Mr. Kelly moved to enact this ordinance, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Christine Weller, Council Member

- 1) Mrs. Weller thanked Ann Powell for the work that was completed regarding a house they had previously discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Event Director, Isaac McDaniel discussed to City Council a proposal for the sale of beer and wine at this year's Great American Banana Split Celebration, scheduled for August 23-25. Mr. McDaniel explained to council that the Chamber would like to offer licensed breweries and wineries the opportunity to sell alcohol at a few designated areas around the City during the event.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

Karen Lihan at 209 Loyalhanna Avenue spoke to the City about debris, barrels, rusted metals, toxic chemicals, trailers and other materials next to River Avenue along the Loyalhanna Creek bankside. Mrs. Lihan is concerned with the safety of the material that is exposed to children walking by. Ann Powell, Code Enforcement Officer will investigate this further.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Working with the Art Center on selecting one or two artists to paint some artwork as it relates to the City's history within the Municipal Building.
- Spoke about the possibility of having a consultant review the City's zoning ordinance to update the current 2006 version.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Spoke about how excellent the Mister Rogers Family Day turned out. Thanked all the participants that helped make the event such a wonderful day.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gray, City Manager