

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 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.

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.

Mrs. Weller moved to adopt the March 13, 2017 minutes, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$197,001.31
Total Payroll	<u>103,101.04</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$300,102.35

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM MARCH 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. Baldonieri. 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 they will schedule a meeting for the end of May.

Personnel Committee– Murtha, Wolford

Mayor Wolford said she and Jack Murtha had a meeting and are working on some stuff.

Events Committee– Baldonieri, Murtha.

Mr. Murtha reported that they are in the process of getting things together for the Banana Split Festival.

Parking Committee– Bartels, Baldonieri, Forish.

Mr. Forish said he will stop in to see Wayne and set up a meeting.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee - Bisi, Murtha

Ms. Bisi reported they have a meeting scheduled for April 27, 2017.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Carl Bollinger reported that Act 537 is set to be finalized.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department - Director of Public Works Mike Gray reported that we plan on another E-Waste drop-off for May 20, 2017 at Greater Latrobe Stadium from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Mr. Gray also reported that Russell Standard is to look at all the streets and give a cost estimate.

Police Department– Police Chief Bumar reported on the bridge construction traffic problems. Chief Bumar stated there already was a bad accident on Lloyd Avenue and the response was tough. He reported that in the afternoon Eaton Road is backed up with traffic and Ligonier Street is backed up to the Old Athletic Field.

Wayne Jones said they are going over the detour problems.

Chief Bumar reported that he is organizing an Interfaith Candlelight Vigil for Opioid addiction on June 9 from 6-8 P.M., at the B & D Creekside Activity Center.

Chief Bumar stated a committee was formed to discuss a P&R Agreement for Police Patrolling.

Mayor asked everyone to be patient and careful driving during all the construction.

Fire Department– Chief Brasile said everything with the Fire Department is the same as Police Chief Bumar said of the Police Department, in that the Fire Department is also finding ways to navigate with the bridge being closed. Chief Brasile stated the bridge will remain (1) lane throughout, except for the 4th July when it will be open both ways.

Code Enforcement – Ann Powell reminded residents that during grass cutting season, do not blow grass on to the streets.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE 2017-7

Amending Chapter 311 of the Code of Latrobe requiring the inspection of private separate sanitary sewage laterals upon the sale, transfer or assignment of real property. Mr. Forish moved to enact this ordinance, second by Ms. Bisi. Vote 7-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion to authorize the submission of the pending medical marijuana establishments ordinance to the Planning Commission and the County Planning Department for their comment, pursuant to the Municipalities Planning Code, second by Mr. Bartels.

Vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS REQUESTS

Ken Shirley of 121 Easy Street complained of smoke from a neighbor's fire pit blowing in his house. He said his neighbor has an illegal fire pit as it is not fifteen feet from the house. Mr. Shirley stated he is not going to live with smoke coming in his house. Code Officer Ann Powell said they need to go with charcoal, not wood, as their space is not big enough. She will refund the homeowners application fee and deny the fire pit.

Mr. Shirley was informed to dial 911 for any incidents.

Mayor Wolford stated if the fire pits become a problem, we will stop the use of them.

Curk Frye of 415 Spring Street stated that his neighbor is feeding squirrels full peanuts, and his gutters are now filled with shells and when it rains, peanut shells are coming out the downspouts.

Solicitor Kansler is not aware of any ordinance against feeding squirrels.

Jarod Trunzo gave council a proposal for a project at the corner of Ligonier and Depot Street by the Medicine Shoppe. He said it will make the area pedestrian friendly. He also included in the plans a metered handicapped parking spot at the corner near WCCC.

The Parking Committee can look at the proposal and advise.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jones reported that at the G15 meeting they talked about a three-day training session on May 17, 18, and 19 that Chief Bumar will be speaking at one of the days. Public Works Director Mike Gray and Craig from Parks and Recreation will be going to an asphalt demonstration in Mt. Pleasant.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford wished everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter. Mayor also advised people to slow down and obey traffic stops. She said we have a lot coming up next month.

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

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary