

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Wolford called a Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M. to address Sheetz, Inc.'s proposed request for an intermunicipal liquor license transfer into the City of Latrobe.

Mark Kozar, senior counsel with Flaherty & O'Hara, P.C., was present on behalf of Sheetz, Inc. to request Council approve a resolution permitting the transfer to the Sheetz location on 2853 Ligonier Street. Mr. Kozar reported the following:

- The liquor license transfer complies with all state laws;
- The license will qualify as a restaurant liquor license under the current liquor code;
- Beer will be contained solely in a cooler;
- Maximum purchase in one transaction is 192 fluid ounces;
- Single can beer purchases for on-premise consumption is limited to two (2) per person, per day, and also requires a food purchase per Sheetz policy;
- Beer sales are limited to the following times:
 - Monday – Saturday: 7:00 A.M. to 1:45 A.M.
 - Sunday: 9:00 A.M. to 1:45 A.M.;
- Sheetz, Inc. complies with a 100% carding policy.

After City Council members were given the opportunity to clarify questions regarding Mr. Kozar's statements, Mayor Wolford asked for public comment.

- Chief James Bumar, 903 Jefferson Street

Chief Bumar questioned whether the sale of alcoholic beverages will 1) benefit the quality of life in the city, 2) foster or further a positive and safe environment for residents, the police, or any other emergency entities in the City, 3) contribute to further criminal activity in the City, and 4) increase the number of police incidents and accidents in the City.
- Mark Stunja, Unity Township

Mr. Stunja expressed concern with convenience stores and grocery stores offering alcoholic beverages, along with exposure of alcoholic beverages to minors who frequent Sheetz.
- James Miller, 127 East 4th Avenue

Mr. Miller expressed concern that if Sheetz, Inc. was denied the liquor license transfer, the potential existed for their relocation to Unity Township, resulting in a loss of tax revenue for the City.

- Ralph Jenko, 921 Walnut Street

Mr. Jenko expressed support for the liquor license, comparing safety measures taken by Sheetz, Inc. in relation to alcohol sales to safety measures taken by other establishments in the area. He also commented on the potential of Sheetz relocating to Unity Township if the liquor license is not approved.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:25 P.M.

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 7:25 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

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri – present

Robert Forish – present

Jim Kelley – present

John Murtha – present

Christine Weller – present

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present

Also present were the following: Wayne Jones, City Manager; Zachary Kansler, Solicitor; Ann Powell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Jim Bumar, Chief of Police; John Brasile, Fire Chief.

Mr. Murtha moved to adopt the March 12, 2018 minutes, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses \$253,150.42

Total Payroll 130,400.72

GRAND TOTAL \$383,551.14

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

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda)

Mayor Wolford introduced Albert Novak, Vice President and Chief Development Officer of Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital, and Excelsa's newly appointed point of contact for elected officials. Mr. Novak updated Council on the positive impact Excelsa Square Latrobe has had on hospital admissions, the Family Practice residency program, and the ongoing interior renovation efforts.

Carol Greenawalt, 14 Cedar Street

- 1) Requested approval and the mayor's signature on the Lehigh Specialty Melting, Inc. hold harmless agreement for the July 4th fireworks display.
- 2) Requested the application for a peddler's license be reduced from \$10 per day per person to \$10 per day per group for students selling water at the Fourth of July parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Wolford
No report.

Public Safety and Fire Committee – Forish, Kelley
No report.

Public Works Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels
No report.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Murtha, Wolford
Mayor Wolford reported that they have had a couple of meetings and will be meeting in Executive Session immediately following the Council meeting.

Events Committee – Weller
Mrs. Weller reported that there was a walk on Saturday, April 7th.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Murtha
Mr. Murtha reported that he has been in contact with the superintendent, and they will present the award at the May City Council meeting, pending student availability. He also said that resumes will go to Chief Bumar and Mr. Bartels.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – No report.

Police Department – No report.

Fire Department – No report.

Code Enforcement – No report.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2018-22

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, approving the request by Sheetz, Inc. for the approval of the intermunicipal transfer

of restaurant liquor license No. R-16374 into the City of Latrobe. Mr. Kelley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baldonieri, to approve this request. Vote 5-2 (Murtha, Forish).

Mr. Murtha made a motion, second by Mr. Kelley, to authorize the advertisement of the solicitation of bids, to be addressed by Council at the May 14, 2018 meeting, for the replacement of the roof on the City of Latrobe Municipal Building. Approved 7-0.

Mr. Bartels made a motion, second by Mr. Forish, to authorize the advertisement of the solicitation of bids, to be addressed by Council at the May 14, 2018 meeting, for the replacement of the air conditioning and heating system for the City of Latrobe Municipal Building. Approved 7-0.

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller, to authorize the advertisement of the solicitation of bids, to be addressed by Council at the May 14, 2018 meeting, for the repair of the compactor at the City of Latrobe Transfer Station. Approved 7-0.

Mr. Kelley made a motion, second by Mr. Baldonieri, to authorize the advertisement of the solicitation of bids, to be addressed by Council at the May 14, 2018 meeting, for the replacement of the compactor at the City of Latrobe Transfer Station. Approved 7-0.

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion, second by Mr. Bartels, to authorize Gibson Thomas, City Engineers, to advertise for the solicitation of bids for the 2018 Hot Mix Paving Program. Approved 7-0.

ORDINANCE 2018-4

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the leasing of the First Ward playground to the Latrobe-GLSD Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Bartels made a motion to authorize the City to enter the lease agreement, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2018-23

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County authorizing the City Manager to sign grant documents relative to the \$80,000 DUI grant for the purchase of new bullet proof vests. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2018-24

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County authorizing the City Manager to sign grant documents relative to the 2019 and 2020 Impaired Driving grant. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Wolford raised questions regarding two properties in the City:

- 1) 14 East Madison – Mayor Wolford inquired as to the outcome of the City’s request for Land Bank to acquire this property. Mr. Jones advised this request was made in 2014 and they haven’t acquired it to date. He stated at this point, the City doesn’t want the property, is more concerned about taking down an unsafe structure currently residing on the property and would like to use CDBG money to demolish the house. Mayor Wolford wanted to make sure effort to acquire the property was not being duplicated between Land Bank and the City of Latrobe. Mr. Kansler stated there is an issue in acquiring the property by either party as the current owners are deceased and no estate was open.

- 2) 600 Main Street – Land Bank originally took ownership, demolished the structure that was residing on the lot, and now wants to sell the property. They have been unable to sell within the three-year stipulation of the grant as CDBG paid for the demolition of the structure. Mayor Wolford, per correspondence from April Kopas, questioned whether the City wanted to purchase the lot or if Land Bank should donate it to a non-profit for grant eligibility? Mr. Kelley was in favor of the City acquiring the lot and utilize strategic marketing to get it back on the tax rolls.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wolford mentioned a \$23 million grant New Kensington was awarded through DCED funding, and questioned why the City was not applying for grants.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUESTS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

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

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

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:10 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.