

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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 6:32 P.M.

This Public Hearing is to address the proposed ordinance on tonight's agenda amending the Latrobe City Code to regulate Medical Marijuana Establishments. Solicitor Kansler stated that he prepared an ordinance to address a Medical Marijuana Establishment update to the Zoning Code. The ordinance is in it's final form and on the agenda for Council vote.

Mayor Wolford asked for public comment.

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:33 P.M.

Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council reconvened at 6:34 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 – absent

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford - present

Also present were the following: Zachary Kansler, Solicitor; Michael Gray, Public Works Director; Ann Powell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Bartels moved to adopt the May 8, 2017 minutes, second by Mr. Murtha. Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$231,266.10
Total Payroll	<u>99,187.46</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$330,453.56

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM MAY 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. Baldonieri. Vote 6-0.

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 was held Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Bartels said they received a report on a paving seminar that Public Works Director Mike Gray and Council member Robert Forish attended.

Personnel Committee – Murtha, Wolford

No report.

Events Committee – Baldonieri, Murtha.

No report.

Parking Committee – Bartels, Baldonieri, Forish.

A parking meeting was held and they want to give the Business Owners a break on parking in the garage. They also talked about selling a lot at 1100 building.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee - Bisi, Murtha
No report.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department - Mayor Wolford reported that she and Director of Public Works Mike Gray crashed a PennDOT meeting and were able to get an update from them concerning the bridge. Mr. Gray stated the bridge will not be open for two-way traffic for the Fourth of July due to inclement weather and other factors. He stated that a traffic plan will be developed for the Fourth to help ease traffic. Mr. Gray reported that message boards are set-up throughout town letting drivers know their mph. He said additional boards will be installed. Mr. Gray said, regarding the traffic situation, please be patient, we will get you out of town.

Councilmember Murtha thanked Mike for the crosswalks located by Company #1 Fire Station.

Mayor Wolford said the city can not install crosswalks in locations that do not have an ADA ramp.

Police Department – No report.

Fire Department – No report.

Code Enforcement – No report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Bartels made a motion to make a conditional offer to hire Matthew Reeves as a full-time police officer and employee of the Police Department, with compensation, benefits, rights, duties, and responsibilities to be determined pursuant to the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending and contingent upon the results of his physical and psychological evaluations, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2017-20

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, authorizing the execution of the agreement for the Laurel Highlands D.U.I. Force. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Murtha. Vote 6-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE 2017-9

Amending Chapter 166 of the Code of the City of Latrobe to regulate Medical Marijuana Establishments. Mr. Forish moved to enact this ordinance, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0.

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance updating the City of Latrobe's Code Book concerning the regulation of signs, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0.

Mr. Murtha made a motion authorizing the Mayor to execute a Confirmatory Grant of Right-of-Way and Easement relating to the easement the city holds on the area of Unity Run's intersection with the Loyalhanna Creek, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Weller made a motion to authorize the Greater Latrobe Laurel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce to store Banana Split Festival materials in the City Building, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 6-0.

Mr. Forish made a motion to adopt a resolution providing commercial entities with a discount from the monthly permit parking fee for the parking garage, second by Mr. Bartels.

Discussion amongst council as to whether this resolution provides a discount of \$25, or a set amount of \$25 for the parking garage rooftop permit.

Mr. Forish made a motion to table the previous motion to the July Council Meeting, second by Mr. Murtha. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2017-21

Authorizing the City Mayor and/or Manager to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement for the fireworks display for the Fourth of July Committee. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2017-22

Accepting the bid of Kuzmkowski Roofing, Inc. to replace the roof on Fire Station #6. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Wolford stated she received a complaint from a resident regarding a fire pit. The resident said a neighbor lit a fire and it burned all night.

City advised residents to call 911 when this happens. Mayor Wolford stated the city may need to set time limits, and look at any other problems associated with the fire pits, and make changes to the ordinance. Mayor Wolford said she has as many residents tell her that they appreciate being able to have fires, as residents that are not happy about them.

Code/Zoning Officer Ann Powell reported that she has issued thirty-nine fire pit permits thus far.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that permit parking near the Hospital needs to be addressed.

Mr. Baldonieri asked who is in charge of roads and parking lot in Legion Keener Park. Mayor thinks it is the Latrobe Foundation. Solicitor Kansler stated the road that goes through Legion Keener is the Foundations and the Foundation owns the ground underneath Legion Keener Park and leases to Park & Recreation.

Mayor Wolford said she will bring up the subject of paving at Legion Keener Park at Thursday night's Park & Recreation meeting.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS REQUESTS

Jim Capuzzi of 729 Main Street requested an ordinance concerning outdoor speakers. He said his neighbors are using speakers that cause noise reverberation through his house.

Solicitor Kansler said the City does not have a noise ordinance. He said how would we be able to measure the noise. Solicitor stated this is a private nuisance action, which is a civil action, whereby a neighbor files against a neighbor.

Jessica Filosemi of 114 W. Monroe went to the Interfaith Service on Friday and thought it was very important and well done. She said it was a good community gathering and Chief Bumar did a wonderful job.

Mayor Wolford said we all need to recognize Chief Bumar for all he did.

Mrs. Weller stated it was amazing, with standing room only. She said they are to hold one every month, and agreed the Chief did a great job.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford thanked Ms. Filosemi and Mrs. Weller for the lead-in to the Chief's Interfaith Service. Mayor also stated that the Mr. Roger's Day event was successful, and with the Fourth of July activities coming to please be careful and patient, and watch out for the children.

Mrs. Weller said it is wonderful what they are doing with the opioid epidemic, and having the Mr. Roger's thing is a positive event for children to get them involved in activities. Mrs. Weller said she went to a town, that has a pitiful Main Street with a lot of store fronts that are shut, to go to a beautiful restaurant. She said how fortunate we are to have Revitalization, Foundations, Council, Chiefs, Police, and citizen's in general.

Mayor Wolford said sometimes you have to leave home to see how fortunate we are here. Mayor said the Downtown is really amazing. The Potthoff building next to the Rose Style shop looks great, and Chef Marks Palette has opened and plans to have outdoor barbecues in the parklet. We should not take our town for granted.

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

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary
