

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:29 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 Jones, City Manager; James Bumar, Police Chief; John Brasile, Fire Chief; Zachary Kansler, Solicitor; Michael Gray, Public Works Director; Ann Powell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt the June 12, 2017 minutes, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses \$236,416.42

Total Payroll 97,843.90

GRAND TOTAL \$334,260.32

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM JUNE 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 REPORTS

Finance Committee – Bisi, Wolford.

No report.

Public Safety and Public Works Committee – Bartels, Forish

No report.

Personnel Committee – Murtha, Wolford

A new Police Officer has started employment with the City.

Events Committee – Baldonieri, Murtha.

Mr. Baldonieri reported they are working on the Banana Split Event.

Parking Committee – Bartels, Baldonieri, Forish.

No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee - Bisi, Murtha

No report.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Mayor Wolford reported that Parks and Recreation cancelled the June meeting due to lack of a quorum.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department - No report.

Police Department – Chief Bumar reported that Officer Michael Reeves is the new hire and began employment with the City the beginning of July. Chief Bumar thanked Public Works Director Mike Gray and Fire Chief John Brasile for all their help on the Fourth of July. Chief Bumar stated it was the smoothest Fourth of July traffic-wise ever and recommended continuing the parade traffic route plan in the future. He said that Carol Greenawalt, the

Chairperson of the Fourth of July Celebration, Inc., agrees with him. Chief Bumar was amazed at the amount of people at the parade and festivities. He also stated that using this parade route eliminates the two-way Depot Street liability.

Mayor Wolford agreed with Chief Bumar and said that everyone worked hard this year and that teamwork is amazing.

Fire Department – Chief Brasile reported in agreement with Chief Bumar that all went smooth for the Fourth. He stated that after the fireworks there was a steady flow of traffic and the Police handled everything great.

Code Enforcement – No report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2017-23

Designating a one hundred and five-foot portion of West First Avenue as permit parking only. Ms. Bisi moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Murtha. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2017-24

Providing Commercial entities with a discounted monthly permit parking rate for the parking garage. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion to approve Homes Build Hope's application for a conditional use approval, pursuant to Latrobe Code §166-16(D) (1), for a Planned Residential Development for the "Mary Street Development," subject to all necessary standards and approvals as required by §166-16 (D) (1) (a), second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Bartels made a motion to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to seek three quotations from qualified and responsible bidders for the demolition of a condemned structure located at 2408 Ligonier Street, and to award the contract to the lowest bidder for the immediate demolition of said structure in compliance with the Property Maintenance Code, second by Ms. Bisi. Vote 7-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2017-25

Approving a partnership with the Latrobe Community Revitalization Program to request a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Program Grant to improve the lighting, safety, and aesthetics of downtown Latrobe. Mrs. Weller moved to adopt this resolution, second by Ms. Bisi. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion to authorize the retention of Jack Lizza and Professional Real Estate Services, along with the G.L.S.D. and the County, for the appraisal of real property held by Latrobe Specialty Metals and subject to the tax assessment appeal under Westmoreland County Docket Number 5999 of 2015, second by Mr. Forish.

Mayor Wolford recused herself and turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Baldonieri. Vote 6-Yes, 1-Abstain (Wolford).

Solicitor Kansler stated that Mayor Wolford recused herself because she is employed by that company and did not participate in deliberation.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2017-26

Awarding the 2017 Street Paving Project Contract to Victor Paving. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 7-0. (see attachment "G").

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Murtha thanked Mr. Trunzo for acquiring the money and he appreciates it and that's the way we should do things going forward.

Mr. Forish told Jarod he did a good job and obtaining the money was the deciding factor.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS REQUESTS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Jones reported that the City was approached by a competitive cable company Citizens, and we can start negotiating with them so they can come into the city. We will have an

outside group handle the negotiations. Mr. Jones stated the Parking Committee met, and Mike Gray had the Parking Garage inspected and there are just a few minor issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford stated it is good to have competition with more than one cable company.

She reiterated what Chief Bumar said by saying thanks to the Police, Fire Department, Public Works, the Fourth of July Committee, and all that worked hard to make the Fourth a success. Mayor Wolford said this Event has been for over forty years and every year it is well executed. Mayor said the next event is the Steelers Fest on August 4th.

Mrs. Weller asked Chief Bumar if the Interfaith Service is to continue.

Chief Bumar stated it is up to the Interfaith Ministerial. The Chief said he appreciated all who attended and said it was standing room only.

Mr. Murtha made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Baldonieri.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary
