

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018
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:

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri – present

Eric Bartels – present

Robert Forish – absent

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; Mike Gray, Director of Public Works; and Jim Bumar, Chief of Police; and John Brasile, Fire Chief.

Mr. Murtha moved to adopt the June 11, 2018 minutes, second by Mr. Kelley. Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses \$328,805.54

Total Payroll 126,691.52

GRAND TOTAL \$455,497.06

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM JUNE 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. Kelley moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Murtha. Vote 6-0.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda)

Mr. David Moyer, 1013 Jefferson Street

- Mr. Moyer was present to raise his concerns regarding the condition of handicap ramps in the City. Mike Gray, Director of Public Works, advised he has been in contact with a contractor to potentially grind the curbs, and is in the process of confirming any liability issues with PennDOT, along with verifying ADA sidewalk compliance with the federal government.

Donna Goblinger, 2025 Raymond Avenue

- Mrs. Goblinger questioned the connection between sewage backflow and rain water. Mike Gray advised that Latrobe Municipal Authority has responsibility for both water and sewage lines, and Mrs. Goblinger was advised to attend their next public meeting, and was provided with the date, time and location of that meeting.

Pastor Mike Bobula, Latrobe First Church of God, 616 Princeton Street

- Mr. Bobula questioned who was responsible for dredging the "creek" that runs alongside the Church to eliminate flooding in that area. Wayne Jones advised he is meeting with Mr. Bobula's financial officer on Wednesday, July 11th to discuss the issues. Mike Gray advised he would have an answer as to the responsibility of the run at that time.

Lou Starry, 1939 Sylvan Avenue

- Mr. Starry had concerns regarding the status of an abandoned neighboring property, 1935 Sylvan Avenue. Mayor Wolford advised that Ann Powell, Code Enforcement Officer, would take a look at the property and update him on the status.

Carl Goblinger, 2025 Raymond Avenue

- Mr. Goblinger had concerns with the condition of an abandoned house behind McDonald's. Mayor Wolford advised the owner will be identified.

Jimmy Desanders, 25 East Harrison Avenue

- Mr. Desanders raised a concern with his neighbor's house at 21 East Harrison Avenue. He stated it is currently a nuisance house, to include drugs, garbage and drunkenness, and is concerned who will be allowed to reside in the home if the current occupant leaves. Mayor Wolford advised the City would follow up with the situation and contact him.

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 July 2nd was the last day to submit applications for the Chief of Police position through the PA Chiefs Association. Wayne Jones reported sixteen (16) applicants submitted a resume to the Association. The PA Chiefs Association will review all applicants, select the top six (6) candidates to initially interview, with second round interviews done by Council.

Mike Gray announced Dan Chedrick, a new hire in the Public Works Department.

Events Committee – Weller

Mrs. Weller said the July 4th event was a success; Banana Split preparations are underway; and there was a bridge re-opening ribbon cutting ceremony.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Murtha

No report.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Latrobe Municipal Authority – No report.

Library Board – No report.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department

- 1) Currently working on repair options for damage to the inlets under Josephine Street that occurred due to the flood on June 20th. Damages include a collapsed basin and damaged piping.
- 2) Working with Gibson-Thomas on a no-match ARLE grant which supports safety related programs through state funds. If awarded, the money would be used to improve heavily trafficked pedestrian crosswalk signals throughout the City with solar-powered, radar-activated LED crosswalk indicators.

Police Department – Police Chief Jim Bumar reported the July 4th event went smoothly, and the department will be preparing for the Steeler's Night and Banana Split events.

Mayor Wolford questioned whether radar enforced speed detectors would be beneficial for the City. Chief Bumar raised budgetary concerns in relation to training and ongoing certification and whether it would be economically feasible.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Brasile reported there was a foot bridge that broke loose from all the water, and blocked the three distribution/run-off pipes which prevented water disbursement and contributed to the flooding by Steve's Garage.

Code Enforcement – No report.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2018-28

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, awarding the contract for the replacement of the municipal building heating, ventilation and air conditioning system to TUDI Mechanical Systems in the amount of \$226,850. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2018-29

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, awarding the contract for the replacement of the municipal building roof to A Good Roof, LLC in the amount of \$59,985. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0.

Mr. Bartels made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller, to select six banners for the City Street Banner Program. Mayor Wolford suggested two members of Council volunteer to work with Wayne Jones and Revitalization to form an ad hoc committee for the selection process. Wayne Jones suggested adding a seventh category, History and Contributors. Mr. Bartels amended his motion to accept the banners as outlined by the City Manager, second by Mrs. Weller. Approved 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Murtha made a motion, second by Mr. Bartels to authorize the City Engineer, Gibson Thomas, to apply on the City's behalf for funding from the 2019 CDBG paving project grant program. Approved 6-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion, second by Mr. Bartels to authorize the Police Department to purchase a new K-9 pickup truck with funding coming from the trade-in value of the current K-9 sport utility vehicle and from the K-9 Contributions Fund. Approved 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Wolford requested both a list and the status of abandoned houses in the City, to track and develop a plan for these homes. Wayne Jones mentioned use of CDBG money to demolish houses deemed unsafe.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Kelley and Jack Murtha volunteered to work with Wayne Jones, the City's design engineer, and the Latrobe Community Revitalization Program to review possible replacements for the bridge blinking light.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

Pastor Mike Bobula, Latrobe First Church of God, 616 Princeton Street

- Pastor Bobula thanked the City for all of the work done currently done, and on behalf of his Church, offered the City support in other capacities. Mayor Wolford returned the thanks.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Recognized Chief of Police James Bumar for two recently received awards:
 - o The Paul Harris Award through the National Rotary, and
 - o Unsung Heroes through the Local Rotary.
- Thanked Police Chief Bumar, Fire Chief Brasilie, Mike Gray and all City employees for all of the work that is done.
- Reminded all of the Steeler Fest and Banana Split Festival.

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

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:28 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.