

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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 – 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; Michael Gray, Director of Public Works; Ann Powell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Sergeant Joe Angus, Acting Chief of Police; and John Brasile, Fire Chief.

Mr. Kelley moved to adopt the September 10, 2018 minutes, second by Mr. Murtha. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$308,676.59
Total Payroll	<u>263,739.05</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$572,415.64

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

CITIZENS’ REQUESTS (related to agenda)

Beth Straka, 605 Chestnut Street

- Mrs. Straka spoke about Light Up Night, and requested that the bonfire be moved back to the original date of Friday, November 23rd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Kelley, Wolford

No report.

Public Safety and Fire Committee – Forish, Kelley

Mr. Forish and Mike Gray spoke about the recent flooding and advised educational meetings will be scheduled to discuss how to handle flash floods. Mr. Forish also spoke about the fire hydrant repainting project.

Public Works Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels

No report.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Murtha, Wolford

No report.

Events Committee – Weller

No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels, Murtha

Mr. Murtha stated that they received two resumes to review, and will provide a report at the November Council meeting.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Latrobe Municipal Authority – Skip Bollinger reported that he has checked out flooding at residential houses, and has determined it was the homeowners' liability due to french drains, etc... He also reported on the Josephine Street project and stated that the water line has been replaced, and the sewage line is being replaced.

Library Board – Eric Bartels reported that the library is currently planning for the Fall fundraiser.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Mike Gray stated he would be holding informational meetings for residents on how to handle flash flooding.

Police Department – No report.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Brasile noted that flooding has been an issue as ground water storm basins are not absorbing the water and residents will need to be patient. He also

stated the fire hydrant repainting project is 95% complete, and urged residents not to paint them as there will be a fine.

Code Enforcement – No report.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2018-39

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, rescinding Resolution 2018-34 authorizing a short-term loan and the issuance of a note. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Kelley. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mr. Baldonieri, to accept the resignation of Rick Fritz as a member of the City of Latrobe Zoning Hearing Board and to authorize the advertisement of the open Board position. Approved 7-0.

Mr. Bartels made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller, to authorize the exoneration of the 2016 and 2017 delinquent real estate taxes for real property owned by the Westmoreland County Community College, having Tax Map Identification Number 15-03-06-0-210, and to issue to the Tax Collector any and all necessary documents or certificates in furtherance thereof. Mr. Kelley raised a concern about setting a future precedent. Approved 7-0.

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller, to schedule the City of Latrobe's Annual Halloween Parade for October 27th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Trick-or-Treating for October 27th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Approved 7-0.

Mayor Wolford made a motion, second by Mr. Bartels, to reschedule the annual holiday kickoff bonfire to the evening of December 1st, 2018 to be held jointly with the Holly Jolly event activities. Mr. Forish commented that per discussions with residents, Fire Chief Brasile and Fire Company #1, the bonfire should be held on November 23rd (the Friday after Thanksgiving) as per previous years. It was also determined that there would not be anyone to organize the event if it were moved to December 1st. Motion failed unanimously.

Mr. Bartels made a motion, second by Mr. Baldonieri, to authorize the elimination of the holiday parade as a part of the Holly Jolly event activities scheduled for December 1st, 2018. Approved 4-3 (Forish, Kelley, Murtha).

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller, to approve the design for the blinking traffic signal renovations as presented by the City Manager. Approved 7-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2018-40

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, designating on-street parking located on both directions of travel of a portion of West Tacoma Avenue as permit parking only. Mr. Baldonieri questioned feedback from residents that wanted parking permit restrictions listed. Wayne Jones advised that the 20-30 residents who signed a petition have retained permit parking in their area. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2018-41

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, authorizing the hiring of John Sleasman as Chief of Police and Department Director of the City of Latrobe Police Department pursuant to the terms of an employment agreement. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Weller made a motion, second by Mr. Baldonieri, to approve Homes Build Hope's modified application for a conditional use approval, pursuant to Latrobe Code §166-16 (D) (1), for a Planning Development for the "Mary Street Development", subject to all necessary standards and approvals as required by §166-16 (D) (1) (a). Per architect Scott Moore of

Moore Consulting, the modified application requests shifting two buildings previously approved to be built by 20' to provide the City right of way access to Unity Run. Approved 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Gerald Baldonieri questioned the status of the radio tower. Wayne Jones advised expenses associated with the removal of the tower are in the 2019 budget.
- Christine Weller questioned digging in the streets by Brinker Street. Mike Gray advised he would check into it, but it is most likely the gas company.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Ann Musick, 302 Penn Street

- Mrs. Musick expressed concern regarding the need for a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Tyler Street and Tacoma Avenue due to visibility issues. Chief Sleasman stated he would look into it.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Wayne Jones reported the 2019 budget is almost complete and ready for Finance Council review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford expressed condolences on the passing of Council member Jack Murtha's mother-in-law, and offered congratulations and a welcome to the new Chief of Police John Sleasman.

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

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Peton, City Secretary


