

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:30 P.M.

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri asked all for a moment of silence.

The City Secretary read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri – absent

Eric Bartels – present

Robert Forish – present

Ralph Jenko – present

Jim Kelley – present

Christine Weller – present

Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present

Also present were the following: Zachary Kansler, Solicitor; Mike Gray, Director of Public Works; Ann Powell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; and John Sleasman, Chief of Police.

Mrs. Weller moved to adopt the January 14, 2019 minutes, second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses \$347,116.02

Total Payroll 199,779.74

GRAND TOTAL \$546,895.76

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM JANUARY 2019

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. Jenko. Vote 6-0.

CITIZENS’ REQUESTS (related to agenda)

James Miller, 127 East 4th Avenue

- Mr. Miller questioned whether the [garbage contract] meeting mentioned at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting between the City and the AFSCME union occurred. Wayne Jones advised it did and stated the union was aware of the garbage contract agreement and there was no issue with the business agent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Kelley, Wolford

No report.

Public Safety and Fire Committee – Forish, Kelley

No report.

Public Works Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels

No report.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Wolford

Mayor Wolford appointed Ralph Jenko to the Personnel Committee.

Events Committee – Weller

Mrs. Weller announced that the 2019 Banana Split Festival meetings have begun.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels

No report.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Latrobe Municipal Authority – No report.

Library Board – No report.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Mike Gray, Director of Public Works

- 1) The City was awarded a grant through Westmoreland Conservation District to be used for bank stabilization behind the City's Transfer Station.
- 2) Ralph Jenko raised the following questions:
 - a. What are the plans for the caps covering the old lights? Mike Gray advised he would speak with Jared Trunzo.
 - b. How many trips from the Transfer Station to the dump occur on a daily basis, as the January department report showed an average of three trips per day, and how this equates to the proposed hauling contract submitted by Republic Services.
 - Wayne Jones stated that under the proposed Republic contract, outsourcing hauling services at \$200 per load (or \$600 per day) would save the City \$400 as the current cost to haul three loads a day is \$1,000 (to include City salaries and operating expenses for each load).

- Mike Gray stated it normally averages four loads per day which only results in a \$200 per day cost savings to outsource that function of the Transfer Station.
- It was questioned how the City would save money if the two employees currently performing hauling services were reassigned to other duties within the Public Works department as compared to eliminating these positions.
- It was decided to table the hauling contract discussion until the resolution was presented for approval later in the meeting.

Police Department – John Sleasman, Chief of Police

- 1) National Night Out will be held on August 6th at Latrobe Memorial Stadium;
- 2) The department will be working with a law publication firm who will solicit local business advertisements and then provide free pamphlets for distribution by the Police Department to include information on crime prevention and other community service topics;
- 3) Chief Sleasman is currently addressing Latrobe Elementary School parking and traffic issues and advised new school zone signage has been ordered; and
- 4) He thanked the Civil Service Commission for their assistance throughout the new police officer hiring process.

Fire Department – John Brasile, Fire Chief

No report.

Code Enforcement – Ann Powell, Code Enforcement Officer

No report.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Forish made a motion, second by Mr. Bartels, to move up the hiring of Sean Grosso to the first agenda voting item. Approved 6-0.

Mrs. Weller made a motion, second by Mr. Jenko, to authorize the Police Department to hire Sean Grosso to the position of Police Officer. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-6

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, appointing a member to the Latrobe Municipal Authority Board. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-7

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, appointing a member to the Latrobe Municipal Authority Board. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Kelley. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-8

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, appointing a member to the GLSD Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Jenko moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-9

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, approving the deposit of \$659,119.85 into a certificate of deposit account with First National Bank. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2019-1

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing wages, hours and fringe benefits of positions of the City of Latrobe for fiscal year 2019. Mr. Forish moved to enact this ordinance, second by Mr. Jenko. Vote 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Kelley made a motion, second by Mrs. Weller, to authorize the City to advertise bids for the connection of Cobra Head street light fixtures to existing meters and to install new meters on Cobra Head street light fixtures, in order to ensure that all Cobra Head street light fixtures are metered. Approved 6-0.

Mr. Bartels made a motion, second by Mr. Jenko, to approve Schultheis Electric to survey existing overhead lines to determine what repairs are necessary for the underground wiring system in the vicinity of Ligonier Street, the Troutman's Building and the parking garage at a cost of \$3,800. Approved 6-0.

Mr. Jenko made a motion, second by Mr. Forish, to table voting on agenda item 11.B.3 – Approve five-year contract with Allied Republic for Transfer Station hauling as a result of the following discussion:

- Mayor Wolford expressed concern over the following:
 - 1) The City's control to dispose of waste per the restrictions of the government-issued permit for the Transfer Station; and
 - 2) The \$200,000 per year for five years hauling contract expense as compared to the one-time purchase of a \$150,000 hauling truck.
- Wayne Jones advised that the contract would offer savings in terms of wear and tear on the existing trucks and that the current designated City truck drivers could then be reassigned to assist the Public Works department in other capacities.
- Mike Gray stated he would prefer to purchase a truck and continue hauling as has been done for over 30 years and have the opportunity to expand the business as has been the trend over the past few years. He also stated the City would be required to purchase a new roll-off truck to handle the transfer of waste into the Transfer Station regardless if the contract is approved.
- Ralph Jenko questioned the vague contract terms which he stated had not been presented as a whole.

The motion was defeated 3-3 (Bartels, Jenko, Wolford).

Mr. Kelley made a motion, second by Mr. Forish, to approve the five-year contract with Allied Republic for Transfer Station hauling. Rejected 2-4 (Jenko, Bartels, Weller, Wolford).

Mr. Bartels made a motion, second by Mr. Jenko, to reject the five-year contract with Allied Republic for Transfer Station hauling. Approved 4-2.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2019-10

A resolution of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, authorizing the establishment of a handicap parking space on Avenue A Street. Mr. Kelly moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2019-2

An ordinance of the City of Latrobe, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the codification of the handicapped parking sign at 724 Chestnut Street and permit parking on West Tacoma Avenue. Mr. Bartels moved to enact this ordinance, second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ralph Jenko

- 1) Suggested the City obtain proposals for a new roll-off truck;
- 2) Requested a three-year strategic plan from all City department heads; and
- 3) Questioned whether the speed limit will be on the new school zone signs.

Chief Sleasman and Mike Gray will research requirements for that.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

James Miller, 127 East 4th Avenue

- Mr. Miller suggested advertising for the open Zoning Hearing Board openings due to the multiple vacancies.

Mr. Vince Quatrini, QuatriniRafferty, 816 Ligonier Street

- Mr. Quatrini requested an invitation to speak privately to Council regarding Wayne Jones, City Manager.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Jones reported the first AFSCME union negotiation meeting was held on February 5th with the next meeting scheduled for February 20th.

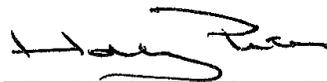
MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

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

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Holly Peton, City Secretary