

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020  
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:35 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 – not present  
Ralph Jenko – present  
Christine Weller – present  
Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present

Also present were the following: John Griener, Solicitor; John Sleasman, Police Chief; and Scott Wajdic, Public Works Director; Ann Powell, Code Enforcement; Mike Gray, City Manager; Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary.

**Public Hearing**

Opened at 6:36 PM regarding Ordinance 2020-06 Amending the City of Latrobe Municipal Separate Storm Water System Program Code and Setting a Fee for Administration of the Program There were no comments. Hearing closed at 6:38 PM

Mayor Wolford reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the Meeting to discuss personal matters.

Mr. Bartels moved to adopt the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT**

Total Expenses	\$275,537.71
Total Payroll	191,040.35
GRAND TOTAL	\$466,578.06

Mr. Baldonieri moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Jenko. Vote 6-0.

**CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda) - None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee – Kelley, Wolford Report on March 23, 2020.

Public Safety and Fire Committee – Forish, Kelley No report.

Public Works Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels No report.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Wolford No report.

Events Committee – Weller No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels No report.

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM FEBUARAY 2020**

**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"

**BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS** – Skip from the authority reported the downtown project is moving along and provided an update, stated they are paving from Alexandria Street from Main Street. Wednesday the connection will be done on Main Street with all others done by Friday. Concrete needs to be completed on Lloyd Avenue and line needs charged.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### Public Works Department

Patched and repaired potholes throughout the city, Assembled and hung up new Christmas wreath for viewing/pictures. Cleaned catch basins grates and gutters

### Police Department

Latrobe American Legion 100th Anniversary will be Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 5 PM

Chief Slesman reported that the third "Coffee and Cocoa with a Cop" is Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9 AM to 11 AM at Lincoln Avenue McDonalds. Lunch with a cop at LES went extremely well, Chief pointed out the pictures in the room along with the banner all completed by the LES students for the officers. Chief stated it was one of the most satisfying days of his career along with Officer Santo Columbo.

The new police car was out in front of the building for viewing and once the radio is installed it will be placed in service. The outfitting was completed by Black out Tinting, a local company, and they did an outstanding job.

Fire Department – No report

Planning/Development/Code Enforcement –No report.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **RESOLUTION 2020-08**

A Resolution Approving the City of Latrobe Leasing of the "Snyder Lot" From Jamie S. Brown and Elizabeth Snyder Bloom. Mrs. Weller moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **ORDINANCE 2020-03**

An Ordinance Amending City of Latrobe Code Chapter 256 Concerning Storage of Materials on Public Right of Way. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 6-0

### **RESOLUTION 2020-09**

A Resolution Establishing a Handicap Parking Space on West Harrison Avenue. Mr. Jenko moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Bartels. Vote 6-0

### **ORDINANCE 2020-04**

An Ordinance Amending City of Latrobe Code Chapter 256 Imposing a Turn Restriction at the Intersection of Ligonier Street and State Route 981. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0

## **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **RESOLUTION 2020-010**

An ordinance Approving the Memorandum of Understanding by and Between the City of Latrobe and the AFSCME AFL-CIO Council 83 Local 629 Collective Bargaining Unit Amending Article XIII of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Concerning an Assistant Secretary Position. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this ordinance second by Mrs. Weller. Approved 6-0.

### **ORDINANCE 2020-05**

An Ordinance of the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Electing to Amend its Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Administrated by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law; Agreeing to be Bound by All Provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as Amended and as Applicable to Member Municipalities, it is Hereby Ordained by Latrobe City, Westmoreland County. Mr. Weller moved to adopt this ordinance second by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

Mr. Forish made a motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance creating a Storm Water Department of the City Government and a Storm Water Director position to manage the new department second by Mr. Jenko. 6-0.

Mr. Bartels made a motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise a notice scheduling a Special Meeting for March 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM to act on the Storm Water Department and Director position ordinance second by Mr. Baldonieri. 6-0.

### **ORDINANCE 2020-06**

An Ordinance Amending City of Latrobe Municipal Separate Storm Water System Program Code and Setting a Fee for Administration of the Program. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Jenko. Vote 6-0

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **RESOLUTION 2020-11**

A resolution Appointing Bruce E. Jones as a member to the Latrobe Municipal Authority Board term to expire 2025. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this ordinance second by Mrs. Weller. Approved 6-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussed options on placement of the Veteran Banners, place among other banners on the streets in the downtown business district, on Spring and Weldon Streets, walking path. After little discussion council stated to first place on the streets in the downtown business district then on Spring and Weldon Streets with any overflow to the walking path.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST**

**Nico Givonnanglo 4649 State Route 982** reported that they had an election and he is the fire chief and would like to know when he gets sworn in. Mayor Wolford responded that we need to go by our code and Mr. Greiner read the code. Code 271-1 was referenced.

**John Glessner, Lt. Fire fighter and City Fire Prevention Officer** stated here to protection the city putting their lives on the line on a daily basis. When you take a company out of that you are taking people away from the fight, which has happened multiple times. The seven suspended fire fighters are crucial to masking. Calls that would be first ward calls were given to other stations.

**Chuck McDowell** confirmed he is now the president as of previous day, because one has already been driven out. This all needs to stop every which way. This is public safety and we are losing grip/

**Ryan Jones 126 Joanne Drive** asked Mayor if she would like to know why they don't have a department president and the head person of by laws. Attorney Hauser wrote a summary and they resigned.

**Cody Givonnanglo 22 Thomas Street** stated they are not waiting two years for another election this needs taken care of now. Asked if you ever put a helmet on and served under Chief Brasile.

**Doug McAfee 214 Washington Street** stated he is a thirty-year fire fighter and involved in the fire prevention for years and he resigned a while back due to Brasile. Understands that no letters were sent to the seven gentlemen that were suspended informing them that they were and why. Told council they need to listen to the men in speaking.

**Bob Masion 26 Thomas Street** stated he was in the company for forty-nine years and that was the first time he was told that he was not allowed to go into his hose house that he helped build. He had a problem with Brasile about fifteen years ago and is no longer a part of the fire company.

**Chris Blair 2nd Street** thanked the mayor for being willing to meeting with them and feels justice will be served. Quoted Ben Franklin. He addressed Mr. Baldonieri's question of why no one has opposed Chief Brasile in the past twenty-years, that never before has he went at someone's integrity and accusing of miss appropriation of funds.

**Fabian Givonnanglo** stated that Brasile is not an employee he gets a stipend.

**Paul Hoke Tacoma Avenue** stated he was in the fire company thirty years and he got an invitation for the annual banquet; however, he was not made aware of the election that was held, needs to be fair across the board.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** - Netting on the parking garage has been installed by Pullman; CBDG on Mary Street Project will go out to bids for paving, storm drainage, and ADA curbs; waiting on paperwork to be executed by the Commonwealth to put work out to bid for the Multi-modal Grant on the Underpass; and next month there will be a meeting with Ellen Keefe of Westmoreland Cleanways to discuss DEP 904 grant for recycling

Mr. Baldonieri addressed Nico and gentlemen of the fire company that were present, "Why hasn't Brasile been opposed in twenty years of service " Nico stated this is the first that he could and people prior that tried the same thing happen to them or they just resigned.

Mrs. Weller stated that Kim Ward reported on human trafficking and having meetings in the area.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Woldford stated "Can't we all just get along

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:49 P.M with a motion by Mr. Baldonieri, seconded by Mr. Jenko.  
Approved 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary