

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:36 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, via web
Eric Bartels –present, via web
Robert Forish –present
Jim Kelley – present, via web
Ralph Jenko – present, via web
Christine Weller – present, via web
Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present, via web

Also present were the following: John Greiner, Solicitor; Scott Wajdic, Public Works Director via web; Mike Gray, City Manager; John Brasile, Fire Chief; and Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary.

Mr. Kelley moved to adopt the December 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes second by Mrs. Jenko 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$250,128.20
Total Payroll	119,852.81
GRAND TOTAL	\$369,981.01

Mr. Baldonieri moved to approve the reports and bills as presented for payment, second by Mr. Jenko. 7-0.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda) - None

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) Two open positions – One for Police Officer and One for Code Enforcement.

Events Committee – (Weller) No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee –Student Showcase Award ready to award waiting to meet in person.

BOARD/AUTHORITY – No report

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM DECEMBER 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”

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department – Business was good as from as the Transfer Station with employees being out with Covid-19 including himself and they are back to 100%. Street lights are progressing. Felt they did well with the ice and snow removal being short-handed.

Police Department – No report.

Fire Department– Santa through town went well and probably will do yearly, have six (6) new members in the department, and there was a fire at Oak Street on December 22nd with Officer Grosso and Myers first on scene and got smoke inhalation trying to get to the upper level and with the help of others the fire was put out with minor damage and fifteen cats rescued.

Planning/Development/Code Enforcement – No report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE 2021-1

An Ordinance Authorizing Small Borrowing for Capital Purposes Under Section 8109 of The Local Government Unit Debt Act to Purchase a Police Car. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Jenko. Vote 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

A Motion Authorizing the Public Works Director to Advertise for Two Positions of Heavy Equipment Operator at the Public Works Department. Mrs. Weller moved to adopt the motion seconded by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-5

A Resolution to Ratify the Continuation of Declaration of State of Emergency. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Jenko. Vote 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-6

A Resolution to Ratify the Appointment of Deblasio & Deblasio Associates for Annual Financial Audit. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt the motion seconded by Mr. Baldonieri. 7-0.

A Motion Authorizing City Solicitor to Prepare and Advertise Ordinance Amending City of Latrobe Code Section 48 Schedule of Fees. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt the motion seconded by Mr. Kelley. 7-0

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE 2021-2

An Amending City of Latrobe Code Chapter 256, Vehicles and Traffic. Mrs. Weller moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by Mr. Bartels Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-7

A Resolution Appointing Member, Debra Sardello to the Latrobe Planning Commission for Term Ending January 1, 2025. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt the resolution seconded by Mr. Forish. 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-8

A Resolution Appointing Member, Gerry Baldonieri to the Latrobe-Greater Latrobe School District Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Kelley. 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mr. Kelley asked City Manager, Mike Gray to include him on the bond refinance and after discussion the Mayor and Mr. Jenko will also be included the meetings.

Mr. Baldonieri asked about the parking on East Harrison Ave. and Manager Gray stated that Chief Sleasman investigated and found vehicles park on the street and spoke with the owner of the garage and the vehicles were removed. This morning the complainant informed Manager Gray that the vehicles have returned. Manager Gray has on the agenda for the agenda meeting to discuss some options going forward.

Mr. Jenko asked is there was an update on the trailer and Manager Gray stated that there is a hearing schedule for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 1 pm.

Mr. Forish asked if there was an update on the underpass project and Manager Gray stated no that they have not heard back from Senator Casey office and they have reached out to Norfolk Southern on several occasions. The City solicitor is looking into the easement. Mayor Wolford will reach out to Senator Casey office now that the holidays are over as they are not hearing back from Norfolk Southern.

Mrs. Weller commented on how nice the Gibson-Thomas Engineering Building looks.

Fire Chief, John Brasile stated they had an incident on Miller Street with the brewery truck that took out two parked cars and the neighbors went to him and he directed them to City Manager, Gray. Public Works, Director and Manager, Gray are meeting with the brewery.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Mike Gray stated that he met recently with Derry Borough officials who are very interested in moving ahead with the cooperative agreement for a joint code and zoning enforcement officer, which the City looking to finalize to present a draft at the City January 25, 2021 Agenda meeting. The City is accepting resumes for the position.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford mentioned on the different stories going around regarding Dr. Anita Bigo's donation of money for the gift cards with some of them being passed out by City Officers and others given to the needy and from this we received another donation from U-Haul of Giant Eagle gift cards amounting to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and those have been passed out as well and she thanked their corporate office for the donation. Hope 2021 is a better year. Thanked everyone for their hard work in 2020. Mayor invited anyone to run for Council or Mayor.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:21 P.M with a motion by Mr. Baldonieri, seconded by Mr. Kelley Approved 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Shadron
City Secretary