

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021  
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:31 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 Eric Bartels –present  
Gerald Baldonieri– present  
Robert Forish – present  
Jim Kelley – present, via web  
Ralph Jenko – present, via web  
Christine Weller – present, via web  
Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present

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

Mr. Bartels moved to adopt the February 8, 2021 Regular meeting minutes second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Bartels moved to adopt the February 22, 2021 Special meeting minutes second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT**

Total Expenses	\$244,928.92
Total Payroll	154,865.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$399,793.92</b>

Mr. Kelley moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mrs. Weller Vote 7-0.

Mr. Forish moved to Adopt a Motion to Amend the Agenda move the hiring of new officer to earlier on the agenda seconded by Mr. Bartels. 7-0

Mr. Baldonieri moved to Adopt a Motion to Amend the Agenda to move the awarding of the Student Showcase to earlier on the agenda seconded by Mr. Forish. 7-0.

Mr. Baldonieri moved to Adopt a Motion to Amend the Agenda to award proclamations to earlier on the agenda seconded by Mr. Kelley. 7-0.

**RESOLUTION 2021-19**

A Resolution Appointing Patrol Officer to the City of Latrobe Police Department. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Baldonieri Vote 7-0

Police Chief, Sleasman Police Chief, Sleasman read proclamations recognizing officer Jason Myers and Sean Grosso for their brave actions during a December 22, 2020 house fire on Oak Street.

Mayor Wolford read proclamations recognizing Jeffrey Young, Dennis Shultz Jr., and Vincent Battaglia for their heroism in saving a mother and her child in the Oak Street house fire on December 22, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Bartels presented the 2020 Student Showcase Award to Adison Lemmon, a junior at Greater Latrobe Senior High School for fall of 2020. Principal Jon Mains recognized Ms. Lemmon for her leadership

and willingness to help other. District Director of Pupil Services, Laurie Golobish agreed with what Principal mains stated and also added “she exemplifies everything that they want in a Greater Latrobe student and everything they want in a responsible, productive citizen and lifelong learner”.

#### **CITIZENS’ REQUESTS (related to agenda) - None**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee – Kelley, Wolford - Mr. Kelley, and Mr. Jenko reported they are in favor of the General Obligation Bond with the options to refinance current bond, restructure with two-year extension or restructure with three-and-a-half-year extension and adding one hundred fifty thousand to the bond that City Manager Gray reported. Mr. Forish and Mayor Wolford stated they are in favor as well.

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 - Addison Lemmon received award.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM FEBRUARY 2021**

**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** – Mr. Bartels reported the library is open for virtual programs.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### Public Works Department

Public Works Director, Scott Wajdic reported there will be three engineers in the City tomorrow (Tuesday, March 9, 2021) for a meeting, work in the city is being done on the sidewalks as all the poles are installed except one or two, revenue at the transfer station is still good, and three new hires due to two retirees and a resignation.

##### Police Department

Chief Slesman reported on the December house fire that Officer Grosso and Officer Myers were involved in and thanked Fire Chief Brasile. On February 24, 2021 there was a school incident and he thanked Pennsylvania State Police, all local departments involved, and parent for their part. The plan worked well and they are making some minor adjustments. Thanked Mayor and Council for voting in new Police Officer. He has and is looking into breathing apparatus and funding to purchase them for police vehicles as they cost fifteen hundred

to two thousand dollars each.

Fire Department – Fire Chief, John Brasile reported that it all a team effort and breathing apparatus lasting forty-five minutes to an hour cost seventy-five hundred dollars and they received a grant in the amount of five hundred sixty-four thousand dollars. A Code Mercury means Boom threat and Code Magazine means a shooter.

Planning/Development/Code Enforcement –Shannon Cypher stated she had not report as she is new and things are going well.

Stormwater Management Department –Ann Powell stated she is still working on invoices, credit applications due to the commercial glitch on ERUs

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **RESOLUTION 2021-20**

A Resolution Approving the Extension of Declaration of State of Emergency. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution second by Mrs. Weller. Approved 6-0. Mr. Baldonieri voting No.

### **RESOLUTION 2021-21**

A Resolution Adopting 2020 Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution second by Mr. Forish. Approved 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION 2021-22**

A Resolution Approving DAC-Digital Assurance Certification, LLC to Provide Disclosure-Dissemination Services. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution second by Mr. Jenko. Approved 7-0.

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **RESOLUTION 2021-23**

A resolution Approving a Cooperation Agreement for Code and Zoning Officer, a Non-Union Position. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution second by Mrs. Weller. Approved 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION 2021-24**

A resolution Approving the Latrobe Blight Inventory and Plan Proposal. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution second by Mr. Jenko. Approved 7-0.

Mr. Baldonieri moved to Authorize City Solicitor to Advertise and Prepare Ordinance to Vacate Unnamed Alley second by Mr. Kelley Vote 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL ISSUES AND LITIGATION:** Council went into executive session at 6:00 PM and returned at 6:29 PM. Solicitor stated that he was in attendance and items discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Fire Chief, John Brasile restated that on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 their ISO Inspection was completed and it went well. Currently their rating is a three and he does not think it will change and they are good for five more years to the next inspection

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

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

**Rebecca Salandro** stated she is running for District Justice and introduced herself.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** - reported at Pennsylvania Department of Transportation approved the Arley Plans for the School Flashing Signs.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Woldford stated it was a great night being able to celebrate good things.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:34 P.M with a motion by Mr. Forish, seconded by Mr. Bartels.  
Approved 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary