

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 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 Manager read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Eric Bartels –present
Gerald Baldonieri– present
Robert Forish – present
Jim Kelley – present
Ralph Jenko – present
Christine Weller – absent
Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present

Also present were the following: John Griener, Solicitor; Scott Wajdic, Public Works Director; John Brasile, Fire Chief; Ann Powell, Stormwater Director; Michael Gray, City Manager and Karen Meholic, Acting City Secretary.

Mr. Kelley moved to adopt the May 10, 2021 Regular meeting minutes second by Mr. Baldonieri Vote 6-0.

Mr. Kelley moved to adopt the May 24, 2021 Special Voting meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Baldonieri Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$418,034.55
Total Payroll	\$129,100.24
GRAND TOTAL	\$547,134.79

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

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 - No Report

Events Committee – Weller - No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels – No Report.

BOARD AND AUTHORITY REPORTS

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Baldonieri advised the intergovernmental agreement was signed on June 1, 2021. Also, registrations were sent out for the July 3, 2021 five-mile run.

Library – Mr. Bartels reported that the 2021 summer reading program has begun at the Library. For more information visit the Adams Memorial Library website.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM MAY 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”

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department

Public Works Director, Scott Wajdic reported that paving has begun in the Downtown and the “Top Coat” paving is to take place May 21-23 during the night time hours. The Signal project is on track to be completed by July 8, 2021. Mr. Wajdic also reported the Transfer Station is averaging approximately 86 customers per day.

Police Department

Police Chief, John Sleasman reminded residents that the Brewery Bridge is one-way and Officers have been patrolling and citing motorists for violating the one-way restriction in place. Chief Sleasman stated that the Police Department will be teaming up with Parks and Recreation during the hours of 12PM to 4PM on June 22, 2021 at the Farmers Market. Mr. Sleasman further reminded any residents to dispose of any unused medication with the exception of needles and cream. Those medication can be dropped off at the Police Department between the hours of 8AM to 4PM Monday through Friday.

Fire Department – Fire Chief, John Brasile reported they are gearing up for traffic control during the 4th of July. Also, Mr. Brasile reported that no Fire equipment will cross the Brewery Bridge due to safety concerns. All trucks and equipment will utilize Unity Street to Garfield Street. Mr. Brasile had also advised that on October 5, 2021 during Fire Prevention Week the Fire Department will be handing out brochures. Mr. Jenko asked if there has been any updates on the garbage can fire incidents, Mr. Brasile reported no.

Planning/Development/Code Enforcement – No report.

Stormwater Management Department – Stormwater Director, Ann Powell reported her report is included in the Council packet which is for the first six-months of the program. Ann further reported that she is waiting for Gibson-Thomas to complete the mapping of the stormwater pipes and basins before starting the cleaning and repairs of those basins. Mrs. Powell further reported that she will be conducting an informational seminar to discuss what options residents can do to reduce stormwater run-off and to apply for credits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE 2021-9

An Ordinance designation 100' of the south side of Thompson Street from Ligonier Street eastward as on street parking. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Bartels. Approved 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-10

An Ordinance amending Chapter 256 to include Article VIII regulating parking of Recreational Vehicles, Unattached Trailers, and Boats. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Forish. Approved 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-11

An Ordinance repealing Chapter 85 Article I Commercial Activities. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Forish. Approved 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-12

An Ordinance amending Chapter 256 to include Article IX Commercial Activities. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Kelley. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-43

A Resolution approving the memorandum of Understanding between the City of Latrobe and the Latrobe Police to establish positions of Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, and Detective. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-44

A Resolution Approving awarding Derry Construction as lowest bidder for the 2021 Hot Mix Paving Program. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Baldonieri. Approved 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-45

A Resolution Approving a Hold Harmless Agreement for the firework display for the Fourth of July Committee. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-46

A Resolution Approving the agreement for professional consulting service with Fast Attack. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Kelley. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-47

A Resolution Approving the appointment of City Secretary and City Manager to act as liaison for Berkheimer collection of tax service. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-48

A Resolution Approving the acquisition of real estate at 29 W. Harrison Avenue Tax Map No. 15-03-15-0-008. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Kelley. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-38

A Resolution Approving the reappointment of Jim Burica to the Planning Commission with a term expiring 01/31/2025. Mr. Jenko moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Baldonieri. Approved 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Kelley reported the committee is finishing up with the Scenic Pittsburgh meetings regarding the Zoning Ordinance and should have the information to Council for their review soon.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

Susan Kosczuk at 1814 Raymond Avenue spoke about a problem with her neighbor that dumps loads of gravel in the alley to the rear of her house. She asked the neighbor to cease such work as the additional gravel was creating stormwater run-off to go on her property. Susan further reported that the additional gravel in the alley is creating a hardship while attempting to push her husband in a wheelchair who is disabled and is requesting the alley to be paved. Mayor Wolford reported that the neighbor should not be repairing the alley and paving would not likely occur as we have plenty of streets that need paved before we pave alleys, but did suggest that we start looking into the possibility of paving some alleys in our budget.

Public Works Director, Scott Wajdic advised that he looked at the alley will make arrangements to grade and compact the gravel that currently exist at that location.

City Manager, Michael Gray reported that he will have our Public Works Director, Scott Wajdic speak to the neighbor to advise him to cease repairing the alley and any repairs that need addressed should be reported to the Department of Public Works for repair.

Mr. Baldonieri reported if there has been any update with the Ligonier Street Underpass. Mayor Wolford reported that she was contacted by Senator Casey's office and they are to have a conference call with Rudy Husband this week to discuss moving forward with the project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gray reported that he concluded negotiating Healthcare Benefits Plan which will yield a savings of approximate 9.3% reduction in cost.

Mr. Gray had also reported he completed the application process through DCED for the Local Riscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan. He expects to use the funds for revenue loss associated with the Covid-19 impact.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford stated it has been a long hard year during the Downtown Signal Project, and it was unfortunate that the milling took place during the Mister Rogers Family Event Days, although, the roads needed repaired as this project was in the planning since 2018. These projects are an inconvenience but is something we won't have to deal with again for a while.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:22 P.M with a motion by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Gray, City Manager