

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:30 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 –via web
Eric Bartels – present
Robert Forish – present
Jim Kelley – via web
Ralph Jenko – via web
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 via web; Mike Gray, City Manager; Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary.

Mrs. Weller moved to adopt the May 11, 2020 meeting minutes second by Mr. Bartels. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$ 98,226.03
Total Payroll	184,020.79
GRAND TOTAL	\$282,246.82

Mr. Forish moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Kelley. Vote 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) Mr. Bartels reported they had a meeting prior to the Council Meeting that all is going well and the Transfer Station is doing good and totals are going up. There will be some expenses coming through, but they are essential.

Personnel Committee – (Baldonieri, Wolford) No report.

Events Committee – (Weller) No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – (Bartels) Mr. Bartels presented the Greater Latrobe School District Student Showcase to Sophia Hoch. Sophia will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in the Fall for Chemical Engineering. Mr. Mains Thanked Council and Eric for their support of the product.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM May 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 almost complete, working on old fire hydrants covering with concrete.

Mr. Baldonieri reported that Parks and Recreation office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm, Tuesday, June 15, 2020 with public classes for yoga and day camp starting soon, the Farmers Market starts Tuesday, June 9, 2020, pool pass are ready for purchase with the pool being opened once a pump is fixed, and the parking lot in Legion Keener will be paved on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 along with areas of the path.

Mr. Bartels reported that the library remains closed, but is working slowly to opening with curbside pickup, researching of self-checkout/book drop-off, and the summer reading program.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department

Public Works Director, Scott Wajdic reported the Transfer Station business is up with approximately 103 a day, replaced bulbs in eight traffic lights, street sweeping continues, street swept in Derry and Youngstown, and patching potholes.

Police Department – Police Chief, John Sleasman report Sgt. Santo Colombo is on medical leave to his retirement at the end of December 2020, replacement of him they will need to start discussion on; last Wednesday there was a protest and it went well with no issues; and June they went back to normal schedule. Mayor Wolford congratulated and thank Sgt. Colombo for this retirement and service.

Fire Department– No Report

Planning/Development/Code Enforcement –Code Enforcement Officer, Ann Powell reported she is dealing with high grass issues and a lot of them.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2020-29

A Resolution Authorizing City Manager, Michael Gray, to apply for a grant for the purchase of new bullet proof vests. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0

RESOLUTION 2020-30

A Resolution Approving an agreement for additional police services for the Westmoreland Housing Authority Communities. Mrs. Weller moved to adopt this resolution second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A Motion Authorizing Gibson-Thomas Engineering to prepare and advertise bids for the Underpass Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this motion second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2020-31

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

A Motion Authorizing the City Manager, Michael Gray, to seek bid proposals for the janitorial services of the City Municipal Building, Parking Garage, and Transfer Station. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this motion second by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

A Motion to Accept the Resignation of Jen Jones from the Planning Commission. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this motion second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mrs. Weller reported that Mrs. Roble asked all to stand on their porches with glow sticks at 9 pm for positivity.

NEW BUSINESS – Dog Walkers on the path-not police referred to Parks & Recreation, police advise Parks & Recreation as they cannot enforce. People are wanting fireworks for the 4th of July.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST – None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Mike Gray reported on Thursday, May 28, 2020 representatives from Universal Plastics located in the "Air Park" donated fifty face shields to the City.

Underpass Rehabilitation Project update-working with Jarod and his team on specifications for bids and should be advertised within the next few weeks.

Downtown Signal Project to begin on June 15, 2020.

He is filing for COVID 19 reimbursement with the Westmoreland County once established as part of the 31.5 million-dollar Block Grant under the CARES ACT as it does not appear that the City will qualify through FEMA/PEMA.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wolford thanked all the employees, department heads, transfer station, fire department, and city manager for stepping up and getting things done and following the rules.

Govern Wolf's conference stated some monies for some businesses and municipalities. DCNR grants, please check the DCED website.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Shadron
City Secretary