

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

Mayor Wolford called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:34 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
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. Forish moved to adopt the January 4, 2021 Re-Organization meeting minutes and the January 4, 2021 Regular meeting minutes second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$449,244.66
Total Payroll	153,972.88
GRAND TOTAL	\$603,972.88

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

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda) - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Kelley, Wolford - Mr. Kelley reported there is a scheduled meeting on February 21, 2021 with Bond Council.

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

Public Works Committee – Baldonieri, Bartels No report.

Personnel Committee – Baldonieri, Wolford Manager, Mike Gray reported that zoning/code interviews are being done and an update on Public Works interviews will come shortly

Events Committee – Weller No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels - Mr. Bartels stated they are ready to go, waiting to be okay with Covid-19. If possible, put on for the March meeting.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM JANUARY 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 – Skip from the authority reported the water replacement has some bad paving and once the weather breaks, they will be back to correct.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department

Public Works Director, Scott Wajdic reported they are working on the street lights doing loop programming. The Transfer Station still good percentage; rebuilding the salt ramp that is also used for brush. Mr. Kelley inquired about the downtown paving, which Mr. Wajdic state they would not start until after Easter timeframe - June 1st. Mr. Baldonieri inquired about the "No Turn on Red" signs and Mr. Wajdic stated he will look into as the Brewery agreed to put up more signs to help route flow.

Police Department

Chief Sleasman reported Civil Service busy, they have completed the written and physical testing and have fourteen (14) that can be interviewed and next they will be scheduling. New car is in service minus a radio for now they are using a portable one. March 15, 2021 Civil Service exam to promote to Sergeant. Body cameras are here cost of thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) matching grant. Chief Sleasman wrote to John Peck and he is going to pay the City sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000), hope to have in service soon. Bid requests to companies for fire masks costing around one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800).

Fire Department – Fire Chief, John Brasile reported

Planning/Development/Code Enforcement –Ann Powell asked the property owners to please clear walkways when there is snow.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-09

A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Greater Latrobe School District for a School Resource Officer. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mrs. Weller Vote 7-0

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-10

A Resolution Approving the Applications for Traffic Signal Approval Requesting by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Ligonier Street. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-11

A Resolution Approving the Applications for Traffic Signal Approval Requesting by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-12

A Resolution Approving the Applications for Traffic Signal Approval Requesting by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Cedar Street. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mrs. Weller. Vote 7-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-13

A Resolution Approving the Extension of Declaration of State of Emergency. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this ordinance second by Mrs. Weller. Approved 7-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-03

An Amending City of Latrobe Code Section 3-48 Schedule of Fees. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this ordinance second by Mr. Bartels. Approved 7-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-14

A resolution Approving Subdivision Request for Lopatich Subdivision. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution second by Mr. Kelley. Approved 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-15

A resolution Appointing Member, Carl Bollinger to the Latrobe Municipal Authority Board. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution second by Mr. Jenko. Approved 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-16

A resolution Appointing Member, Diane Mogle to the Latrobe Industrial Development Board filling term to expire January 31, 2026. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution second by Mr. Forish. Approved 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rosie stated that she emailed Grace at Senator Casey's office regarding the Underpass project and the Railroad and they are still working on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosie reported there was a blight meeting with the County Redevelopment Authority and Revitalization and currently they are working on Greensburg and asked if Latrobe would like to do at a cost of twelve thousand (\$12,000 dollars. After speaking with Mike Gray, they believe that the City probably can-do half and they are looking for help for the other half.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS' REQUEST

Randy with the American Legion asked if the City would be willing to waive or pro-rate the Amusement permit fee during the time of the Pandemic. Police Chief, John Sleasman will look into the matter.

Skip Bollinger stated about Mitigation meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - reported at the February 22, 2021 Special Meeting there will be an Ordinance for the new Code and Zoning Officer. He and Scott are completing interviews for the Public Works positions and will be providing a conditional job offer soon. Will discuss with Council, at the next meeting, options available for Council to consider regarding installment payments for the Stormwater EFU fee based upon a "Hardship"

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Woldford thanked all, stated she hopes things get better, and to be kind and patient.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:25 P.M with a motion by Mr. Forish, seconded by Mrs. Weller. Approved 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary