

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Deputy Mayor Bartels called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:31 P.M.
Deputy Mayor asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Deputy Mayor 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, via web
Ralph Jenko – present
Christine Weller – absent
Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – present, late 6:44PM

Also present were the following: John Griener, Solicitor; Scott Wajdic, Public Works Director; John Brasile, Fire Chief; Shannon Cypher, Code and Zoning Officer; Michael Gray, City Manager.

Mr. Jenko moved to adopt the April 12, 2021 Regular meeting minutes second by Mr. Baldonieri Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$385,199.55
Total Payroll	\$130,273.53
GRAND TOTAL	\$515,473.08

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

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda)

Timothy Weir, 1609 Ligonier Street – is requesting Council consider approving a permit parking space on Gertrude Street at the corner of Ligonier Street and Gertrude. He stated that the property at 1609 Ligonier Street has no rear access and no on street parking in front of the home. The nearest parking space available is on the corner of Gertrude Street which is currently occupied by a recreational vehicle. He feels if the recreational vehicle is moved without the spot being reserved the owner of the recreational vehicle would park another vehicle there out of “spite”.

Joseph Marcinik, 720 Mission Road – stated he owns the property beside Mr. Weir’s located at the corner of Ligonier Street and Gertrude Street. He stated he feels that permit parking will take away from his property value and he is opposed to there being permit parking. Mr. Marcinik stated the parking has always been a first come option for parking.

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.

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”

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS – No Report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Department

Public Works Director, Scott Wajdic reported the traffic signal at the intersection of Jefferson and Depot should be up by next week, he also reported that milling and paving will take place in June of this year. Mr. Wajdic also stated the Brewery Bridge project will begin May 17th with the detour implemented at that time. Traffic will be allowed to travel north bound and south bound traffic will be detoured via Unity Street. Mayor Wolford asked why there are poles in the sidewalks at the intersections in the Downtown. Public Works Director Wajdic stated those serve as Handicap pedestrian crosswalk poles to access the pedestrian control signal.

Police Department

No Report.

Fire Department – Fire Chief, John Brasile reported they are gearing up to reroute trucks and equipment if needed due to the Brewery Bridge project. Mr. Brasile is unsure if the Ladder Truck will be able to fit through the construction zone once implemented.

Planning/Development/Code Enforcement –Shannon Cypher reported is was a normal April per Ann Powell. She issued seven building permits and filed four criminal complaints. With warmer weather she advised to keep pools maintained and keep grass less than eight inches tall per code.

Stormwater Management Department

No Report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-31

A Resolution Approving a Handicap Parking request at 331 Weldon Street. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Bartels. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-32

A Resolution Approving a Handicap Parking request at 121 Avenue A. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Baldonieri. Approved 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-33

A Resolution Approving awarding the lowest bidder for the 2021-2023 mowing contract. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-34

A Resolution Approving awarding the lowest bidder for the Latrobe Elementary School Zone Flasher Project. Mr. Jenko moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Kelley. Approved 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-35

A Resolution Approving the Extension of Declaration of State of Emergency. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-8

An Ordinance Amending Code Chapter 271-2 Qualifications of Fire Chief. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this ordinance seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 5-0 with Mr. Forish abstaining from vote.

RESOLUTION 2021-36

A Resolution Approving appointing Karen Meholic as Interim City Secretary. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2021-37

A Resolution Approving the reappointment of James Berkey to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Forish. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-38

A Resolution Approving the reappointment of Ed Kubistek to the Planning Commission. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Bartels. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-39

A Resolution Approving the reappointment of Dr. Kathleen Kelley to the Planning Commission. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-40

A Resolution Approving the reappointment of William Glasser to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Bartels. Approved 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-41

A Resolution Approving the reappointment of Bruce Jones to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Baldonieri. Approved 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mr. Forish asked about the status of the Ligonier Street Underpass. Mr. Gray reported that we have not heard anything from Senator Casey’s office. Mr. Gray advised that we will discuss options regarding moving forward with the project at the May 24, 2021 Agenda meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Kelley asked if there will be anything for the Fourth of July Celebration since the Governor is easing restrictions. Mr. Gray reported that he will discuss this in more detail at the May 24th Agenda meeting. Mr. Gray reported that he will present a “Hold Harmless Agreement” for Councils consideration at the June 14th meeting. Mr. Gray reported it appears the Fourth of July Committee is planning on having Fireworks for the Fourth.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS’ REQUEST

Carl Bollinger asked why there is No Turn on Red signs at Spring Street and Weldon Street. Mr. Gray reported this was mandated by PennDot due to sight distance requirements at both of those intersections.

John Brasile advised Council there are some unhappy Veterans due to the conditions of our American Flags. Mr. Brasile reported that he installed new flags at Central and Company Six. Shannon Hart advised that she replaced the American Flag at the City Municipal Building.

Ralph Jenko reminded everyone to get out and vote.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Gray reported the closing of the General Obligation Note Series 2021 took place on May 4, 2021. \$551,839.81 was deposited into our PA Invest Program for the Capital Improvement Projects.

Mr. Gray reported the he will be sending to Council an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Latrobe, GLSD, Youngstown, Unity Township, and Parks and Recreation. The 10-year agreement is for services provided by the Parks and Recreation and included amendments to their By-Laws. Mr. Gray stated he will have a Special Voting meeting on May 24, 2021 for Council to take action on this agreement.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Wolford stated she was happy to see everyone working together on this Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Parks and Recreation. She reported this agreement will further aid recreational activities throughout the Greater Latrobe School District with a working relationship among all participating municipalities.

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:30 P.M with a motion by Mr. Bartels, seconded by Mr. Jenko. Approved 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Gray, City Manager