

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri called the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council to order at 7:02 P.M. Deputy Mayor Baldonieri asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Secretary read Roll Call:

Fabian Giovannagelo - present

Richard Jim - present

Rosemarie Wolford – present

Michael Skapura - present

Deputy Mayor Kenneth Baldonieri - present

Robert Forish - present

Mayor Barbara Griffin - absent

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri stated for the public record that Mayor Barbara Griffin is not present at tonight's meeting nor will she be at City Hall for the rest of the week due to an injury.

Also present were the following: James E. Kelley, Solicitor; Joseph Bush, Public Works Director; Charles E. Huska, Police Chief.

Mr. Skapura moved to adopt the March 8, and March 22, 2010 minutes, second by Mr. Jim. Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses \$302,070.73

Total Payroll 86,543.62

GRAND TOTAL \$388,614.35

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM MARCH 2010

Treasurer's Report

See attachment "A"

Police Report

See attachment "B"

Public Works Report

See attachment "C"

Fire Report

See attachment's "D"

Code Report

See attachment's "E"

Tax Collector's Report

See attachment "F"

Mrs. Wolford moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

James Gebicki of 821 Chestnut Street addressed Council with his concerns of a resident that has accumulated over thirty cats. He said it is a health and safety matter for her and all the residents of 800 Chestnut and Walnut Streets. Mr. Gebicki stated the Police have done an outstanding job looking into the problem they are facing on these streets and personally thanked Chief Huska, Sergeant Regula and Officer Sleasman for their work and follow up in their attempts to resolve this issue of extreme safety concern. Mr. Gebicki turned in three petitions requesting the City to address an ever-growing feline population that is accumulating at 823 Chestnut Street. Numerous agencies were contacted to no avail. Mr. Gebicki stated animal hoarding is an illness and a safety issue for the owner and the neighbors.

City Manager Stadler stated the Code Officer has been working with one of our officers on this issue, and most recently, the owner has denied them entry.

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri directed the City Manager to contact the Director of Area Agency on Aging about the personal health concern of the resident.

Carol Greenawalt of 13 Cedar Street asked for completion of a Hold Harmless Agreement for the fireworks display for the 2010 Fourth of July Celebration.

Tony Novak of 26 Avenue D addressed Council on a positive note regarding the Revitalization Committee in Latrobe. Mr. Novak asked for Council's endorsement on a plan to build a Hockey Arena Center and personally pledged \$1,000.00 to this project.

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri and Mrs. Wolford both stated they think it is a great idea.

Curk Fry of 228 Lloyd Avenue stated he received a letter from a neighbor regarding a sinking storm catch basin on corner of Mary Street and River Avenue that poses a safety hazard. He also said there are other catch basins that need looked at.

The City and the Latrobe Municipal Authority will look into this issue.

Ron Horak of 811 Chestnut Street spoke in support of what Mr. Gebicki addressed. He asked Council, "How would you like to have a neighbor with thirty-five to fifty cats living in close proximity to your house?"

Solicitor Kelley asked all involved to put in writing all things that have occurred because of these cats.

Unity Township Architect Joe Bleehash of 1807 Dailey Avenue stated he had a discussion with the Planning Commission regarding the subdivision for Saint Vincent de Paul, which is on tonight's agenda. He stated if it is passed tonight, next month he will be bringing to the Planning Commission a site development plan for the new lot and within the next several months construction will start.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

None.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2010-12

Approving Electric Supply Agreement with Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC for street lighting electricity generation.

Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Wolford. Vote 6-0

RESOLUTION 2010-13

Designation of Richard J. Stadler, City Manager as agent for the city of Latrobe to seek Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act Funds. Mr. Forish made a motion to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 6-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2010-14

Approving subdivision request of Donald Gray, James Noel and Leonard Ridilla, Trustees for Saint Vincent de Paul, Latrobe Store and the Latrobe Foundation, Inc. Mr. Jim moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2010-15

Supporting the application by the Latrobe-Unity Parks and Recreation Commission to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a Revitalization grant for renovation of Cardinal Park. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 6-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2010-16

Establishing a handicap parking space at 12 West Harrison Avenue. Mr. Forish made a motion to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 6-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Forish referred to a list distributed to Council of the (10) most grievous offenders of outstanding debt owed to the City for their garbage collection, and said we should act on these.

Solicitor Kelley stated that liens have been filed on these offenders, and complaints could be filed at the local Magistrate's Office.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri announced there would be an Executive Session immediately following the adjournment of this meeting concerning Personnel matters.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary
