

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2011
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Griffin called the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council to order at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Griffin 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 - absent

Deputy Mayor Kenneth Baldonieri - present

Robert Forish – present

Mayor Barbara Griffin - present

Also present were the following: James E. Kelley, Solicitor; Joseph Bush, Public Works Director; James R. Bumar, Police Chief; John Brasile, Fire Chief; Ann Powell, Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Forish moved to adopt the July 11, and July 25, 2011 minutes, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses \$281,653.96

Total Payroll 100,009.24

GRAND TOTAL \$381,663.20

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM JULY 2011

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"

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

CITIZENS REQUESTS

James Miller stated to council he has noticed many alleys are being eliminated and asked if the requesting individuals pay for the cost.

Solicitor Kelley stated the individual does not pay the costs associated with vacating streets and alleys, the city pays. Solicitor Kelley went on to explain that once a street is dedicated to the public use, there is a twenty-one years period that the City can open and pave it. After twenty-one years, the city can no longer pave or open the street or alley. The request for paving or opening at this point must be requested by the bordering property owners. When the city vacates it gives up the right of request of public to request street or alley to be opened or paved. If it is paved already the public right to use is given up. One exception is anyone who owns a lot in the plan has a private easement right to use the street or alley. Mr. Kelley stated if property owners block off the street or alley for twenty-one years it eliminates the private easement right to everyone.

Mike Guidice of 502 Alexander Street told council that people looking for 506 Alexander Street are coming to his house looking for drugs. Mr. Guidice complained that 506 is falling apart and should be torn down. He stated that sewage is coming from next door for two years and running into his basement.

Mr. Baldonieri stated that Council is working on this problem.

Charlie Moff of Latrobe Municipal Authority said he or someone from LMA would take a look at the supposed sewage problem.

Curk Fry of 228 Lloyd Avenue asked if an Ordinance exists regarding trailers or boats on city streets.

Police Chief Bumar stated boats and trailers are OK if licensed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Richard Jim reported that the sanitation committee has concluded bidding specifications for the new garbage contract. It has been reviewed by the Public Works Director and Committee members and is now in the hands of the Solicitor. Solicitor Kelley will review the contract by Wednesday.

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri reported that the search for a City Manager has concluded, and a recommendation has been made, and will be voted on tonight.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Martin Molina reported that the parking garage rebuild has been published for the bid process, and that Gibson-Thomas has received a couple calls. Mr. Molina stated there is a Special Meeting scheduled for September 2, 2011 to open bids.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Brasile said the fireworks show after the Steelers' practice went off without a hitch. The Chief thanked the Police for their assistance and thanked all Fire Department members.

Mr. Giovannagelo made a motion to amend the agenda, to include under Public Works #6, to take action on condemning a portion of Railroad Street and authorizing the deed with Norfolk Southern, Second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to amend the agenda to include C. under Administration and Finance action on Resolution appointing a new City Manager, second by Mrs. Baldonieri. Vote 6-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2011-37

Authorizing a variance from Section 275-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Latrobe requiring non-combustible materials for improvements in the fire zone of the City of Latrobe. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 6-0.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance to amend Chapter 275, Section 275-3; Outer walls and roofs: windows; doors to except canvas awnings from the application of this section, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2011-38

Acceptance of bid and awarding of contract for purchase of roll-off boxes. Mr. Giovannagelo moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2011-7

An ordinance to authorize and require the vacating and closing of a portion of a twenty foot alley situate in the fifth ward of the City of Latrobe bounded on the north by property of Lucinda L. Gray, being the southerly property line of lot no. 33 in the Anderson and Bush plan of Lots; abounded on the west by the easterly right of way line of Ligonier Street; bounded on the south by land of Mark R. Gray being the northerly property line of lot no 35 in the Anderson

and Bush Plan of Lots; and on the east by the westerly right of way line of a ten foot alley. Mr. Giovannagelo moved to enact this ordinance, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 6-0

ORDINANCE 2011-8

An ordinance to authorize and require the vacating and closing of a portion of a twenty foot alley situate in the Fifth Ward of the City of Latrobe bounded on the north by property of Carlo Garbeglio and Renee Garbeglio his wife being the southerly property line of Lot no. 77 in the Anderson and Bush plan of lots; bounded on the west by the easterly right of way line of Ligonier Street; bounded on the south by other land of Garbeglio aforesaid, being the northerly property line of Lot no 78 in the Anderson and Bush plan of Lots; and on the east by the westerly right of way line of a ten foot alley. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 6-0.

Mr. Giovannagelo made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance to vacate portions of Harding Street, maple Street, 33rd Street (formerly Buttonwood Street) and Jefferson Street as a request of CBC Latrobe Acquisitions, LLC, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2011-39

Amending Chapter 256, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 256-51, Schedule V; Parking prohibited at all times and Section 256-54, Schedule VIII; Permit Parking. Mr. Jim moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2011-40

Acknowledging condemnation of a portion of Railroad Street by Norfolk Southern Railway Company and approving of agreement to convey by deed in lieu of condemnation. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 6-0.

Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss Personnel issue.

Council reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:34 P.M.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to amend the proposed Resolution appointing new City Manager to state the within appointment shall be effective August 15, 2011 and shall be subject to condition upon acceptance and approval of employment contract between City and Mr. Graziani and approval no later than September 12, 2011, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2011-41

Approving appointment for the Office of City Manager; Director of Planning and Development and Director of the Tax Revenue Department. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Wolford. Vote 6-0.

Mrs. Wolford stated for the record that Mr. Skapura asked her to convey his support of this appointment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Baldonieri stated proliferation of signs have become an eyesore and City Ordinance 116, Section 8K. Rent or Sale signs paper advertising materials should be removed after expiration of event.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

Mr. Wolford publicly introduced the new City Manager Alexander Graziani to residents.

Mr. Graziani thanked Mayor and Council for their confidence and trust and stated his pledge as long as they will have him employed with the City to serve the residents and give the best of his time. Mr. Graziani thanked everyone for the honor and privilege.

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary
