

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Marflak called the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Marflak 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
Kenneth Baldonieri - present
Charles Dominick - present
Thomas Marflak - present

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

Mr. Skapura moved to adopt the November 9, 2009 minutes, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 7-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$174,677.91
Total Payroll	<u>87,131.39</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$261,809.30

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM NOVEMBER 2009

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. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

None.

Mayor Marflak stated for the record that on December 3, 2009 City Council met for an Executive Session for personnel matters and requested Council at this time to adjourn to an Executive Session.

Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 7:05 P.M. for personnel matters.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**RESOLUTION 2009-49**

Approving Hoffman's Boarding Kennels contract. Mr. Dominick moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 7-0.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to eliminate the unmetered parking spaces on Memorial Drive near the former Butterbean's facility which parking spaces were established on a trial basis, by motion duly passed at the February 2000 business meeting, second by Mr. Jim. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-50

Establishing a handicap parking space at 37 East Second Avenue. Mr. Giovannagelo moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 7-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2009-51

Approving land development request of Doctor David P. Lentz, DMD to construct a dental office 4667 State Route 982 Latrobe, PA (Fifth Ward). Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Dominick. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-52

Approving subdivision request of Lorna Jean Giovannagelo. Mr. Jim moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 6-Yes, 1-Abstain (Giovannagelo).

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE 2009-6

An ordinance authorizing a borrowing in anticipation of current taxes and revenues and the issuance of a tax anticipation note; establishing the form of such note; approving and accepting a proposal of First National Bank of Pennsylvania to purchase the note and authorizing the negotiated sale thereof to said bank; providing security for such note; authorizing and directing certain officials to deliver a certificate as to taxes and revenues to be collected, to cause to be made the filings required by law, to execute and deliver the note and to

take such other actions as may be necessary or desirable. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this ordinance, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

ORDINANCE 2009-7

Authorizing a line of credit from Commercial Bank & Trust of PA in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00; establishing a maturity date for the revolving line of credit note of December 31, 2010 authorizing officers to draw down on the line of credit, and to sign and issue the note and to make payments as required by the revolving line of credit note. Mr. Giovannagelo moved to adopt this ordinance, second by Mrs. Wolford. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Baldonieri stated he proposed fourteen line item revisions to the proposed budget that reflect a savings of \$22, 000.00 in expenses and rejected City Manager's request for Commercial and Residential rate increase on garbage collection and difference in figures are \$22,000.00 in savings and \$69,500.00 increase in revenue and the difference take from surplus to balance the budget.

Mrs. Wolford asked City Manager if we talked to garbage hauler in reference to picking up recyclables twice a month instead of each week. Mr. Stadler said he did talk to them, and they have not said no. Mr. Stadler also asked them about Mr. Jim's suggestion to pick up all recyclables all in one or two days a week instead of every day, and has not received an answer as of yet.

Mayor Marflak stated he has a problem with cutting line items in the proposed budget because the budget is a frame in which to work by, and cutting a line item makes things look good, but at the end of the day, we still have to spend the money.

Mr. Baldonieri stated the cuts he made are based on historical data and he was specific on line items he cut. Mr. Baldonieri stated he understands what Mayor Marflak is saying but it is really just a crapshoot.

Mr. Jim made a motion to amend the proposed budget to adopt the ordinance with Mr. Baldonieri's changes, with total expenditures and revenues of \$4,681,500.00, second by Mrs. Wolford. Vote 6-Yes, 1-No (Marflak)

ORDINANCE 2009-8

Adoption of budget for fiscal year 2010. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this ordinance, second by Mr. Skapura. (As amended) Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-53

Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Latrobe and AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 83, Local 629. Mr. Giovannagelo moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Dominick. Vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Richard Stadler reported to Council that the City received a letter from DEP in reference to our application for traffic signal upgrades that explained with twenty-two million in funding and five million applications we were not of the chosen few.

Solicitor Kelley stated that enclosed in the council packet there are two motions for meeting schedules for next year, and the organization meeting will be held on January 4, 2010 at 7 P.M. All meetings will be advertised.

Mr. Baldonieri thanked Mr. Skapura, Mr. Stadler, and especially Mr. Dominick and his expertise, for all their effort on the Negotiations Committee. Mr. Baldonieri stated that the city workers were unbelievably reasonable in understanding the tenuous financial situation the City is in and that he will miss Mr. Dominick on Council. He also thanked Mayor Marflak for his service to the City.

Mr. Dominick commended AFSCME Union with their realistic proposal and in having a finalized contract in only three meetings.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Marflak thanked the city residents for allowing him the pleasure to serve them the last four years. He stated it has been a wonderful experience and he has formed many friendships with the staff and city employees who put their heart and soul into this city. Mayor Marflak stated the city workers are all here for everyone, are committed to their jobs, and thanked them for their service to the city. He also thanked Council for allowing him a growing experience and leaves here knowing he stood firm in his beliefs and never backed down from what he felt was best for the City. He is grateful to his family for putting up with him for the last four years during all the tough times. Mayor Marflak wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a prosperous New Year.

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Mr. Dominick made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary
