

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011**  
**LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mayor Griffin called the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council to order at 6:31 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 - present

Deputy Mayor Kenneth Baldonieri - present

Robert Forish - present

Mayor Barbara Griffin - present

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

Mayor Griffin stated for public record that Council met in an Executive Session on Monday, February 7, 2011 for personnel matters.

Mr. Forish moved to adopt the January 10, 2011 minutes, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 7-0.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT**

Total Expenses                   \$440,263.89

Total Payroll                    92,502.35

GRAND TOTAL                   \$532,766.24

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM JANUARY 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"

Mrs. Wolford moved to approve the reports and bills presented for payment, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

## **CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

Jim Bolton of 225 Irving Avenue offered suggestions to council pertaining to the city budget. He stated he compared Unity Township's and Latrobe's budgets and found 4.6 million and 5.3 million to be very close in cost compared to population and size. Mr. Bolton suggested that since the City Municipal Building is empty 60% of the time, and we budgeted \$101,570 for costs of the building, we should shut the heat off to the building at 4:00 P.M. Mr. Bolton also suggested charging higher rent to Mutual Aid and turning off every other streetlight on various streets. He stated the city should not replace any officers, and the Police should do the vacant meter attendant position. Mr. Bolton said the sixth Ward playground property should not be sold for less than \$250,000.00

Mayor Griffin stated she is not in favor of cutting police, in fact would like to see more officers.

Councilmember Jim stated he is in agreement with Mr. Bolton in regards to receiving \$250,000.00 for the playground property.

Dr. David Wyszomierski, representing a few physicians in Latrobe, stated that Mr. Kelley told him there would be a report on the downtown garage at tonight's meeting. Dr. Wyszomierski said he would like to see the parking garage fixed sooner rather than later. He stated that many businesses have left since he came here twenty-six years ago. He said it is an impediment for keeping patients and viability for all Latrobe businesses.

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri stated that Martin Molina, Chairman of the Parking Authority, is out of town and did distribute to Council a report that says 50% of the garage needs repaired or replaced and 50% is good.

Curk Fry of 228 Lloyd Avenue asked if the parking garage price comes in much less than Gibson-Thomas had said, would we look for a new City Engineer.

Council Member Skapura said the amount that Gibson-Thomas gave was an estimate not a bid, and there is nothing to fault them.

Officer in Charge James Bumar stated that Ron Weimer obtained an \$8,000.00 grant from the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation for a police dog. He said that all the Officers are in favor of obtaining a dog and will stand behind the decision.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

#### **BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS**

None.

#### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

##### **ORDINANCE 2011-4**

An Ordinance repealing Chapter 127 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Latrobe, Flood Damage Prevention and enacting new Chapter 127 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Latrobe, Flood Damage Prevention. Mr. Baldonieri moved to enact this ordinance, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION 2011-9**

Ratifying action of City Manager to request reimbursement for preparation and enactment of an Airport Hazard Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION 2011-10**

Approving subdivision request of CBC Latrobe Acquisitions, LLC. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION 2011-11**

Approving New Communities-Main Street Contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Jim made a motion to authorize the City Manager, or his designee to prepare and advertise specifications for sealed bids for the Lloyd Avenue utility relocation project, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 7-0.

**POLICE**

City Manager Richard Stadler formally recommended Sergeant James Bumar for the position of Police Chief, taking effect upon the testing and recommendation of the Latrobe Civil Service Commission.

**RESOLUTION 2011-12**

Nomination of James Bumar to the Civil Service Commission for examination and certification of qualification for Chief of Police; and, appointment of James Bumar to the position of Chief of Police. Mr. Giovannagelo moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION 2011-13**

Approving letter of understanding – Chief of Police. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Baldonieri. Vote 7-0.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION 2011-14**

Approving sale of 1975 Ward LaFrance Pumper Fire Truck to Eastern Derry Township Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mrs. Wolford stated she received many phone calls referring to parking tickets after 5:00 P.M. in town.

Council discussed the issue of changing times for ticketing in Latrobe.

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion to amend the agenda to include a motion placing a moratorium on ticketing after 5:00 P.M. on weekdays and to have no ticketing on Saturday and Sunday on streets, as the Parking Authority has jurisdiction on parking lots, second by Mrs. Wolford. Vote 6-Yes, 1-No (Forish).

Mr. Baldonieri made a motion to stop ticketing on a temporary basis after 5:00 P.M. on weekdays and after 5:00 P.M. on Friday until 8:00 A.M. on Monday, second by Mrs. Wolford. Vote 6-Yes, 1-No (Forish).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2011-15**

Appointing member to Latrobe Civil Service Commission. Mr. Baldonieri moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 7-0

**RESOLUTION 2011-16**

Appointing member to Latrobe Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 7-0.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

No formal report. Mr. Stadler told Chief Bumar welcome aboard and good luck.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Griffin congratulated new Chief of Police James Bumar.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary

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