

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Mayor Griffin called a Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M. This Public Hearing is regarding the acquisition by Hook & Ladder Fire Company of Second Ward for the purchase of a Kenco Rescue Fire Truck. The truck will be obtained through tax-exempt financing by Laurel Leasing at no cost to the City.

Solicitor Kelley asked for public comment.

No public comment offered.

Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 P.M.

Mayor Griffin called the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council to order at 6:33 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 - absent

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.

Mayor Griffin read a Proclamation for First Responder Recognition 9/11 Remembrance. See attachment “G”.

Pastor Twigg of Bethany United Methodist Church who is also the Chaplain for Latrobe Fire Department asked for a moment of silence and then prayed for honoring all first responders and all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Pastor Twigg blessed all Police, Firefighters, Search and Rescue Personnel, and Paramedics. He also expressed Peace to all the first responders. His prayer was met with applause from all attending tonight's Council Meeting. Mayor Griffin thanked Pastor Twigg.

Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt the August 11, and August 29, 2011 minutes, second by Mr. Jim. Vote 6-0.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Total Expenses	\$238,634.04
Total Payroll	<u>91,293.43</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$329,927.47

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS FROM AUGUST 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. Skapura. Vote 6-0.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Richard Jim reported that the City Manager will be meeting with Ellen Keefe of PA Cleanways and then the Committee will meet with garbage haulers.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS

Martin Molina, Chairman of the Parking Authority, reported that there will be a special meeting on September 15th at 4:30 to discuss the (3) three bids submitted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief John Brasile said it was a great recognition for the Fire Department tonight. Mr. Brasile stated that it is a great honor to serve the Latrobe Community and the Fireman appreciate the acknowledgement. He also said that five members of the Water Rescue Team went out east to Harrisburg to assist with twenty-five rescues due to flooding. The five members are William Walters of Co. #2, Chris Lehman of Co. #2, Rick Kunkle and Matt Bylow of Co. #5, and Tim Dalton of Co. #2.

Police Chief James Bumar thanked everyone for the recognition of the Police Department and stated that they are proud to be part of the Community.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to amend the agenda, to include #5 under Administration and Finance to possibly increase Fire Police pay rate, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Solicitor Kelley read a motion to propose a resolution approving installation of four off-site directional signs for Seton Hill Child Care Service, Inc.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to approve this resolution, second by Mr. Giovannagelo.

Mr. Jim made a motion to table the motion, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2011-43

Approving and ratifying change order to 2011 Paving Contract with Tresco Paving Corp. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2011-44

Approving contract for the Office of City Manager and Director of Planning and Development. Mr. Giovannagelo moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2011-45

Approving agreement with Westmoreland County Transit Authority. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 5 yes, 1- Abstain (Wolford as member of board of WCTA)

RESOLUTION 2011-46

Approval of Administrative Services Agreement with Highmark Health Insurance Company (HHIC) for Administration Services for employee benefit plan. Mr. Giovannagelo moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Wolford. Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2011-47

Authorizing the City Manager to advertise for request for proposals for a consultant to assist the city in applying for the Department of Community and Economic Development Early Intervention Program. Mr. Skapura moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mrs. Wolford. Vote 6-0.

Solicitor Kelley read a motion to approve a \$1.50 per hour increase in pay for fire police.

Mr. Giovannagelo made a motion to table the proposed motion for thirty days, second by Mr. Forish. Vote 3-Yes (Giovannagelo, Forish, Skapura), 3-No (Wolford, Jim, Griffin). Motion to table fails.

Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 7:14 P.M. for subcontractor personnel issue.

Council reconvened from the Executive Session at 7:17 P.M.

Mrs. Wolford made a motion to approve the \$1.50 per hour increase in pay for Fire Police, second by Mr. Jim. Vote 3-Yes (Jim, Wolford, Griffin), 3-No (Giovannagelo, Forish, Skapura). Motion fails.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2011-48

Approving application of Hook and Ladder Company of the Second Ward for tax-exempt loan for purchase of a fire truck/rescue truck. Mr. Forish moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Skapura. Vote 6-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2011-49

Approving purchase of two police cars. Mrs. Wolford moved to adopt this resolution, second by Mr. Giovannagelo. Vote 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Wolford asked about putting a streetlight in alley in Sixth Ward, since she received a phone call from a resident stating that Allegheny power said the City has to authorize.

City Manager Alexander Graziani stated that he has been working with Ron Weimer and West Penn Power on this issue and yes, we would have to authorize and assume another invoice for payment of the added light.

Mr. Skapura asked Public Works Director about water issues in the same alley. The alley had been paved to help alleviate the problem and Mr. Skapura wondered if any other plan was devised to direct the water.

Mr. Bush stated that there is a plan of a small curb to help guide the water.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Alexander Graziani reported to council that he would be using the recently approved Comprehensive Plan that Council adopted.

Mr. Graziani reported that the 2012 budget preparation has begun. He also reported that the levee protecting Legion Keener Park area needs to be recertified to meet FEMA specifications. He met with our Engineer that handles Geotech work and this item will be on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting. Mr. Graziani stated that if the levee is not recertified, residents in that area might have to purchase flood insurance.

City Manager Graziani reported that the Sanitation Committee that was formed to work on the garbage contract is planning a pre bid meeting with garbage haulers so we can express our interest in having a clean city, urban setting and what they will need to know to do for their service in the community.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Griffin again thanked all the First Responders. Mayor stated that the Fire Department held a Memorial Service last night and it was wonderful.

Mayor reported that Westmoreland Cleanways Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held Saturday, October 1, 2011, at Valley High School and is free to Latrobe residents.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Buck, Secretary
