

The monthly Agenda Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Callender, Councilman Trozzi, Councilman Koziarski, Councilman Fabry, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Controller Farina, Public Works Foreman Johnson, Solicitor Yakopec, and City Clerk Cook. Absent was Councilman Grillo.

GENERAL ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

- 1) Discussed revisions to Burning Ordinance. Mayor Callender has received approximately 25 phone calls complaining about burning in Lower Burrell and would like to propose banning burning unless a resident has over three acres. Grilling and recreational fires would be allowed and monitored. City Clerk Cook will send a copy of the current burning ordinance to Council.
- 2) Discussed LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance). Mayor Callender introduced Michael Pehur, the grant writer for WEDIG who works for a grant writing lobbyist firm from Pittsburgh. A public hearing needs to be scheduled before allowing Council to vote. The hearing will be scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:30 PM.
- 3) Discussed bids for HVAC maintenance contract.
- 4) Discussed National League of Cities Service Line Warranty. Ashley Shiwarski described the insurance policy that would be offered to any resident who wishes to enroll and answered council's questions as well as those from the residents in attendance.
- 5) Discussed revisions to City Hall. Mayor Callender suggested that safety issues and the need for increased police evidence locker storage are addressed. This will take care of immediate problems. City Hall construction will be placed on the back burner. A meeting will need to be set up with the architect and the project put out for bid.
- 6) Discussed sewer rates. The Long Term Control Plan and the improvements that need to be made at the Municipal Sanitary Authority's Sewage plant will make an increase necessary. Sewage rates in Lower Burrell have not gone up in six years.
- 7) Discussed Energy Auction House. A representative from Energy Auction House described the process and answered questions from residents in attendance. Information had been gathered by Treasurer Eshbaugh on the smaller electric bills not covered under the current contract.
- 8) Discussed ratifying the Lower Burrell Boys and Girls Cross Country (Running) Team use of Burrell Lake Park for their home competitions starting the 2016/2017 school year.
- 9) Discussed the reappointment of George Spiering to the Parks Commission.
- 10) Update on the meeting of 7/27/2016 with realtors and plumbers regarding the revised plumber inspection report. The meeting on the 27th was attended by Councilman Fabry, Councilman Koziarski, Steve Yakopec, Kelly Biddle-Cook, Scott Johnson, Tony Males, Terry Anderson, Chuck West, and Dave Wohleber. Mr. Johnson was very well prepared for the meeting. The major issues derived from the meeting are as follows:
 - A) Not enough notice was given; it was too big of a change and residents should have been better informed.
 - B) Information should have been mailed to every household in Lower Burrell.
 - C) Implement this change at a later point in time.
 - D) Questions arose about how a house for sale would justify the amount of repairs.

A lengthy discussion ensued with many residents expressing their concerns and frustrations.
- 11) Discussed Tri-City Soccer request to place banners for direct club funding on the fence near the parking area adjacent to the soccer fields of Kotecki Park. A representative from Tri-City Soccer explained what they hope to do and had visual aids.
- 12) Ratify permission for City Clerk Cook to put the Fisher Hall ramp out for bid.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeri Tutelo felt that the revised plumber inspection report was not fair because it affects everyone; the seller, the buyer, and the realtors.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilman Koziarski told everybody about the All Star Game this Saturday at Kotecki Park. The game starts at 7 PM.

Councilman Fabry shared an article from the Trib about the cable television fees in Allegheny Township. He asked for council's permission to have City Clerk Cook investigate this as additional revenue.

Mayor Callender was pleased that so many people attended the Agenda meeting and encouraged everyone to attend on a regular basis.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Collection Service Center

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM.

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

Richard Callender, Mayor