

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Callender, Councilman Fabry, Councilman Trozzi, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Chief Weitzel, Solicitor Yakopoc, Mayor Kinosz, and City Clerk Cook. Absent were Councilman Grillo and Controller Farina.

Everybody has received a copy of the Treasurer's Report. There being no changes, the Treasurer's Report will be turned over to the Controller.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Treasurer's Report for November, 2015. (No action needed).
2. Earned Income Tax Report for November, 2015. (No action needed).
3. Collection Service Center for November, 2015.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Callender: Councilman Callender invited former Councilwoman Karrs to come forward to read the following report. In the Street Department: Commenced and completed Garvers Ferry Road Storm Line Project; utilized New Kensington's Excavator and rented Rock Hound to complete Storm Line Project. Began construction of new Salt Shed Building/Roof, renting a scissor lift to assist in the installation. Installed salt spreaders and placed salt boxes throughout the City in preparation for winter. Assisted Allegheny Township for one day utilizing the Sweeper. Utilized New Kensington's Bucket Truck to assist in the construction of new Salt Shed Building and in hanging Christmas lights on Leechburg Road. Filled potholes as needed throughout the City. Straightened and replaced other street signs/posts where needed in the City. Checked pipes and inlets throughout City before and after storm events. Removed dead animals as needed from City streets. Continued to perform building and vehicle maintenance. Took down shadow boxes and reinstalled in the Council Room. Conducted monthly safety inspections of Public Works Garages and Buildings. Foreman Scott Johnson attended a CDL Drug & Alcohol Training Class at Healthworks in Natrona Heights, PA. Foreman Scott Johnson, Ed Homa, and Rick Rotto attended the yearly Penn Prime Safety Meeting at the Penn Township Municipal Building on November 12, 2015; Ed Homa attended the Public Works Safety Meeting.

In the Sewer Department: Cameraed line on Greensburg Road and marked lateral from home on Westmoreland Avenue. Put landscape stone around Hillcrest Estates Pump Station. Performed smoke and dye test at 3331 Leechburg Road and 307 Westmoreland Avenue. Pumped our Craigdell Pump Station dry well and replaced sump pump and check valve. Replaced Pump #1 and Discharge pipe at Widmer Pump Station. Cameraed Harvey area (Harvey, Hastings, Paige) during rain events. Located/reviewed lateral on Arizona for a resident due to issues. Jet rodded and cleaned line at Seneca Alley below Post Office. Utilized Vactor to clean guide rails and Little Braeburn Pump Station; cleaned Big Braeburn due to grease build up. Replaced Pump #1 at Little Braeburn. Began Rail Guide restoration. Performed sewer lateral inspections at 1736 Rose Street, 1600 Wildlife Lodge Road, and 156 Edwards Street. Took Sewer Camera to A&H Equipment for repairs/service. Checked, cleaned, and greased pump stations; cleaned floats and checked grinders; performed end of month cleaning. Continued to perform vehicle maintenance. Performed PA One Calls as needed. Conducted monthly Safety Inspections of all Pump Stations. Assisted Street Department with construction of new Salt Shed. Terry Anderson and Eric Haser attended the yearly Penn Prime Safety Meeting at the Penn Township Municipal Building on November 12, 2015; Terry Anderson attended the Public Works Safety Meeting.

Councilman Callender commented that Mayor Kinosz has inspired him to move to the next step. He appreciates all the knowledge that was instilled in him and hopes he can be as good a Mayor.

Councilman Fabry: The playground equipment at Burrell Lake Park has been installed. Cookies with Santa will be December 19, 2015 at LB # 3. He thanked Mrs. Karrs and Mrs. Kinosz with their assistance.

As the newest person in Council, he said that from the day he stepped foot in the job, he has learned so much of what the Mayor has done for the City that most people don't realize. He can't thank him enough for all he has taught him. He always goes back to "the three-legged stool" analogy and he feels like the City is losing a leg of that stool. He thanked him for everything Mayor Kinosz has done for the City and for everything he did for him personally.

Councilman Trozzi: Councilman Trozzi addressed Mayor Kinosz saying he has known him for 12 years. Mayor Kinosz welcomed him with open arms, and Mayor Kinosz continues to help and mentor him to this day about so many things, including local government. Mayor Kinosz is one of the smartest people he knows and also happens to be one of the most passionate people when it comes to believing in the City and doing what is right for the community. Mayor Kinosz has always been in this job for the right reasons and he really appreciates and inspires to model his career as a council member in the same exact way. He cannot say enough about his passion and enthusiasm as Mayor of this great City. In Councilman Trozzi's opinion, Mayor Kinosz is leaving the City in good shape. The City has big shoes to fill, but Mayor Kinosz has Councilman Trozzi's commitment that everything we can with enthusiasm, determination, understanding, and passion because he does not want to disappoint him or the legacy that he has left this community. It's a great place to live, raise a family, and to work.

Treasurer Eshbaugh: The ending balance November 30, 2015 in the general fund was \$2,121,059.70 and in the sewer fund was \$826,974.89.

Mr. Eshbaugh thanked Mayor Kinosz for all the time that he spent with him. Mr. Eshbaugh chose not to go to college but followed the path of his brothers and went into retail, so he never had college experience. He felt that after working with Mayor Kinosz, he has earned his Associates degree, his Bachelors degree, and he's still working on his Masters degree in Business and Finance. He thanked him for the friendship that they have had over the years and for the money he saved by not pursuing higher education. He wished him well in his retirement.

Public Works Foreman Johnson: In preparation for snow, he asked residents to park in their driveways and to turn basketball hoops and move anything in the right-of-ways so that nothing will be damaged. He thanked Chief Weitzel for his help with the events Public Works did during the year. He thanked Allegheny Township for their help with asphalt projects and utilizing the zipper together. He thanked New Kensington for the use of the bucket truck that was used in constructing the salt storage bin and the installation of the Christmas lights and the tree on Leechburg Road. He thanked Tarentum Borough for a good working relationship.

Foreman Johnson thanked Mayor Don Kinosz for the opportunity to serve the community in a larger way. He thanked him for the teaching that allowed Mr. Johnson to become a better professional. He felt that Mayor Kinosz goes above and beyond everything he does all the time in everything he does and commended him for it. He commented that even knowing the end of his term is imminent; Mayor Kinosz was still at a meeting this same day being an interregnal part of it. He hopes that many dolphins are on the Mayor's horizon from his condo in Florida.

Chief Weitzel: Chief Weitzel did not have a formal report prepared as he is recuperating from surgery. He thanked the officers for doing an exceptional job in keeping the City safe. He thanked everybody on the dais for another good year. He appreciates everybody and how well they work together. Detective Galvanek is retiring and running the department in Chief Weitzel's absence. Detective Galvanek's last shift is December 31st and Chief Weitzel thanked Detective Galvanek for a lifetime of service and dedication to the City. He is one of Lower Burrell's great sons. He was born and raised in the City and has served everybody well.

He also wanted to thank Mayor Kinosz for giving Chief Weitzel the opportunity in 2012 to become Chief of Police. He feels that Mayor Kinosz has made him a better professional and a better man with his guidance.

Solicitor Yakopec: If the day of the Agenda meeting is moved, Solicitor Yakopec is employed at Upper Burrell Township for their regular scheduled meeting on the first Monday of the month.

He joked that the City is doing much better than the State because the City was passing a budget. He also said that he's been doing his job for 30 years, and Mayor Kinosz is one of the best he's ever worked with.

City Clerk Cook: She has worked in municipal government since 1991 and she is really going to miss Mayor Kinosz. He's always able to think outside the box and pushes everyone to do the same. They always joked that Don was her "work husband."

Councilman Grillo: Councilman Grillo phoned in and was put on speaker phone. He expressed how he has learned a lot from Mayor Kinosz and wished him well in his retirement. He was sorry he was unable to be at the council meeting due to his recent surgery.

Judge David Regoli: Judge Regoli, a former councilman, phoned in and was put on speaker phone. He was sorry he was unable to attend the council meeting. He wanted to tell Mayor Kinosz publicly how much he has meant to the City and how his devotion to the City became a full-time job. Everyone knew this day was coming and many people are very sad to see it happen. Judge Regoli felt he was speaking for everybody in the audience when he said Don could rest assured that the City is in a better place. He knows that Mayor Kinosz will always be an ambassador for the City, and we are all very grateful for his service.

Mayor Kinosz: Mayor Kinosz thanked his colleagues for the kind words that were said. He spoke poignantly about his tenure. For eight years, he served on council and served 16 years as Mayor of the City of Lower Burrell. He has always tried to be open and candid with residents. The staff has been great as we worked together and cried together. He thanked his family. Both his daughter Brenda and his grandson Hunter were present at the meeting. He specifically thanked his "side kick and partner," the person he loves more than anything, his wife, Debbie for her love and unfailing support and encouragement. He professed his love for her and for all the help she has been to him. He thanked everybody and said he is proud to live in the City of Lower Burrell. He sees so much potential and wishes he could have done more. He's excited about the new regime and pledged his strong support.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Callender to approve Eagle Scout project of Dylan Harl and authorize payment for expenditures of up to \$500 for the nature trail at Burrell Lake Park should the reimbursement from Ace Hardware be withdrawn. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Mayor Kinosz: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.

- 2) Motion by Councilman Trozzi, second by Councilman Callender to approve Hoffman Kennels, Inc. contract for 2016. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Kinosz: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 3) Motion by Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Callender to approve third and final reading of Ordinance # 4-2015 – Tax Levy Ordinance. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 4) Motion by Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Callender to approve third and final reading of Ordinance # 5-2015 – Appropriating Specific Sums. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 5) Motion Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Trozzi to appoint Professional Code Services, Inc. as the SEO for the City. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 6) Motion by Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Trozzi to approve the certification list for the Lieutenant eligibility effective November 18, 2015 and expiring November 17, 2017. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 7) Motion by Councilman Trozzi, second by Councilman Callender to approve LED agreement with West Penn Power Company. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 8) Motion by Councilman Trozzi, second by Councilman Fabry to approve City Clerk Cook and Councilman Trozzi to reappropriate certain line items in the 2015 budget. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Mayor Kinosz: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 9) Motion to table the decision of changing the City calendar for 2016 with announcement that first Agenda meeting will be January 4, 2016 at 7 PM. Motion to table by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Callender. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 10) Motion by Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Callender to authorize Solicitor Yakopec to write a draft ordinance changing Ordinance # 6-1998 (adopted 7-13-98) for police so that the City is in accordance with Civil Service. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 11) Announced an executive session was held after the Agenda meeting from 7:50 to 8:15 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Barca, Knights Court spoke of a history of respect he has had with Mayor Kinosz.

Jeremy Enciso, Alcoa Drive, Arnold, spoke about a Military Banner Tribute Program honoring hometown veteran heroes.

Tim Drummond spoke about dogs barking non-stop. The dogs are housed in at house on Lori Drive. Solicitor Yakopec will research this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Mayor and Mrs. Kinosz were invited to come to the front of the council room and surprised with personalized beach chairs, beach towels, and tote bag. A reception of coffee and cup cakes followed the meeting.

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

Donald L. Kinosz, Mayor

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**