

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Callender, Councilman Fabry, Councilman Grillo, Controller Farina, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Chief Weitzel, Solicitor Yakopac, Mayor Kinosz, and City Clerk Cook. Absent was Councilman Trozzi.

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 September and October, 2015. (No action needed).
2. Earned Income Tax Report for September and October, 2015. (No action needed).
3. Collection Service Center for September and October, 2015.

#### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Councilman Callender:** In the Street Department: Asphalted/repared the following streets: Paul, Craigdell, Pineview, Rita, Violet, Iowa, Allan, Elena, Laing, Kunkle, Guyer. Replaced fill from erosion of a broken storm pipe on MacBeth Right of Way and completed restoration of Project Area. Repaired lower storm line section of MacBeth storm line utilizing a rental excavator. Utilized New Kensington's excavator for to reset manhole cones on Route 56 Right of Way and clean out East Ken Manor storm basin. Repaired catch basins on Violet, at intersection of Leechburg Road and Wayne Street. Repaired Widmer Pump Station Roof. Filled potholes as needed throughout the City. Loaded branches at Collection site and hauled 49 loads of leaves/compost, etc., to Brunner Farm. Straightened and replaced other street signs/posts where needed in the City. Checked pipes and inlets throughout City before and after storm events. Continued sweeping of City streets: Brady, Frank, Diane, Scanga, Edgeview, Braeview. Removed dead animals as needed from City streets. Continued to perform building and vehicle maintenance. Conducted monthly safety inspections of Public Works Garages and Buildings. Street Department Personnel attended a MS4 Workshop hosted by the PA DEP on October 20, 2015. Ed Homa attended the City Hall Safety Meeting.

In the Sewer Department: Installed rain guards on Jefferson, Garvers Ferry Road, Edgeview. Replaced #1 contactor and new flange at Indian Fields Pump Station. Replaced Pump #1 at Little Braeburn and Hillcrest Pump Stations. Replaced Bushing on Vactor Puump and reset suction pipe at Indian Fields. Replaced universal joint, impeller, and back flush at Widmer Pump Station. Performed sewer lateral inspections at 10 Nanak Drive, 174 Oakridge, 259 Oakridge Drive, 269 Oakridge Drive, 1721 Wildlife Lodge Road, 1743 Wildlife Lodge Road, 1809 Wildlife Lodge, 2793 Gravatt Way, and 1746 Rose Street. Cut grass at Pump Stations. Continued yearly root cutting and jet rodding maintenance and cleaned storm lines in Kinloch. 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. Bill Thomey attended the Three Rivers Wet Weather Conference in Monroeville on October 7 and 8, 2015. Sewer Department Personnel attended a MS4 Workshop hosted by the PA DEP in Allegheny Township on October 20, 2015. Eric Haser attended the City Hall Safety Meeting.

Councilman Callender summarized some of the major projects and commended Foreman Johnson for the grant work that he has done meeting deadlines for the Westmoreland Conservation District grants. In the sewer department, laterals are being inspected on the newly installed lines on Wildlife Lodge Road where residents are tapping in.

**Councilman Fabry:** He provided updates on the playground at Burrell Lake Park. He encouraged everyone to check it out. A partial grant has been received to do work to the entrance to Kotecki Park. The next BEAT event will be Cookies with Santa and is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be announced on our web site, and both the City's and BEAT's Facebook accounts. Councilman Fabry thanked Bud Myers for another great job at this year's Farmer's Market. He informed everybody about the Alcoa Service Day where they worked at Burrell Lake Park and did a fantastic job. Recycling Day was another successful event. He thanked Boys and Girl Scouts who are working on projects now. He is overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support. He congratulated Mayor-Elect Callendar and was pleased with the attendance at the meeting.

**Councilman Grillo:** The monthly report for building permit and correspondence for ordinance violations was on file as well as the occupancy inspection report for September and October, 2015. He wished everybody Happy Thanksgiving and hoped to see everybody on the parade route.

**Controller Farina:** No report.

**Treasurer Eshbaugh:** The ending balance October 31, 2015 in the general fund was \$2,305,785.55 and in the sewer fund was \$810,666.09. Credit card payments will soon be accepted in the office.

**Public Works Foreman Johnson:** Mr. Johnson spoke about snow and warned that basketball hoops that are pointing over the roads need turned. He described how they are preparing for the upcoming snow season and spoke about the work that Public Works employees are performing.

**Chief Weitzel:** Chief Weitzel had reports on calls for service, patrol mileage, arrests, and incidents. September 19<sup>th</sup> was "National Thank a Police Officer Day." The department received cards from MQA, Bon Air, and Stewart. Chief Weitzel read every card and thanked the students for making the cards. October 12<sup>th</sup> was the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Officer Derek Kotecki's death. The memorial flag is flown in his honor every year. The SRO procured another donation of a car from Hillcrest Volkswagen. Officer Marhefka secured a \$1,000 grant to support the DARE program. He thanked the Auxiliary Services for their help with Trick or Treat. There was a bomb scare at Bon Air.

**Solicitor Yakopec:** No report.

**City Clerk Cook:** The Safety Committee will be going to Penn Township for annual training. We were certified for next year. She asked who would like their budgets printed or scanned.

**Mayor Kinosz:** Mayor Kinosz met with Congressman Rothfus to discuss storm water management rules being placed upon the City and the court order already placed on the City from the sewage matter plus all the rising costs we're seeing with health care and pensions. He sent testimony to be put into the Congressional record as they are looking at bills to help municipalities with these complex and difficult situations. Mayor Kinosz may have to testify at a Congressional hearing. Mayor and Mrs. Kinosz attended the 240<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the U. S. Marine Corp. He also invited everyone to the services on Veterans Day and to the parade.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Callender for The City of Lower Burrell to approve the men's league at Kotecki Park selling sponsorship signs on the left and right outfield fences of the main field. The Parks Director will have the authorization to limit the size, quantity, content and material used in the construction of the signs. All proceeds from the signs must be used to help revitalize the field or surrounding equipment. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Mayor Kinosz: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 2) Motion by Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Grillo to accept the resignation of Raymond Rieser from the Peoples Library Board with regret. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 3) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Callender to approve the donation of a 2011 black and white Ford Crown Victoria Sedan to Lower Burrell Volunteer Fire Department # 3 provided that both cars are picked up within one week. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Kinosz: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 4) Motion by Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Grillo to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 4-2015 – Appropriating Specific Sums. Councilman Callender thanked everyone for their work on balancing this year's budget. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 5) Motion by Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Grillo to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 4-2015 – Appropriating Specific Sums. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 6) Motion by Mayor Kinosz, second by Councilman Grillo to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 5-2015 – Tax Levy Ordinance. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Kinosz: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 7) Motion by Councilman Callender, second by Councilman Grillo to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 5-2015 – Tax Levy Ordinance. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Kinosz: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 8) Announce an executive session was held to discuss personnel issues after the Agenda meeting from 9:20 to 9:50 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

Donald L. Kinosz, Mayor

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**