

The Council of the City of Lower Burrell held a public meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Municipal Building at 2800 Bethel Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

The public hearing was to set the boundaries of a deteriorated area for purposes of the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act. 72 P.S. 4722 et seq. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Fabry, Councilman Koziarski, Councilman Grillo, Councilman Trozzi, Controller Farina, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Solicitor Yakopec, and City Clerk Cook. Court stenographer was Julie Gerano.

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Fabry, Councilman Koziarski, Councilman Grillo, Councilman Trozzi, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Controller Farina, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Solicitor Yakopec, and City Clerk Cook. Absent were Chief Weitzel and Mayor Callender.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Treasurer's Report for June and July, 2016.
 Earned Income Tax Report for June and July, 2016. (No action needed).
 Collection Service Center for June and July, 2016.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Koziarski: No report.

Councilman Fabry: In the Street Department: Straightened and replaced street signs/posts where needed in the City. Performed Craigdell Road storm line replacement project. Repaired/Installed curbs on Edgeview, Brady, Mintwood, and Claremont. Continued utilizing zipper and placing asphalt to repair several sections of Frederick Drive. Checked pipes and inlets throughout City before and after rain events. Flipped leaf pile to aid in its breakdown. Removed dead animals as needed from City streets. Continued to perform building, vehicle, and small machine maintenance. Rebuilt catch basin at Carl and Craigdell. Utilized New Kensington's Bucket Truck to hang Military Banner along Leechburg Road, trim trees at Veterans Central Park near City Hall, and install new City of Lower Burrell signs at the borders on Route 56. Removed threshold from Handicapped entrance door at Tax Office for easier opening. Assisted Allegheny Township for one day with the Sweeper. Ed Homa attended the City Hall Safety Meeting and the Public Works Safety Meeting.

In the Sewer Department: Performed sewer lateral inspections: 2723 Seventh Street Road, 1601 Wildlife Lodge Road, 1729 Wildlife Lodge Road, 1771 Wildlife Lodge Road, 41 Nanak Drive, 2766 Seventh Street Road, 2727 Seventh Street Road, 2747 Seventh Street Road, 20 Nanak Drive, 154 Jenniches Lane, 1870 Rose Street, and a line repair at 220 Trailer Boulevard. Repaired Widmer Pump. Performed camera evaluations during rain events. Performed PA One Calls as needed. Conducted camera and manhole inspections: Rodgers/Wayne area, Leechburg Road, Clarendon, Claremont, and Kipp. Performed root cut and jetting routine maintenance areas with Vactor. Checked, cleaned, greased, and cut grass at pump stations; cleaned floats and checked grinders; performed end of month cleaning. Conducted monthly Safety Inspections of all Pump Stations. Terry Anderson attended the Public Works Safety Meeting and the City Hall Safety Meeting.

All City employees will undergo driver's training at no charge to the City. Councilman Fabry thanked Chief Weitzel and his officers for "doing what they do." To Councilman Trozzi, great job for stepping in to run the meeting. And he also offered condolences to Mayor Callender and his family on the death of his sister.

Councilman Grillo: The monthly report for building permit and correspondence for ordinance violations was on file as well as the occupancy inspection report for June and July, 2016.

Councilman Trozzi: An informal audit had been requested for his council peers to make sure we are on track budget wise. A couple of minor findings were discovered which have been fixed. Councilman Trozzi thanked Chief Weitzel for what he does and keeping everybody safe, not only his officers but the community.

Chief Weitzel: Chief Weitzel had reports on calls for service, patrol mileage, arrests, and incidents.

Treasurer Eshbaugh: The newly passed sewage rate increase will be reflected on the December 15th bill.

Controller Farina: No report.

Public Works Foreman Johnson: Mr. Johnson spoke of the upcoming seal coating schedule.

City Clerk Cook: No report.

Solicitor Yakopec: Westmoreland County understood that the City of Lower Burrell would be doing a resolution, they prefer an ordinance. Solicitor Yakopec requested authorization to be able to do that ordinance for the LERTA designation for the property owned by Widewater. Solicitor Yakopec was authorized.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Grillo to approve Resolution # 3-2016 – Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA). A Public Hearing was held at 6:30 PM. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

2) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Grillo to approve National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

3) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Trozzi to approve Resolution # 4-2016 - increasing sewer rates \$18 a quarter. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

4) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Trozzi to approve proposal from Energy Auction House. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

5) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Fabry to ratify 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. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

6) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Fabry to approve the reappointment of George Spiering to the Parks Commission. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

7) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Grillo to approve 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. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

8) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Grillo to ratify permission for City Clerk Cook to put the Fisher Hall ramp out for bid. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

9) Motion by Councilman Trozzi, second by Councilman Fabry to approve Ordinance # 5-2016 which designate tax parcel # 17-03-16-0-095, 096, and 097 as a deteriorated area due to unsafe, vacant, unsightly, and economically and socially undesirable under the Local Economic Revitalization Assistance Act. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ken Smail questioned the man hole rain guards and what was found out about them. He also questioned if guards were tested with pellets.

Joe Konopski, 219 Michigan asked questions about the sewage rate.

A resident asked for clarification on testing sewer laterals when buying and selling a house.

A question was asked: if the City sends a letter to a homeowner not in compliance, can the homeowner then get insurance. It was thought that there would be a one month waiting period that might be waived.

Mr. Spiering questioned why there is only one handicap parking space.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

Richard Callender, Mayor

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.