

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

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 January, 2016. (No action needed).
2. Earned Income Tax Report for January, 2016. (No action needed).
3. Collection Service Center for January, 2016.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Councilman Koziarski:** Girl Scout troop 20175 presented to the Parks Commission their plans to plant a tree at Burrell Lake Park. There will be Girl Scouts doing clean-up at Veteran's Park in April. There are a number of softball tournaments being planned at Kotecki Park.

Mr. Miller, a teacher from Bon Air School asked Councilman Koziarski to relay a huge thank you to the police department for the prompt response to the school. Mr. Miller was both impressed and grateful and delivered pizza for the police department as a thank you.

Councilman Koziarski also stood in for Mayor Callender at the DARE graduation. Officer Marhefka does a great job with the kids and the speech Chief Weitzel gave set a nice example.

He recently met with Senator Brewster, Mayor Guzzo, and representatives from the Hope Center.

**Councilman Fabry:** In the Street Department: Night Crew commenced on January 4, 2016. Performed salt calibrations on Public Works trucks and salted, plowed, and applied anti-skid as needed during snow events. Tried to repair Truck #09 electrical issue; sent out for harness repair. We installed ABS valves. Installed new plow blades on Public Works plows as needed. Installed filter fabric in catch basins near cinder shed and filter sock around other materials and catch basins in rear yard as per MS4 requirements. Utilized New Kensington's Bucket Truck to remove snowflake lights from Leechburg Road and Wildlife Lodge Road; remove the lights from the Christmas tree at Stewart School; remove the Christmas tree at the intersection of Route 56 and Leechburg Road. Filled potholes and checked various "ice spots" as needed throughout the City. Conducted repairs and maintenance on drag box and other asphalt-related equipment. Straightened and replaced other street signs/posts where needed in the City. Had Truck #05 clutch adjusted, transmission rebuilt. Checked pipes and inlets throughout City before and after rain events. Repaired and installed shadow boxes. Removed dead animals as needed from City streets. Changed fluids, filters, and blades on Brush Bandit Chipper. Continued to perform building and vehicle maintenance. Painted Mayor's office after removing wallpaper and patching nail holes. Conducted monthly safety inspections of Public Works Garages and Buildings. Night crew started sign reflectivity evaluations. Ed Homa attended both the Public Works Safety Meeting and the City Hall Safety Meeting. Day crew participated in City Hall and Stewart School Emergency Drill.

In the Sewer Department: Installed gate valve and check valve at Craigdell Pump Station. Performed sewer lateral inspections at 1756 Roosevelt Drive and 157 Illinois. Checked, cleaned, and greased pump stations; cleaned floats and checked grinders; performed end of month cleaning. Assisted with the installation of new lights in the wet wells/dry wells at the Widmer, Hillcrest, and Indiana Pump Stations. Installed a new exhaust fan blower motor at Widmer as well. Continued to perform vehicle maintenance. Raised manhole 2' on Montana/Idaho Right of Way. Continued to jet rod, conduct manhole inspections, and perform camera evaluations during rain events in "Idaho Area." Performed PA One Calls as needed. Updated Sewer Camera Pendant. Conducted monthly Safety Inspections of all Pump Stations. Verified flows in question on GIS for Geo Plan Software Installer (Kevin Scott). Terry Anderson attended both the Public Works Safety Meeting and the City Hall Safety Meeting. Participated in City Hall and Stewart School Emergency Drill.

The goal of the street department is to have all the streets cleared after the last snowflake falls within 24 hours. The road crew does a fantastic job with their routes which are based on traffic, hills, and risks involved. He commended the street department on the job they did.

Councilman Fabry also said great work to the police department in the response time for the Bon Air School incident.

**Councilman Grillo:** The monthly report for building permit and correspondence for ordinance violations was on file as well as the occupancy inspection report for January, 2015.

**Councilman Trozzi:** Councilman Trozzi thanked whoever is limiting the snowfall this year as it really helps the budget out.

**Chief Weitzel:** Chief Weitzel had reports on calls for service, patrol mileage, arrests, and incidents. School Resource Officer Marhefka is spearheading prevention heroin education. Burrell students produced a video for which they won and will be recognized by the FBI. Bon Air Elementary had a lock down due to reports of a masked intruder. The police were able to determine that it was a false alarm. Staff at Bon Air performed exceptional. A person was detained; it was a parent that responded to the school peering in the back window and who matched the description of the suspect. A public service talk is given every year at Project Discover where every parent is invited to learn what the reunification procedures are. Parents are not to come to the school. Leechburg Road and the area around the school have to remain open to logistically coordinate the emergency. He is hoping for better awareness.

**Public Works Foreman Johnson:** Please move basketball hoops or anything in the right-of-way so that plow trucks are not slowed down. Please park in your driveway. If residents have to park on the street, coordinate with people across from you so the trucks can get through so that the roads can be cleared as quickly as possible. He also congratulated the Burrell Wrestling team for setting a state record for consecutive WPIAL wins.

**Controller Farina:** No report.

**Solicitor Yakopec:** Solicitor Yakopec pointed out that there is a clerical error in Ordinance # 2-2016.

**Mayor Callender:** He congratulated the Burrell High School wrestling team for the ten times being WPIAL champions. Mayor Callender thanked the police department and has heard nothing but good from parents regarding the response at Bon Air School. He advised that in incidences such as this, we need to let the police do their job. The officers did a great job in doing their job. He advised everyone to use common sense.

Regarding the newspaper article about the changes to the city building, Mayor and Council are doing due diligence by getting feasibility studies and researching loan rates and bond issues. Mayor Callender is making contacts in Harrisburg and making inroads for grants. In order to do our job efficiently, we have to have the proper tools. No decisions are being made at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Presentation to Mr. Jaxson Cratty. This young man is five years old and called 911 in an emergency situation. The fireman and the City planned to present him with a certificate. The family did not want the publicity.
- 2) Update on Ordinance # 3-2016 – Barking Dog Ordinance. The ordinance is being reviewed. Mayor and Council are looking to revise the prospective ordinance that will have less strain on the zoning and police officers to enforce.
- 3) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Grillo to approve Detective Sergeant Scott Cardenas’ promotion to Lieutenant effective February 20, 2016. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 4) Motion by Councilman Trozzi, second by Councilman Grillo to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance # 2-2016 – Fixing the Number, Grades, And Compensation of the employees of the Police Force. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 5) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Fabry to appoint a Mimi Derbaum Kelly as a representative to the Library Board. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 6) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Trozzi to approve the relocation and construction of the 9-11 Memorial to the American Legion Post 868. Councilman Trozzi was instrumental in obtaining the Port Authority steel beam. There were stipulations made by the Port Authority that will be met by the American Legion. The beam must be visible 24 hours a day and visited as a memorial. It was going to be used at the school to be utilized in their curriculum. Because of security, the school has had second thoughts. The American Legion offered to build a memorial to the City’s specifications and at no cost to the city. The American Legion is the only organization to hold a service on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be illuminated and have 24-hour camera surveillance. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ken Chmiel, 480 Scanga Drive questioned the manhole caps that hold water and felt they were a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Foreman Johnson felt that the water being held by the rain guard was minimal. Mr. Chmiel also reported an incident last year on Delaware Drive where a city truck with a city worker standing by it with another man presumable in the man hole. There was no harness or tripod being used. Foreman Johnson responded he will look into the situation but the City does have a safety committee who has reviewed procedures for these types of scenarios. He went on to describe precautions that are taken.

Tricia Shank, Garvers Ferry Road. She thanked Foreman Johnson’s work and thanked Chief Weitzel with the good work with the school response. She questioned the building modifications and the feasibility study for the buildings. A considerable amount of time was spent discussing this topic.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

Richard Callender, Mayor

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**