

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Trozzi, Councilman Fabry, Councilman Koziarski, Councilman Grillo, Controller Farina, Chief Tim Weitzel, Solicitor Yakopec, and City Clerk Cook. Absent were Treasurer Eshbaugh, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, and Mayor Callender.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Earned Income Tax Report for March, 2017. (No action needed).
Collection Service Center for March, 2017.
Senate Engineering Report

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Koziarski: There will be a Lower Burrell Recycling Event scheduled April 29th from 9 to 2. Also an ECSR recycling event scheduled May 6th from 9 to 1. Please refer to our website and Facebook page for more details.

Events taking place in the parks are a Fitness Camp called Angel Wing at Burrell Lake Park set for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting April 17th and Soccer Shots at Veterans Park, tentative start is Wednesday of every week starting June 21st from 5:30 to 6:30 for eight weeks.

Burrell High School “Day of Caring” will be working at Burrell Lake Park and Kotecki Park on April 28th. Take great caution at the parks during this time as there will be wet paint and stain throughout. Approximately 650 Burrell High School and Middle School students are taking part. Councilman Koziarski thanked Burrell School District for considering and approaching the City of Lower Burrell to work on this program. He invited council and the City offices to stop by the parks to participate in the clean up event.

Councilman Koziarski also thanked Veronica Dulnikowski for her years of service to the Parks Commission. Ms. Dulnikowski’s term has expired, and she has chosen not to continue.

Councilman Fabry: He said the Easter egg hunt last Saturday was successful and he again thanked the high school students for their help. Councilman Fabry along with Chief Weitzel presented Mrs. Wanda Spiering with a proclamation and a key to the City.

In the Street Department: Salted, plowed, and applied Anti-Skid material during snow events. Checked for ice buildups throughout the City. Identified breakers and installed a new hot water tank in the Tax Office basement. Replaced rear auger on Truck #12. Installed new pipe at Kotecki Park. Repaired catch basin on Wills. Installed gutters and downspouts on Block Garage at City Hall. Assisted the Sewer Department with a sewer line replacement on Leechburg Road utilizing New Kensington’s Excavator. Checked pipes and inlets throughout City before and after rain events. Constructed trash racks for Widmer Pump Station, Route 56, and Craigdell Road. Replaced street signs and stop signs as needed. Repairs were performed on Truck #04 by Penn Diesel. Repairs were performed on Truck #06 at Shults Ford. Flipped leaf pile to aid in its breakdown. Removed trees on Claremont, Diane, Riverview, Watters, Puckety, Hartge, and Lori. Removed dead animals as needed from City streets. Continued street sweeping: Oak, Poplar, Braeburn, Lowe Road, Leechburg Road, Spiering Plan, Arnold Avenue, Burrellton, Oakridge, Sharkeyville section, and Lori. Performed preventive maintenance on the Sweeper, Truck #05, and Truck #14. Installed a new serpentine belt on the Vector. Installed cold patch in potholes when/where needed throughout the City. Conducted monthly safety inspections. Ed Homa and Rick Rotto attended the monthly City Hall Safety Meeting.

In the Sewer Department: Continued to camera MB71 and from Fairhaven to Leechburg Road. Installed batteries at Big Braeburn. Replaced pipe at Indiana Pump Station. Continued manhole inspections on Leechburg Road. Cleared sidewalks and parking lots at City Hall and Tax Office during snow events. Assisted Street Department in clearing roads during snow events. Performed sewer lateral inspections at 220 Morgan Street and 540 Reimer Street. Marked PA One Calls as needed. Performed root cutting and jetting maintenance areas as needed with Vector. 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 monthly City Hall Safety Meeting.

Councilman Trozzi: No report.

Councilman Grillo: The monthly report for building permit and correspondence for ordinance violations was on file as well as the occupancy inspection report for March, 2017. He also thanked Mrs. Dulnikowski for her service on the Parks Commission.

Chief Weitzel: Chief Weitzel had reports on calls for service, patrol mileage, arrests, and incidents. Considerable time was spent discussing IT possibilities as problems continue with the provider we currently use inhibiting police department efficiency. The police department system was down for 14 days.

City Clerk Cook: No report.

Solicitor Yakopec: Ms. Coreno has filed an appeal with the Court of Common Pleas. Solicitor Yakopec has also been in contact with Geokinetics. They have agreed to come to a City meeting and explain their requirements.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion of services for veterans through Soldier On with Emily Goodwin. Ms. Goodwin was ill and unable to attend the meeting. This will be added on May's agenda.
- 2) Motion by Councilman Trozzi, second by Councilman Grillo to approve Right of Way request for the Municipal Authority. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 3) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Trozzi to approve Day of Caring event to expend an amount not exceeding \$5,000. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.
- 4) Motion by Councilman Trozzi, second by Councilman Fabry to approve Scott Wright for full-time employment effective April 21, 2017, pending final report from Chief Weitzel. Chief Weitzel commented that Officer Wright is a great officer and we are lucky to have found him. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 4 "AYES." All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Clarification was asked about the Coreno situation.

Bob Willison questioned a house on Phillips Drive that has been vacated for years.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Richard Callender, Mayor

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.