

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Grillo, Councilman Trozzi, Councilman Fabry, Councilman Koziarski, Controller Farina, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Scott Johnson, Chief Tim Weitzel, Solicitor Yakopec, Mayor Callender, and City Clerk Cook.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Treasurer's Report for June and July, 2017
 Earned Income Tax Report for July, 2017. (No action needed).
 Collection Service Center for July, 2017.
 Senate Engineering Report.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Koziarski: Kyle Jenkins will be taking over the men's softball league. On the City's web site there is a Burrell Lake Park Bird Sighting List that has been prepared by Suzann Leipertz. The commemorative and appreciation plaques have been installed at Kotecki Park. He reminded residents of the Farmer's Market on Saturdays and to drive slowly.

Councilman Grillo: The monthly report for building permit and correspondence for ordinance violations was on file as well as the occupancy inspection report for July, 2017.

Councilman Trozzi: Council needs to be preparing for 2018's budget. .

Councilman Fabry: In the Street Department: Asphalted portions of Craigdell Road between Leechburg Road and Carl Avenue. Asphalted portions of Clinton, Prospect Circle, Grove, Russell, Pamela, and Coulson. Replaced storm line near 220 MacBeth Drive. Replaced storm line on Paige Street. Continued installation of new blue and white signs for City streets intersecting Leechburg Road. Checked pipes and inlets throughout City before and after rain events. Repaired catch basins at 2615 Chestnut Street and Elena Drive. Repaired curbs at 201 Frederick Drive, 120 Kunkle, 618 Cleveland, 2695 Elaine, and Grove at Russell. Replaced street signs and stop signs as needed. Flipped leaf pile to aid in its breakdown and continued to load/recycle tree branches. Removed dead animals as needed from City streets. Continued sweeping streets within the City: Craigdell Road, Clinton, and Prospect Circle in preparation for asphalt work; Kinloch; Dorothy, Guyer, and Algonquin. Installed cold patch in potholes when/where needed throughout the City. Conducted monthly safety inspections. Utilized New Kensington's Bucket Truck to assist in hanging military banners and cutting shrubs and trees within the City. Street Department personnel attended the following training webinars: Underground Fuel Tanks, Dealing with Difficult Co-workers, and Poison Ivy Awareness. Ed Homa attended the monthly City Hall Safety Meeting.

In the Sewer Department: Replaced Pump #2 at Indian Fields. Performed sewer lateral install/repair inspections at 407 Violet Drive, 3339 Leechburg Road, 340 Prospect Circle, 253 Fairhaven Drive, 176 Sullivan Drive, 412 Donnell Road, 3117 Wentworth Drive, 1136 Hill Street, 134 Reed Street, 3293 Riverview Street, and 3112 New Hampshire Drive. Marked PA One Calls as needed. Cut Alder Right of Way. Performed root cutting and jetting maintenance areas as needed 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. Sewer Department personnel attended the following training webinars: Underground Fuel Tanks, Dealing with Difficult Co-workers, and Poison Ivy Awareness. Terry Anderson attended the monthly City Hall Safety Meeting.

Controller Farina: No report.

Treasurer Eshbaugh: The ending balance in the general fund as of July 31, 2017 is \$3,080,312.34; the ending balance in the sewer fund is \$518,183.21.

Solicitor Yakopec: No report.

Public Works Foreman Johnson: Seal coating has started. He also spoke about repairing catch basins and the Penn Vest loan.

Chief Weitzel: School will be in session starting next week. Please be mindful of the active school zones. He spoke with all the vendors at the Farmer's Market. There should be no additional problems but he will deal with any situation if it arises. He also discussed the work done at K-9 Officer Derek Kotecki Memorial Park. The work is anticipated to be completed by the anniversary date of October 12th.

City Clerk Cook: The recycling bid will be withdrawn on September 8, 2017. She will be sending out the budget templates that need returned by September 14, 2017. The next Agenda meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Mayor Callender: A Labor Day picnic is at Northmoreland Park. There will be a ceremony and memorial dedication on September 11th at the American Legion Post 868. The Legion recognizes the date with a ceremony every year and has the beam from the Twin Towers that the City obtained some years ago.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Trozzi to approve third and final reading of Ordinance # 5-2017 revising doctor criteria for police pension plan. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 2) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Fabry to approve third and final reading of Ordinance # 6-2017 Ratifying stop signs, speed limits and traffic control devices and signs. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 3) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Koziarski to approve third and final reading of Ordinance # 7-2017 Providing for the immobilization of vehicles, towing and storage of vehicles that cause a safety concern. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 4) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Trozzi to offer full time employment to Zachary Shoop as of August 17, 2017. Both Mr. Johnson and Councilman Fabry felt that Mr. Shoop will be a welcome asset to the City. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 5) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Koziarski to approve Resolution 4-2017: Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with New Kensington. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 6) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Grillo to reappoint Karen Leslie to the Parks Commission. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 7) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Fabry to accept the resignation of George Spiering from Auxiliary Services. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE with regret; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE with regret; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 8) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Trozzi to reappoint Terry Speer to the Police Civil Service Commission. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 9) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Trozzi to approve the August bill pack in the amount of \$192,951.88 for the General Fund, \$444,139.23 for the Sewer Fund, and \$33,460.68 for the State Allocation Fund. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Trozzi: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bud Myers thanked Chief Weitzel for professionally handling the situation with the alleged speeding on Schreiber Street before and during the Farmer’s Market.

Christine Schubert, Fairway Street, approached council to describe her experiences with neighbors burning in her neighborhood. She would like to see all fires banned and does not see the purpose of even a recreational fire.

Veronica Dulnikowski complained about people at Stewart Plaza parking at the yellow line on the curb. This creates a problem and doesn’t allow the Access buses to get through. The Plaza is private property that cannot be regulated, but Chief Weitzel offered to talk to the business owners.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Richard Callender, Mayor

Kelly Biddle Cook, City Clerk

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM