

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Grillo, Councilman Fabry, Councilman Hamilton, Councilman Koziarski, Controller Farina, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Chief Tim Weitzel, Solicitor Yakopec, Mayor Callender, and Acting City Clerk Regina Seidel. Mayor Callender attended the Council meeting via telephone.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Treasurer's Report for February, 2018.
Collection Service Center
Engineering Report from Senate Engineering.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Koziarski: The Fishing Derby will be held June 9. Two recycling events are scheduled for April 21 and May 5. Applications are being accepted for park summer help. Angel Wing Fitness will be holding their boot camps at Burrell Lake Park from May 7 to August 25.

Councilman Hamilton: The night shift for Public Works has ended. Councilman Hamilton had the Public Works Job Completion Report for March. Councilman Hamilton discussed the Stormwater Committee that deals with the MS4 issue. Mr. Johnson has been involving the community by education.

Councilman Grillo: The monthly and a year to date report for building permit and correspondence for ordinance violations was on file as well as the occupancy inspection report for March, 2018.

Chief Weitzel: Chief Weitzel had reports on calls for service, patrol mileage, arrests, and incidents. He has completed an application for a Federal equipment program featuring used assets that can be applied for. The City has received a \$3,000 grant from Honkus Zollinger Foundation which will be used to buy vests. He reported on recent grants that will be used to target aggressive driving, purchase workbooks for the Dare program, and to the purchase a new K9 vehicle. On the City Clerk side, annual reports have been completed and filed. Mark Ford has been scheduled to perform park inspections. Fire walls have been installed on computers. A cell phone policy has been established. He also thanked Regina Seidel, Brian Eshbaugh, Nita Serene, and Stephen Yakopec for work being performed in the absence of a City Clerk. Council and Solicitor Yakopec echoed his sentiment.

Public Works Foreman Johnson: In between weather events, the crew has been repairing inlets and catch basins. The Stormwater Committee held their March meeting at the Kinloch Fire Hall; there was great attendance. He is always looking for interested people to join this committee.

Treasurer Eshbaugh: Mr. Eshbaugh gave the ending balances in both the general and sewer accounts. He also informed Council that auditors have begun work on preparing the City's annual audit.

Councilman Fabry: Councilman Fabry reported that the City is financially solvent. He asked that budget reports be sent out so department heads can review them as the first quarter comes to a close. The Easter egg hunt with 3,500 eggs was a success and enjoyed by all the children who attended. He thanked students from Burrell High School who helped stuff the eggs and thanked all the volunteers who helped.

Solicitor Yakopec: No report.

Mayor Callender: Mayor Callender reported that 38 applications have been received for the City Clerk position. He has given Council until April 15 to review and pick their top ten candidates. Interviews will be scheduled. The Pennsylvania Municipal League will hold a Southwest District meeting on April 19 at 5 PM at the Knead Café in New Kensington.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Hamilton to approve Valley Points Family YMCA 6th annual Run on the River race on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman

Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

2) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Fabry to place decommissioned police vehicle on Municibid. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

3) Motion by Councilman Koziarski, second by Councilman Hamilton to ratify repair to the Kotecki Park Concession Stand. Contract awarded to Coury Construction. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

4) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Fabry to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 1-2018 – naming City Clerk as Chief Administrative Officer of the Police Pension Plan. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

5) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Fabry to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 1-2018 – naming City Clerk as Chief Administrative Officer of the Police Pension Plan. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

6) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Mayor Callender to accept the resignation of Anthony J. Errico as Emergency Management Director. Mayor Callender said that Mr. Errico had done a wonderful job and his resignation would be accepted with regret. John Rockwell has submitted a letter of interest to become the new Emergency Management Director. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

7) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Fabry to reappoint Robert Liotta to the Planning Commission. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

8) Motion by Councilman Hamilton, second by Councilman Grillo to authorize payment to Morris Knowles and Associates for the deed consolidation with regard to the City Hall renovations. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John McCabe, 759 Wildlife Lodge Road, introduced himself as a candidate for the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, 54th District. He thanked all of council for their service in keeping Lower Burrell a great place.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Grillo to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Regina Seidel, Acting City Clerk

Richard Callender, Mayor

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM