

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 8:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Koziarski, Councilman Grillo, Councilman Fabry, Councilman Hamilton, Controller Farina, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Chief Tim Weitzel, Solicitor Yakopec, Mayor Callender, and City Administrator Amy Rockwell.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Emergency Management Coordinator Report – John Rockwell
Treasurer’s Report for October, 2018.
Earned Income Tax Report for November, 2018.
Collection Service Center.
Engineering Report from Senate Engineering.
Controller Anthony Farina

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Koziarski: The work out stretch stations located along the walkway at Kotecki Park are now open. This project was completed by Eagle Scout Scott Fennell. There will be a grand opening that will be announced on Facebook.

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 November, 2018.

Councilman Hamilton: Councilman Hamilton had the jobs completed list, and he thanked Mr. Johnson and his crew for the installation of the Christmas snowflake decorations along Leechburg Road making the City festive.

Councilman Fabry: The City of Lower Burrell did not go over budget in 2018. Cookies with Santa was a success. He thanked Amy Rockwell as well as the daughters of Councilman Koziarski and Mayor Callender for their help.

Controller Farina: No report.

Public Works Foreman Johnson: The crews have been out for two snowstorms. Equipment has been tested and calibrated. Pot holes are being taken care of as well as signage.

Chief Weitzel: Chief Weitzel had reports on calls for service, patrol mileage, arrests, and incidents. A \$2,000 grant was received from Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission. It will be used for Dare. A donation was received from Club Fitness and Stella’s Restaurant in the amount of \$1,300 from a “Back the Blue” event. A Pennsylvania Police “Shop with a Cop” event is coming up on December 19th. “Shop with a Hero” event will be on the 16th through Harvest Baptist Church. On November 27th, Sony Pictures filmed a movie scene starring actor Seth Rogen along Lowe Road in Braeburn. After 29 years of service, Sgt. Gregg Dale will retire. Chief Weitzel wished him well in his retirement.

City Administrator Rockwell: Ms. Rockwell reported that the PC’s purchased with the \$50,000 grant received for Technology Upgrade.

Solicitor Yakopec: No report.

Treasurer Eshbaugh: The new sewer bills will be mailed in an envelope instead of a post card. A 2019 recycling schedule will be included.

Controller Farina: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Grillo to approve the Budget meeting minutes from October 23, 2018. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Mayor Callendar: Abstain. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

- 2) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Koziarski to approve the Council meeting minutes from November 19, 2018. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Mayor Callender: Abstain. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 3) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Fabry to accept the Treasurer’s Report and pay all bills. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 4) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Koziarski to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance # 9-2018 – 2019 millage. Roll cal vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 5) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Koziarski to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance # 10-2018 – Appropriating Sums. Mayor Callender commended Council and department heads for acting fiscally responsible in spending tax payer money; a job well done. The budget meeting was the best and quickest budget meeting ever due to the new City Administrator, Amy Rockwell. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 6) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Hamilton to promote Patrolman Steve Cernava to the rank of Sergeant effective January 1, 2019. This promotion shall be conditional pending Cernava successfully completing a one-year probationary period. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 7) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Grillo to conclude Sergeant Brendon Noll’s probationary Sergeant status and pass him to regular Sergeant status effective January 1, 2019. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 8) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Grillo to approve the 2019 City calendar, as amended, adding an Agenda meeting the first Monday of the month. Before voting on this issue, it was discussed at length. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 9) Motion by Councilman Hamilton, second by Councilman Grillo to reappoint Terry Anderson to a two-year term and George Adda to a five-year term for the Lower Burrell Municipal Authority. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 10) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Grillo to reappoint Mimi Derbaum Kelly to the Library Board. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Bates, Eastern Drive, patches from gas company plus Leechburg Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Amy S. Rockwell, City Administrator

Richard Callender, Mayor