

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Swearing in ceremony for Councilman Joseph Grillo and Councilman Robert Hamilton was held at 6:45 PM. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Koziarski, Councilman Grillo, Councilman Fabry, Councilman Hamilton, Controller Farina, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Solicitor Yakopec, Mayor Callender, and City Clerk Cook. Absent was Chief Tim Weitzel.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Councilman Koziarski: Thanked David Florek for plowing the sidewalks during snow events.

Councilman Fabry: Councilman Fabry said that the City is financially solvent.

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 December, 2017. He also extended his congratulations to Dylan Krolicki on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Councilman Grillo recently attended his Court of Honor celebration.

Councilman Hamilton: Councilman Hamilton had the Public Works Job Completion Report for December. He thanked everyone for their welcome and said he hoped to do a good job.

Treasurer Eshbaugh: The balance in the general fund on November 30, 2017 was \$2,433,896.98. The balance in the sewer fund is \$222,934.49. The process of financing bond issues will need to start.

Solicitor Yakopec: The new bid limit information has been released. It will not be necessary to obtain bids for items with a purchase price of \$10,900; between \$10,900 and \$20,100 requires three bids; over \$20,100 has to be put out to bid.

Public Works Foreman Johnson: Public Works will have a split crew for the winter season. City trucks have been calibrated for salt and anti-skid materials.

City Clerk Cook: No report.

Mayor Callender: Mayor Callender welcomed Robert Hamilton as the newly elected Councilman of the City of Lower Burrell. He discussed the Leechburg Road construction and said it is on schedule. He has high hopes that the Penneys building will be occupied sooner than later and said that the City Hall project is moving forward. Before the meeting ended, Mayor Callender informed everyone that he will not be seeking the 54th District House of Representative position and will continue as Mayor on the good path the City of Lower Burrell is on.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Joseph Grillo was sworn in as Councilman.
- 2) Robert Hamilton was sworn in as Councilman:
- 3) Motion by Mayor Callender, second by Councilman Fabry to approve Councilman Joseph Grillo as Director of Public Safety, Councilman Robert Hamilton as Director of Public Works, Councilman Christopher Fabry as Director of Accounts and Finance, Councilman Christopher Koziarski as Director of Parks and Public Buildings, and City Clerk Kelly Biddle-Cook as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Pension

Plan. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

4) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilman Koziarski to approve engineering rate for Senate Engineering as provided by the Schedule of Service and Rates effective January 1, 2018. Roll call 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 Grillo, second by Councilman Hamilton to approve reappointment of Larry D. Loperfido as Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board at an hourly rate of \$135.00 per hour. Councilman Grillo said that the Zoning Hearing Board Chairman wishes to retain him. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

6) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Mayor Callender to approve Stephen Yakopec as City Solicitor. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

7) Discussed the Canzian Johnston proposal. Mayor Callender said that the City has been transparent about the proposed renovations. The project has been discussed at council meetings along with the options that have been considered and costs for the project. A motion was made but later rescinded when new questions arose when discussing the project in more detail. It was then decided to table this item until the next meeting. A condition that the City receives a copy of as-builts, drawings, and specifications upon completion of the project will be added. Any further questions should be given to the City Clerk.

8) Discussed the Zoning Hearing Board’s letter regarding the issue of legal marijuana. Solicitor Yakopec will give Council examples of ordinances from other municipalities that we can use for our purpose. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

9) Motion by Councilman Hamilton, second by Mayor Callender to appoint Richard DeBlasio, Joe Vincler, Scott Johnson, Tony Farina, and Robert Hamilton to the City of Lower Burrell Stormwater Committee. This Committee is always open to new members. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

10) Discussed Bethel Methodist Cemetery. If there are graves or reserved grave sites, the property is of no use to the City. The City will have someone to sonar the ground where the proposed parking would be located to ensure there are no occupied burial sites. Solicitor Yakopec will compose a letter for assurance that there are no reserved or existing sites and ask for their definition of maintenance. This was tabled until the next meeting.

11) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Mayor Callender to approve reappointing George Guido to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mayor Callender stated that Mr. Guido has done a great job. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Mayor Callender: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilman Koziarski: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE. 5 “AYES.” All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

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, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM