

A meeting to discuss the 2019 Budget of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Fabry, Councilman Hamilton, Councilman Grillo, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Public Works Foreman Scott Johnson, Chief Tim Weitzel, Solicitor Yakopec, and City Administrator Amy Rockwell. Absent were Councilman Koziarski, Controller Farina, and Mayor Callender.

City Administrator Amy Rockwell gave an overall explanation of the 2019 budget noting that many costs are fixed or are non-negotiable. The budget was explained differently than in the past and was more stream lined and professional. She supplied a budget summary that lists the proposed revenues for 2019 and gave examples of where the real estate taxes come from. The history she supplied showed the real estate steadily increasing from 2013 to present. Salary and wages are contractual issues that the City is obligated to and utilities are not something that can be bargained for. Having a good record helps the City with costs such as insurance and policies and procedures have been put in place to help keep those costs at a lower rate.

The meeting consisted of each department head describing their budget by each line item and answering and discussing any questions that needed further clarification.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Announced an Executive Session held on October 19, 2018 from 6:13 PM to 7:28 PM.
- 2) Motion by Councilman Hamilton, second by Councilman Grillo to post the 2019 budget. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 3 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 3) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Hamilton to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 8-2018 – Not To Exceed Ordinance for Bond. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 3 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 4) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Hamilton to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 8-2018 – Not To Exceed Ordinance for Bond. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 3 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 5) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Hamilton to distribute \$8,000 among several employees in the absence of a City Clerk. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 3 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 6) Motion by Councilman Grillo, second by Councilman Hamilton to approve Resolution # 2-2018 – 457(b) Plan. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Grillo: AYE; Councilman Hamilton: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE. 3 “AYES.” All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting

Amy S. Rockwell, City Administrator

Richard Callender, Mayor

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM