

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
October 12, 2016

Call to Order

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Garrett (arrival at 7:15pm), Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Macklin, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, President Shattuck, Solicitor Mike Witherel, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager. Absent – Mayor John Thompson. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Shattuck, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of victims of violent crimes.

Public Comment

N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 9/7/16 and 9/14/16

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving September 1-30 Checks Issued.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving **Resolution No. 16-075** - Banner posting application for The Bible Chapel for October 24th thru November 11th 2016.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Resolution No. 16-076 - Street Closure – The Bible Chapel Free Give Away Event.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving Resolution No. 16-077 – Reappointing Barbara Thompson ZHB.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Resolution No. 16-078 – CDBG Grant for Ardmore Blvd. Sidewalk & Pedestrian Access Restoration Project in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving Resolution No. 16-079 – CDBG Grant for Land Trust Program in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Resolution No. 16-080 – Accepting the TCVCOG Refuse Billing Agreement
 - a. Motion to table until next meeting.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Discussion regarding Engineer's Parking Study on 708 ½ Pitt Street.
 - a. Study concludes that permit parking is not justified.
 - b. Motion to grant permit parking on Pitt Street between South & Franklin.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Georgina Wanja – 317 S. Trenton Ave.
 - Encouraging voter turnout for the election.
2. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Ave
 - Agrees with allowing visiting nurses to obtain parking permits when servicing Wilkinsburg residents.
 - 509 Pitt Street is vacant and has been boarded up. Looks like it's been opened. Odor coming from the open door. Wants to discuss with the Tax Committee.
 - Turtle Creek Valley Cog Website – Doesn't show how to pay Wilkinsburg Municipal Service Fees. Would like to see them do better.

Old Business

1. On Saturday, October 22nd, approximately 100 students Pitt Serves will be in the borough cleaning the exterior of abandoned properties on Franklin, Rebecca, South, and Ross. Looking for residents to serve as Team Leads.
2. The sale of Johnston School did not go through. The necessary funds were not raised.
3. Boys & Girls club to officially close. Most students will transition over to the Hosanna House.
4. As part of the Live-Well Community, there will be a healthy living press conference held on 11/3/2016 possibly at the Thursday Open-Market.

New Business

1. Community Roast to be held at The Spot in Penn Hills on Frankstown Rd.
2. Complaints about large freight trucks that travel through Laketon Rd. Might want to reach out to Allegheny County Weights & Measurements.
3. Community liaison for Hosanna House will move forward with trying to setup Falconhurst Block Watch.
4. Covenant Fellowship is having a fall clean-up. Plans on planting fruit trees to start an orchard.
5. New Sun Rising launch program for businesses. To be held at the Christian Church of Wilkinsburg on September 17th at 6PM.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Patrick M. Shattuck
President Council