

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019

Call to Order

President Macklin 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.

Council Members Present:

Ms. Atkins
Ms. Edwards
Mr. Lefebvre
Ms. McCarthy-Johnson
Mr. Rose
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

Ms. Lee

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Borough Manager – Donn Henderson
Assistant Borough Manager – Amanda Ford
Solicitor – Matt Kalina
Code Enforcement – Brenda Joyce-May

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Public Comment

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 7/10/2019.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 7/17/2019.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 8/7/2019.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 8/28/2019.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving Checks Issued for August 1-31, 2019:

- a. August 1-31, 2019 - \$1,003,082.99
- b. Payroll Disbursements - \$283,765.02
- c. Voided Checks - \$0.00
- d. Total Disbursement - \$1,286,848.01

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving public Property Use Permit/Penn Avenue Parklet for Wilkinsburg Community Drum Circle – Joe Iorii

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

7. A conditional approval for SALDO property located at 902 Brinton Road.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Accepting Detective Christopher Minton letter of resignation effective October 4, 2019.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Approving Resolution 19-044 – Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) 2020 for Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Peter Maurin – 7416 Lighthouse Point
 - a. Costa Trucking dumping in Woodlawn Cemetery
 - b. Reported in early June.
 - c. Owner of cemetery was not contacted.
2. Karen Rose – 1442 Elizabeth Blvd.
 - a. Neighbor sold property (2 doors up)
 - b. New owners installed a sump pump which appears to be causing a mess, possible incorrect installation.
 - c. Borough manager will follow up with this issue.
3. James Noschese
 - a. Owns 3 properties on Ella – 406, 408, and 410
 - b. Wind damage caused downed wires on Ella.
 - c. Called Comcast & Verizon to fix problem. They could not fix until a work order was put in. Suggests that maybe there should be an ordinance requiring companies to remove old wires if they are unused and hanging down.
 - d. Borough Manager suggested reaching out to state/county legislators to help with getting the downed wires cleaned up.
 - e. Old trolley poles are all over Wilksburg. Wanted to suggest removing them.
4. Alexis Herschberger – 1822 Wright Street
 - a. Wants to turn property into a butterfly garden.
 - b. Several trees were trimmed in the area and the debris was dumped onto her property.
 - c. Concerns with different occasions of dumping at this location.
 - d. Borough Manager advises to report dumping when it's noticed.
5. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Agrees that dangling wires contributes to blight.
6. Yvonne Edmunds – 410 Ross Avenue #202
 - a. Concerned about diesel vehicle running idle in Stoner Way by her house.

Old Business

1. Vice-President McCarthy-Johnson mentioned an increase of commercial vehicles parking overnight. Also inquired about Westmoreland Transit buses and some of their increased usage of side streets.

New Business

1. Ms. Edwards advised that there will be a conference at the Greentree Doubletree hotel, Alcosan will present the Clean Water Act on September 19, 2019.
2. Alcosan will also have an open house on September 21, 2019 from 9am-4pm. Council is invited.
3. Ms. Atkins advised that the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform on Monday October 7, 2019 at 6:30pm. Tim Stevens/Leonard Johnson Project (underwritten by Wilkinsburg Borough) will perform on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 1900 Graham Blvd at the Wilkinsburg Arts and Cultural Center Eastridge.
4. Vice-President McCarthy-Johnson advised that there will be a community baby shower on October 17, 2019 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Kingsley Center.
5. President Macklin advises that Princeton Park Block Club will meet on 9/26 at Community Forge from 6pm-8pm, Chatham University will be in attendance to talk about the Graham Field project.
6. Mr. Henderson advised that the CDBG Grant applications have been submitted for the Ardmore sidewalk, and the sewer water line on Ardmore Blvd. Will be meeting with the Port Authority soon, to improve the bus stop at Save-A-Lot. Worked with Jody Guy and 3 River's Water to identify an additional \$30k towards capturing storm water through permeable surfaces at the intersection of Wood & South. Wilkinsburg Borough Building hosted the Pennsylvania Downtown Center meeting and received several accolades on the condition of the building.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council