

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session Minutes
November 18, 2020

Call to Order

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held via Zoom Video Conference.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present:

Ms. Atkins
Ms. Edmunds
Ms. Edwards
Ms. Haughton
Mr. Lefebvre
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

Mr. Petrulli

Mayor

Mayor Garrett – Absent

(President Macklin noted that Mayor Garrett hasn't been in attendance since September 2019.)

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Borough Manager – John Antinori
Assistant Borough Manager – Amanda Ford
Code Enforcement Director – James Barca
Asst. Code Enforcement Director – Brenda Joyce-May
Finance Director – Carole Salisbury
Library Director – Anna Newborg
Solicitor – Matt Kalina

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Presentation

- Verizon Franchise Renewal Agreement – Phil Fraga
 - There may be price increases independent of the Franchise Agreement.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval Council Meeting Minutes for 09/16/2020, 09/30/2020, 10/07/2020, and 10/21/2020.
 - Ms. Trice advises that in the minutes on 10/21/2020, an item was tabled. “Authorizing expenditures to perform Asset Inventory and tagging all equipment of Borough property in all departments including computers, vehicles, cell phones and equipment used in day to day operations, cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.” This will be brought back up under ‘Old Business’

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of Checks Issued October 1-31, 2020.

Disbursements	\$686,400.67
Payroll	\$266,744.09
Voided Checks	<u>\$3,740.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$949,404.76

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 20-040** - Approving Verizon Franchise Fee Agreement renewal.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. **Resolution 20-041** – Approving VPRP Application for 398 Center Street – Haylee Ebersole.

Motion: Ms. Haughton

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. **Resolution 20-042** – Amending the 2020 Budget line item(s) reflecting the Cares Act Grant amount of \$175,000.00 and the Library Grants received and spent.

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Street Closure Permit on December 12, 2020 from 7a.m.-10p.m for Hosanna House ‘Celebration of Hope Resource Distribution Day – Andana Jefferson
 - This item has been tabled for more information.
7. Approving Public Property Use/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet Permit on December 5, 2020 from 5p.m.-7p.m. for Wilkinsburg Library Holiday Kick-off Giveaway – Anna Newborg
 - This event was cancelled.
8. Approving the termination of Police Officer, Gabrielle Smith effective October 23, 2020.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment/General Information

1. Tierra Patterson – 900 Wood Street
 - a. Looking to obtain information on what is defined as a speakeasy within the Borough of Wilkinsburg.
 - b. Was told by police that she needs a BYOB license and was told by Code Enforcement that she may be cited for operating as a nightclub.
 - c. President Macklin advised her to reach out to Mr. Antinori and Mr. Barca tomorrow to discuss the issue further.

Old Business

1. Motion was made to take the item ‘*Authorizing expenditures to perform Asset Inventory and tagging all equipment of Borough property in all departments including computers, vehicles, cell phones and equipment used in day to day operations, cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.*’ off the table and have the Finance Director include this item for discussion at the upcoming budget meeting.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

New Business

1. Ms. Edwards brought up again the great job done by the Elections Office and wanted to make sure we sent a letter to them to advise as such.
2. Ms. Edmunds brought up again the great job done by the group ‘Pizza to the Polls’ and wanted to make sure we sent a letter to them to advise as such.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Ms. Edmunds
Seconded by – Mr. Lefebvre
Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council