

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2021

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 over 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. Petrulli
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

n/a

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Borough Manager – John Antinori
Code Enforcement Director – Jim Barca
Asst. Code Enforcement Director -
Finance Director – Carole Salisbury
Library Director – Anna Newborg
Asst. Library Director – Rachel Moore
Public Works Director – Roy Clark
Asst. Public Works Director – Kathleen Rawlins
Borough Engineer – Rob Arnold (HRG)
Solicitor – Mike Witherel

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

*President Macklin advised that an executive session was held yesterday to discuss personnel.

1. Authorizing Library Director to apply for the District Cares Act funds grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 – Anna Newborg, Library Director
 - This will be a reimbursement on the funds spent in 2020 for personal protective equipment from the library budget.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving Residential Accessible Parking Permit for 2141 Chalfant Street.
 - Motion was made to remove this item from the table for discussion

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

- The property was reviewed by Public Works and recommended for denial due to the driveway being on flat land and right next to the front door.
- Motion was made to decline this application.

Motion: Ms. Atkins

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 21-022** – Approving banner Application for Wilkinsburg School District – Shannon Galore

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports:
 - Administrative Council Committee – Pamela Macklin
 - i. Nothing to report

- Business & Jobs Development – Andre Scott
 - i. Working on a virtual job fair concept
 - ii. Connected with Gordon Manker from the WCDC to connect with new businesses
- Finance, Budget, and Capital Planning – Pamela Macklin
 - i. Budget is completed, finance director is looking for grants for various items.
- Infrastructure & Blight – Denise Edwards
 - i. Potential new businesses moving into the borough. Several inquiries on the old Dollar General building and Wimco Metals building. The construction on the new Chase Bank building is going well.
 - ii. Discussions on what’s involved in bringing demolitions to the DPW staff.
- Joint Tax Committee – Denise Edwards
 - i. Approved a property on Elm Street for tax abatement.
- Personnel, Policies, and Procedures – Paige Trice
 - i. Working on getting some updates to the website.
- Public Safety – Paige Trice
 - i. Nothing to report
- Special Events, Arts, Music & Seniors
 - i. Nothing to report
- Mayor’s Report
 - i. Nothing to report
- Borough Manager’s Report
 - i. Civic Arts raised funds to restore the mural in the borough stairwell.
 - ii. Evaluations for a new phone service have been completed for the Borough Building, Public Works, and Eastridge Library. A lot of new functionalities which will make servicing residents much easier. This is projected to save approximately \$500 a month on the phone bill.

Public Comment/General Information

1. Darryle Hockett – 1132 Franklin Ave
 - a. Vehicle was towed for outstanding tickets. Upset that this would happen during the COVID Pandemic.

Old Business

1. N/A

New Business

1. Ms. Edwards introduced a resolution rejecting any potential merger of the Borough of Wilksburg and the City of Pittsburgh.
 - a. Mr. Scott proposed a friendly amendment to the resolution to add verbiage which would be that council rejects and efforts of a merger “without council involvement”.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Atkins

A vote 6 yes – 3 no(Haughton, Lefebvre, Petrulli); Motion carried.

2. Motion was made to make a friendly amendment to Ms. Edwards' resolution that all further discussion regarding a merger with the City of Pittsburgh should include council or cease and desist.

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Atkins

A vote 7 – 2(Lefebvre, Petrulli); Motion carried.

3. Mr. Petrulli requests that future resolutions, going forward, be included on the agenda ahead of time. Ms. Haughton expressed the same.
4. Ms. Edmunds advised that 4 vacant properties on her street will be placed back on the tax roll very soon.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Atkins
Seconded by – Edmunds
Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council