

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JANUARY 5, 2017

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by Mayor Greg Erosenko immediately following citizens' night.

ROLL CALL

The following were present: Mayor Erosenko, Linda Gaydos, Ron Harvey, Paul Caliarì, Steve Duncan, Tom Wilson, Tim Little, Bob Wratcher, Paul Hugus and Joe Sedlak. Dr. Gresock and Mr. Johns were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an executive session for personnel and litigation reasons prior to the Citizens' Night meeting from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Council legislation action, if any, shall be taken at the January 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the Continued Budget Hearing of November 9, 2016, Citizens' Night Meeting of December 8, 2016, Council Work Session of December 8, 2016 and the Regular Council Meeting of December 13, 2016.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF TAX COLLECTIONS

There were no comments concerning the Report of Tax Collections at this time.

LIST OF BILLS, BUDGET TRANSFERS AND PAYROLL

Council considered approval of the List of Bills in the amount of \$506,132.95, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,529,983.63 for the month of December. There were no comments at this time.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

STORM SEWER

Mr. Little explained one bid was received for the Dahlia and Garden City Drive Storm Sewer Project and the administration recommends accepting it. He reported the municipality will save \$102,000 and since the municipality has a grant for the project it will pay a lesser amount of money. He stated Insight Pipe Contracting was the only bid. He explained the municipality could rebid it because there is one bid but the administration recommends awarding the bid.

Mrs. Gaydos inquired whether the municipality has used this company previously and Mr. Hugus answered affirmatively. Mr. Duncan questioned the length being installed and Mr. Hugus answered 910 feet which is a combination of 42 and 48 inch pipe. He added it is underneath roads, driveways, sidewalks and vegetation. He explained there is no disturbance and it is all lining. He reported the municipality got a \$200,000 grant so the municipality has to pay \$12,408.

### MOTIONS

#### RESIGNATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Little reported this is to accept the resignation of Mr. Sean Lally as Chief Financial Officer.

#### AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE

Mr. Little requested authorization to advertise for the position of zoning officer/planner.

### ORDINANCE

An ordinance authorizing the proper officials of Monroeville to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Monroeville Police Department from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

Mr. Little reported the municipality received the award from the arbitration in April and the FOB and the municipal attorneys reviewed it. He stated the municipality received it in November which is everything from the Act 111 arbitration award. He indicated this is a culmination of three years of work. Mr. Duncan inquired whether the municipality has no option but to accept because of the arbitration and Mr. Little answered affirmatively.

### REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF

#### MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Little reported that he would include on the agenda discussion for the Home Rule Charter for most of 2017 to allow for any comments from council.

Mr. Wilson requested the manager review the members that served on the board. Mr. Little reported the members were John Ritter, Ed Diel, Dave Kucherer, Kathy Svilar, Dave Palermo and Bob Gordon.

### REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

#### FIRST WARD COUNCILWOMAN LINDA GAYDOS

Mrs. Gaydos wished everyone a happy new year and congratulations to the parents of the first born in Allegheny County in the Forbes Regional Hospital in Monroeville.

Mrs. Gaydos announced this Saturday will be the senior center's bingo \$500 jackpot guaranteed at 12 p.m. She reported from 2015 to 2016 their yearly attendance increased by over 7,000 people and

the memberships increased by 800 members. She stated the fitness center added 225 memberships. She felt they are doing a great job with the program director, fitness instructors and executive director.

#### THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN RON HARVEY

Mr. Harvey hoped everyone had a safe and happy holiday. He suggested the engineering firms for the municipality be reviewed because the current one has had some legal and financial issues. He added some of their staff is changing firms and he recommended the administration review it. He questioned whether the municipality has just one firm and Mr. Hugus answered there are three distinct disciplines; traffic engineering, municipal and geotechnical. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Wilson suggested the administration make recommendations on candidates. Mr. Caliarì felt it was prudent to look at the options. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Wilson inquired whether an RFP needs to be done and Mr. Little answered negatively. He stated it is a professional service and a RFP does not need to be done but he recommends it. He explained there are a few engineering firms that do municipal work and it is council's decision if they want the administration to develop criteria for review to make a selection or if they want to make an appointment. He suggested the administration could have a discussion with the firm that is having problems. Mrs. Gaydos inquired whether one firm could do it all or three separate firms were needed. Mr. Hugus answered the larger firms could do all three but it is difficult to find them. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Harvey suggested Messrs. Little and Hugus review the issue and make a recommendation. Mr. Caliarì agreed that the options should be reviewed.

#### FIFTH WARD COUNCILMAN PAUL CALIARI

Mr. Caliarì thanked the Allegheny Health Network for the Prayer Breakfast the previous day. He noted the Monroeville Interfaith Ministeriam was in attendance along with the Gateway Chorus and Franklin Regional Chorus. He thanked them for the invitation. Mr. Little reported Clint Hurdle the Pittsburgh Pirates Manager was the main speaker.

#### SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN STEVE DUNCAN

Mr. Duncan reported that Harold Katofsky is retiring after 34 years as the Fire Chief of Company No. 6. He congratulated him and thanked him for his years of service and mentioned he was a former councilman. He also reported the passing of a former employee on New Year's, Adrian Poindexter, who worked for the public works.

Mr. Caliarì mentioned that Monroeville will be losing the Kmart but he reported it will be filled soon.

#### SEVENTH WARD COUNCILMAN TOM WILSON

Mr. Wilson wished everyone a happy and healthy new year. He congratulated Mr. Katofsky on his retirement. He also recognized that the first birth in 2017 in Allegheny County happened in Monroeville at Forbes Hospital to Ms. Gabrielle Tenorio and Matt Louk a baby girl, Ava Louk, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

MAYOR GREG EROSENKO

Mayor Erosenko sent happy new year's wishes to everyone and sent condolences to the Poindexter Family. He reported that Oxford Development that owns the Kmart Property will rehabilitate the entire site. He also sent congratulations to Mr. Katofsky and thanked him for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council, at this time, Mrs. Gaydos duly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and Mr. Harvey seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little,  
Municipal Manager

TJL/sam