

July 11, 2022

The Council Meeting of the City of Lower Burrell was held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Roll call indicated the following present: Councilman Fabry, Councilwoman Albanese, Councilwoman Grieff, Treasurer Eshbaugh, Director of Parks and Public Works Todd Giammatteo, Solicitor Yakopec, Mayor Andrejck, and Chief of Police Marhefka. Absent were Councilman Stoltz, Controller Farina, and City Manager Amy Rockwell.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Treasurer's Report for June 2022.
- 2) Local Service Tax Report for June 2022.
- 3) Collection Service Center – June 2022.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Andrejck: Mayor Andrejck reported on the recent storm and sent tremendous thanks to Public Works and the Police Department and everybody else that showed tremendous effort. There are ongoing waterfront discussions and there has been a change in the October event. He congratulated Ed Homa who recently retired from Public Works and thanked Michelle Hatbob, Todd Giammatteo, and the Public Works Department for the nice retirement party. He attended Coffee with a Cop that was well attended and well organized, and he thanked Chief Marhefka for spearheading the event. He attended the Fishing Derby at Burrell Lake Park and thanked Todd Giammatteo and his department. The BP gas discount day went smoothly thanks to the police department and auxiliary services. He recently attended the Back the Blue event at Mogies.

Councilman Fabry: Halfway through the budget year, Councilman Fabry gave updates on the remaining balances in the various departments. He asked everyone to review their budgets in preparation for budget season. Concerning business development, he and Councilman Stoltz recently met with the CFO of Schaedler Yesco. He also spoke with the CFO of G. O. Carlson who took over for Braeburn Steel. He hoped to disclose breaking news at the meeting; he will have to share next month. There will be a Christmas in July theme on July 23rd at the Farmers Market. LB # 3 recently had their food truck event. The next events are September 10th and October 1st. Councilman Fabry and City Manager Rockwell have worked together on the recycling contract. He spoke of the storm Lower Burrell experienced on June 22nd, and he commended Chief Marhefka and his men and commented on the amazing work by fire, EMT, public works, police, and citizens. The storm was a testament to the resilience in Lower Burrell, and he is so proud of everyone. Kudos to every single person involved.

Councilwoman Grieff: She was at the command center at LB # 3 during and after the storm. They received 104 calls in 3 ½ hours. She thanked everyone on Council, City Manager Rockwell, Michelle Hatbob, the street department, fire, EMS, and police as well as every single resident who helped as it was unexpected and heartwarming to see. She is proud to be a part of this community. She held a city debriefing regarding the storm that was very productive and will result in additional safety measures. The new fire contracts are being reviewed by the departments. The fire numbers for June were 13 calls for Kinloch and 130 calls for LB # 3. The food truck event went very well. She is currently working on a movie night event.

Treasurer Eshbaugh: No report.

Councilwoman Albanese: There have been 500 responses to the parks survey. They are moving forward with creating and implementing the master plan. The master plan will result in opportunities for grant funding for parks and facilities.

Director of Parks and Public Works Todd Giammatteo: Russell Standard completed all the roads on the chip sealing list and will sweep and fog seal. Tresco finished up Reed and Kentucky. Public Works continues to clean up from the storm. The owner of the Comcast building on Greensburg Road has given permission to store the jumbo block that will be used to fix Millers Lane. They will be working on various storm water issues throughout the City.

Solicitor Yakopec: No report.

Chief of Police Marhefka: He reported on the number of incidents, accidents, criminal complaints, traffic citations issued, non-traffic citation issued, warnings, and mileage log. Officer Teagarden completed his probationary field training. He has received all superior marks and it is recommended that he be considered for full-time employment.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Motion by Councilwoman Grieff, second by Councilman Fabry to approve the Agenda meeting minutes from July 5, 2022 and the Council meeting minutes from June 13, 2022. Roll call vote indicated: Councilwoman Grieff: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilwoman Albanese: AYE; Mayor Andrejcik: Abstain (Mayor Andrejcik had not attended the meeting). 3 “AYES” 1 ABSTAIN.
- 2) Motion by Councilman Fabry, second by Councilwoman Grieff to accept the Treasurer’s Report and pay all bills. Roll call vote indicated: Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilwoman Grieff: AYE; Councilwoman Albanese: AYE; Mayor Andrejcik: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 3) Motion by Mayor Andrejcik, second by Councilwoman Grieff to deny the bid for 376 Upper Braeburn Road from the Unsold Property Repository. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Andrejcik: AYE; Councilwoman Grieff: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilwoman Albanese: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 4) Motion by Mayor Andrejcik, second by Councilman Fabry to offer full-time employment to Lucas Teagarden upon the successful completion of his probationary period. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Andrejcik: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilwoman Grieff: AYE; Councilwoman Albanese: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 5) Motion by Councilwoman Albanese, second by Councilman Fabry to award Option 3, automated recycling with carts, to Waste Management the apparent lowest responsible bidder. Roll call vote indicated: Councilwoman Albanese: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilwoman Grieff: AYE; Mayor Andrejcik: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 6) Motion by Mayor Andrejcik, second by Councilman Fabry to adopt Resolution Number 6-2022 City of Lower Burrell Fee Schedule, amended to include police fees. Roll call vote indicated: Mayor Andrejcik: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Councilwoman Albanese: AYE; Councilwoman Grieff: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.
- 7) Motion by Councilwoman Grieff, second by Councilman Fabry to hire Mark Marmo as the Community Development Officer effective July 25, 2022. Roll call vote indicated: Councilwoman Grieff: AYE; Councilman Fabry: AYE; Mayor Andrejcik: AYE; Councilwoman Albanese: AYE. 4 “AYES.” All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joshua Micenko, 2909 Leechburg Road asking Council to revoke his bid for the purchase of 376 Upper Braeburn Road due to unforeseen circumstances.

Cheryl Sypulski, 2648 Nixon Street, New Kensington, parts of Allegheny Township have contacted the Red Cross and have managed to get 100 to 150 smoke detectors with long life batteries for their citizens at no charge.

Chuck Moses, 244 Hilltop Drive questioned what can be done with houses whose yards have high grass and weeds as well as trees overgrown into the streets.

A Waste Management representative who was not identified discussed recycling in 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before council, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Amy S. Rockwell, City Manager

John Andrejcik, Mayor