

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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OCTOBER 4, 2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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ADJOURNMENT

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OCTOBER 4, 2018

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Enter into a contract with Stell Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$37,500 for the Demolition of 306-308 East Northampton Street.

Authorizing the proper city officials to perform all actions necessary to accept the proposal of Community Leasing Partners related to the financing of five (5) 2019 Ford Police SUV's.

Appointing Linda Joseph, Sam Troy and Marcella Lendacky to the newly formed Parking Ticket Appeals Board.

Enter into an agreement with FAST Rescue Solutions for the purchase of FAST Boards for the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,2310.00. (Payment from the Community Development Office)

Enter into an agreement with Susquehanna Fire Equipment Company for the purchase of Assorted Fire Turnout Gear in the amount of \$25,000. (Payment from the Community Development Office)

Enter into an agreement with DS Machine, LLC for the purchase of Fire Fighter Gear Racks in the amount of \$6,752.00. (Payment from the Community Development Office)

Enter into an agreement with Susquehanna Fire Equipment for the purchase of a Fire Hose in the amount of \$5,920.00. (Payment from the Community Development Office)

Enter into an agreement with Friedman Electric for the purchase of Miscellaneous Fire Equipment in the amount of \$4,288.09. (Payment from the Community Development Office)

Enter into an agreement with Witmer Public Safety Group for the purchase Miscellaneous Fire Equipment in the amount of \$9,266.50. (Payment from the Community Development Office)

Enter into an agreement with Susquehanna Fire Equipment Company for the purchase of 19 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Cylinders and 18 Gi Rechargeable Battery Packs and 1 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus in the amount of \$25,945.00. (Payment from the Community Development Office)

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CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS) CONTINUED

Enter into an agreement with Keystone Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of an ambulance in the amount of \$169,731. (Payment from the Community Development Office)

MINUTES

Of the Traffic Committee of the August 23, 2018.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of September 11, 2018.

Of the Planning Commission of August 22, 2018.

Of the Planning Commission of September 19, 2018.

Of the Parking Authority of July 17, 2018.

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of August 22, 2018.

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The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on October 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for the purpose of general business.

The meeting was organized with Chairperson Tony Brooks in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

Barrett	- present
Gilbert	- present
Merritt	- present
Belusko, Vice Chairperson	- present
Brooks, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

Tim Henry, City Attorney/Deputy Administrator
Alan Klapat, Deputy Fire Chief
Adam Olver, Animal Enforcement Officer
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Jim Ryan, City Clerk
Joyce Zaykowski, Director of OCD

City Clerk Jim Ryan read a statement relative to Council's Rules and Procedures.

The City Clerk announced that the third Resolution on the agenda related to appointments to the Parking Ticket Appeals Board will be removed from the Consent Agenda (Resolutions) in favor of three Resolutions to be voted on separately.

The City Clerk asked if there was anyone wishing to address Council on pending legislation.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution appointing members to the Parking Ticket Appeals Board. (Marcella Lendacky)

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution appointing members to the Parking Ticket Appeals Board and the Resolutions authorizing the purchase of fire equipment (ambulance and miscellaneous equipment from Friedman Electric).

Deputy Chief Klapat explained that the City participates in the Pennsylvania COSTARS program. It is a cooperative purchasing program that guarantees municipalities the lowest price on equipment, vehicles and several other items. He said they received quotes from two different manufacturers (there are only two in the country) that provide the type of ambulance the city was looking for. The two quotes were relatively close and the city went with the lower one.

Deputy Chief Klapat told Mr. Troy that Friedman Electric is also a COSTARS participant. The city will be purchasing power tools and hand tools for the Rescue Truck.

Linda Joseph, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution appointing members to the Parking Ticket Appeals Board.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution appointing members to the Parking Ticket Appeals Board (Marcella Lendacky).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0082-18 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0082-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre has publicly advertised for bidders for the demolition of 306-308 East Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre; and

Whereas, it is the desire and intention of Wilkes-Barre City Council that this demolition be completed as soon as possible for the protection of City residents;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract and sign any and all necessary documents with the lowest responsible bidder, Stell Enterprises Inc., in the amount of \$37,500 for the demolition of 306-308 East Northampton Street.

Payment to be made from OECD Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. R0083-18

Resolved, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to perform all actions necessary to accept the attached proposal of Community Leasing Partners related to the financing of five (5) 2019 Ford Police SUV's

RESOLUTION NO. R0084-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase Rapid Intervention Team FAST Boards for the Bureau of Fire.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with FAST Rescue Solutions, 39 Flourtown, PA 19031 for the purchase of FAST Boards in the amount of \$4,210.00.

Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

RESOLUTION NO. R0085-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase Fire Fighter Turnout Gear from Susquehanna Fire Equipment Company through the PA COSTARS contract vendor ID 012-085 for the Bureau of Fire.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Susquehanna Fire Equipment Company, 2122 Main Street, Dewart, PA 17730 for the purchase of Assorted Fire Turnout Gear in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

RESOLUTION NO. R0086-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase Fire Fighter Gear Racks for Hollenback Fire Station from DS Machine LLC, 283 B Old Leacock Road, Gordonville, PA 17529 for the Bureau of Fire.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with DS Machine LLC for the purchase of Fire Fighter Gear Racks in the amount of \$6,752.00.

Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

RESOLUTION NO. R0087-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase a Fire Hose through the PA COSTARS contract vendor ID 012-085 for the Bureau of Fire.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Susquehanna Fire Equipment, 2122 Main Street, Dewert, PA 17730 for the purchase of a Fire Hose in the amount of \$5,920.00.

Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

RESOLUTION NO. R0088-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase Miscellaneous Fire Equipment through the PA COSTARS contract vendor ID 008-086 for the Bureau of Fire.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Friedman Electric, 33 Hill Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 for the purchase of Miscellaneous Fire Equipment in the amount of \$4,288.09.

Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

RESOLUTION NO. R0089-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase Miscellaneous Fire Equipment through the PA COSTARS contract vendor ID 012-013 for the Bureau of Fire.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Witmer Public Safety Group, 104 Independence Way, Coatsville, PA 19320 for the purchase of Miscellaneous Fire Equipment in the amount of \$9,266.50.

Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

RESOLUTION NO. R0090-18

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus from Susquehanna Fire Equipment Company through the PA COSTARS contract vendor ID 012-085 for the Bureau of Fire; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all necessary documents with Susquehanna Fire Equipment Company, 2122 Main Street, Dewart, PA 17730 for the purchase of (19) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Cylinders, (18) GI Rechargeable Battery Packs and (1) SCBA in the amount of \$25,945.00.

Payments will come from the Economic & Community Development Office, CDBG Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. R0091-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase an ambulance from Keystone Emergency Vehicles through PA COSTARS contract #13-141 for the Bureau of Fire.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Keystone Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of an ambulance in the amount of \$169,731. Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

Further, the sale includes the transfer of 1 – 2014/2006 Ford/Braun Type I Ambulance to the sell as a trade in. (VIN:1FDUF4GT7EEA26544)

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Mr. Merritt moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Barrett, Gilbert, Merritt, Belusko and Brooks (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

RESOLUTION NO. R0092-18

Whereas, Section 5:08 of the City Charter of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities served by the City;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the person referenced below as an independent hearing officer to hear appeals related to parking violations;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby appointed for the term referenced below as a member of the newly formed Parking Ticket Appeals Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Begins</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Linda Joseph 205 Blackman Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	October 8, 2018	October 8, 2020

Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Merritt and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Barrett, Merritt, Belusko and Brooks (Chairperson) – 4 – being a majority of members elected to City Council.

Nays Gilbert – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. R0093-18

Whereas, Section 5:08 of the City Charter of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities served by the City;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the person referenced below as an independent hearing officer to hear appeals related to parking violations;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby appointed for the term referenced below as a member of the newly formed Parking Ticket Appeals Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Begins</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Sam Troy 95 Joseph Lane Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	October 8, 2018	October 8, 2020

Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilbert and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Barrett, Gilbert, Merritt, Belusko and Brooks (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

RESOLUTION NO. R0093-18

Whereas, Section 5:08 of the City Charter of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities served by the City;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the person referenced below as an independent hearing officer to hear appeals related to parking violations;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby appointed for the term referenced below as a member of the newly formed Parking Ticket Appeals Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Begins</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Marcella Lendacky 54 Custer Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	October 8, 2018	October 8, 2020

Mr. Merritt moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion failed for a lack of a second.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Barrett expressed his concerns with the Fire Department patrols. He said he believes that it is misuse of equipment and staff. The equipment is not designed to patrol the streets.

Ms. Gilbert asked for a “No Parking This Side of Street” sign next to 243 South Sherman Street.

Ms. Gilbert reported the following:

1. Garbage between 31-43 South Meade Street (between the houses).
2. Leak on the corner of Howard and South Sherman Street causing water to accumulate on the road.

Mr. Merritt asked the Administration if they could check on putting a storm drain in at the corner of North Pennsylvania Avenue and East Chestnut Street.

Mr. Belusko reported an empty lot filled with garbage in the vicinity of 120 Carlisle.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Fire Station on High Street (how often is it closed) and the Fire Department patrols.

Deputy Fire Chief Alan Klapat informed Mr. Suchoski that South Station is “browned out” when there isn’t enough staff to staff the fire engine. He mentioned that most recently it has been “browned out” 90% of the time, due to retirements, long-term injury, illness and different types of leave. He also told Mr. Suchoski that as far as the Community Fire Watch, fire engines do have an option of either driving through the neighborhoods or they can park the truck and get out and walk around the neighborhoods. He said it is a very open policy. They are mandated by the Mayor to be out 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Adam Cottle, appeared before Council relative to the Decriminalization Ordinance (2016) (police enforcement).

Ms. Gilbert suggested that he meet with Commander Coffay to discuss it.

Karen Komorek, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to getting a stop sign at Charles and Academy Streets. (Traffic Committee denied it).

Mr. Belusko said they were supposed to install some signage, but nothing was done.

Attorney Henry said he will check with Mr. Harris.

Mr. Brooks said he will be in touch with her.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Act 47 Hearing held in August (Why Council members present did not speak), creating a committee to discuss budget problems, retiring of Jim Hayward, and passing an Ordinance that would prevent an employee once he/she is dismissed or resigned from a position from coming back in another position.

Ms. Gilbert told Mr. Troy that when she went to the Act 47 meeting she was not sure what the format was going to be, so she didn't prepare a statement, but she said she did submit a written testimony. Ms. Gilbert added that Representative Pashinski and Senator Yudichak also submitted written testimony.

Mr. Merritt explained that the Administration told Council that the city met 2 or 3 criteria out of 11 to qualify for Act 47, so he thought it was a done deal and that the meeting was for public comment.

Mr. Belusko said that he spoke with Administration daily about filing for Act 47.

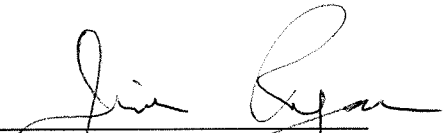
Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Fire Department/fire watches, former Mayor Tom McGroarty's involvement with the fire department, retirement of Jim Hayward (pension) and investigating the pension system.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Tony Brooks, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk