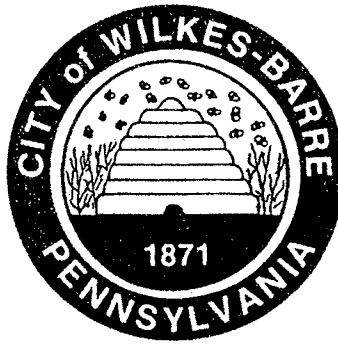


CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 20, 2018

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NOVEMBER 20, 2018

RESOLUTIONS

Authorizing to change the name of Mayflower Park to Brian Grohowski Memorial Park.

Approving the installation of a sign that extends over the sidewalk right-of-way for PA Cyber located at 40 East Northampton Street.

Sign documents related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the demolition of 37, 46 & 48 Murray Street.

Sign documents related to awarding the contract to the most qualified firm for the 2018 Street Paving Project & Neighborhood Parks Project.

Temporarily suspend Section 20-4 of the Wilkes-Barre Code of Ordinances pertaining to the open consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Old Fashioned Holiday Market.

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NOVEMBER 20, 2018

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FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 17 OF 2018 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE WILKES-BARRE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “VACANT/ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION PROCEDURE AND CONDEMANCTION/REHABILITATION PROPERTY POLICY FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY.” (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 18 OF 2018 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE MAYOR’S PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET. (FIRST READING)

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 20, 2018

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on November 20, 2018 at 6:10 p.m. (immediately following the Work Session), 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:

Darren Snyder, City Controller
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Brett Kittrick, Finance Director
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Ted Wampole, Administrator

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

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 Mayor's proposed 2019 General Fund Budget (lowering elected official salaries, Mayor's healthcare (Medicare), legal cost regarding the police department and pensions).

Mr. Barrett said it was his understanding that when an employee reaches Medicare eligible age that they automatically go on it.

Mr. Kittrick told Mr. Barrett that it depends on the date of hire.

Tom Dombroski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Mayor's proposed 2019 General Fund Budget (structural issues, selling the golf course and Park N' Lock East, Tax Anticipation Note, consolidate with other municipalities, layoff daytime EMTS, refinancing (50 years), Times Leader Building and pensions (hire Morgan Stanley).

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Mayor's proposed 2019 General Fund Budget (reducing the Mayor's salary), renaming Mayflower Park and the demolition of properties on Murray Street.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions):

RESOLUTION NO. R0109-18

Whereas, on October 8, 2018, the City of Wilkes-Barre said goodbye to life long city resident Brian Grohowski, who resided in the Mayflower section of Wilkes-Barre.

Whereas, Grohowski and his wife, Maureen, dedicated their time to give back to the community through the Jarad Grohowski Foundation, named after their late son.

Whereas, Grohowski annually held a free football clinic at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium during the summer and provided local athletes the chance to attend a one day football camp out of the area at their cost.

Whereas, Grohowski's presence and community efforts will be deeply missed in the City of Wilkes-Barre.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to change the name of Mayflower Park (a/k/a Huber Park) in the Mayflower section of Wilkes-Barre to Brian Grohowski Memorial Park.

RESOLUTION NO. R0110-18

Whereas, PA Cyber wishes to install a sign that extends over the sidewalk right of way, at the building located at 40 East Northampton Street.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Wilkes-Barre City Council that approval is hereby granted contingent upon satisfaction of the following requirements;

File the following with the City Attorney's Office:

1. File liability insurance naming the City as an insured for any liability connected with the said request.
2. File a Release and Save Harmless Agreement.
3. The applicant and a successor shall file current liability insurance naming the city as an insured.

RESOLUTION NO. R0111-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre will publicly advertise for bidders for the demolition of 37, 46 & 48 Murray Street.

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 related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the demolition of 37, 46 & 48 Murray Street.

Be It Further Resolved that the payment related thereto be made from OECD Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. R0112-18

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is advertising for proposals for engineering services for the 2018 Street Paving Project & Neighborhood Parks Project.

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 related to awarding the contract to the most qualified firm for the 2018 Street Paving Project & Neighborhood Parks Project.

Payment to be made from OECD Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. R0113-18

Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre hereby directs that the provisions of Section 20-4 of the Wilkes-Barre Code of Ordinances pertaining to the open consumption of alcoholic beverages be temporarily suspended and not enforced for the following event:

Event:	Old Fashioned Holiday Market
Sponsor:	Hidden Creek Vineyard and Winery
Designated Area:	Public Square
Dates:	November 30, 2018 through December 1, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m. until close 7:00 p.m.
Limitation: The suspension shall only apply to wine and not malted or brewed beverages or liquors.

The within temporary suspension applies only to the above-referenced event and area. All other regulations related to intoxicating beverages in the City of Wilkes-Barre shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO. R0114-18

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre hereby authorizes Norfolk Southern Railway Company, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, to take any and all necessary actions related to upgrading the active traffic control devices where Miller Street crosses the tracks of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company DOT No. 859631C in the City of Wilkes-Barre;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions necessary for completion of the project.

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

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.

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Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Merritt 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.

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Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

Nays Gilbert -1-


PUBLIC DISCUSSION

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to work done by the water company on Almond Lane and the recent snow storm (use PennDOT to plow state roads).

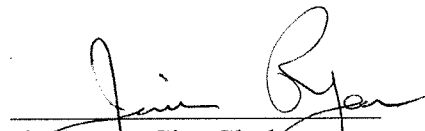
Angel Jirau, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council to congratulate Chief Coffay on his appointment.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Fire Department (threats made by former Mayor McGroarty), the hiring of and retirement of Jim Hayward (Health Department) and cutting salaries for elected officials in 2019.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Tony Brooks, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Jim Ryan, City Clerk