

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
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Authorizing the Mayor to accept and sign the Street Sweeping Agreement.

Purchase the rock salt necessary for the 2019-2020 winter season pursuant to the terms of a previously bid state contract.

Authorizing Attilio Frati, Director of Operations, to have signatory authority for maintenance improvements on the Wilkes University Tap 3 Pedestrian Improvement Project Reimbursement Agreement #R18040017.

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to the sale of a small vacant piece of property located at 499 Rear South River Street to Kevin Donnelly.

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ORDINANCE

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3 OF 2019 – AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE
VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY KNOWN AS CORBETT LANE IN THE CITY OF WILKES-
BARRE.” (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 14, 2019

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on March 14, 2019 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 Mike Belusko in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Darren Snyder, Controller
Rick Gazenski, Administrator
Tim Henry, City Attorney/Deputy Administrator
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Ryan, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Joyce Zaykowski, Director of OCD
Robert Collegan, Intern (OCD)

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. There being no one the meeting continued with general business.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0014-19 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0014-19

Whereas, by virtue of Resolution No. R0022-09, adopted February 26, 2009, the City of Wilkes-Barre declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, and

Whereas, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968, each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following public records:

Office/Department: Planning & Zoning Department

<u>Box Number, Record title, dates</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>
No Box Number, 1 Box – 2000 Zoning Permits	1.26
No Box Number, 2 Boxes (2 of 2) – 2001 & 2002 Zoning Permits	<u>2.52</u>
Total	<u>3.78</u>

RESOLUTION NO. R0015-19

Be It Resolved, by authority of Wilkes-Barre City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Mayor of said Municipality is authorized and directed to accept and sign the attached Street Sweeping Agreement and Exhibits on its behalf.

RESOLUTION NO. R0016-19

That, the proper city officials are hereby authorized to purchase the rock salt necessary for the 2019-2020 winter season pursuant to the terms of a previously bid state contract.

RESOLUTION NO. R0017-19

To hereby authorize Attilio Frati, Director of Operations, to have signatory authority for maintenance improvements of the Wilkes University Tap 3 Pedestrian Improvement Project Reimbursement Agreement #R19040017.

RESOLUTION NO. R0018-19

That, the proper city officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to the sale of a small vacant piece of property located at 499 Rear South River Street (PIN: H9SE4-023-21S) to Kevin Donnelly (or his designee) for a sale price of \$200.00.

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Ms. Gilbert moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

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

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

Nays none.

ORDINANCE

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

Nays none.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Brooks discussed the recent article in the paper regarding the gift Mayor George accepted from Movies 14. He commended the Mayor for reporting it but said to him it comes down to an appearance problem. Mr. Brooks said elected officials should not take gifts of any kind whatsoever. He said that he and Ms. Gilbert have been looking into legislation to limit the contributions that elected officials accept (from companies doing business with the city).

Mr. Brooks also discussed Luzerne County Transportation Authority moving to the former Murray site. He said he had conversations with their Director of Public Affairs and Director of Finance today and if it all works out it will bring 170 jobs to Wilkes-Barre. He said he discussed LCTA paying a PILOT to the city. He told Mr. Gazenski that he is going to set up a meeting with them to discuss it further.

Mr. Brooks thanked the Administration and Mr. Frati for having potholes filled today.

Ms. Gilbert concurred with Mr. Brooks regarding campaign contributions.

Ms. Gilbert asked for an update on the construction project on Public Square.

Attorney Henry said he will check with Mr. Frati.

Mr. Barrett said after reading the street sweeping agreement (on tonight's agenda), he wanted to make sure that the city is getting reimbursement for things other than street sweeping. He said some of the state roads in the city are in deplorable condition. He asked the Administration to look into the agreement and see if the city is doing more than we need to be doing and if so, put the burden for the major repairs back on the state.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Murray Complex (homeless in the area), Dollar Tree parking spaces (4 spots no meters) and Almond Lane (work done by Water Company contractor).

Mr. Gazenski mentioned that he met with LCTA about a month ago. The existing building is going to be demolished and fencing will go up; hopefully the tents will then be eliminated.

Ms. Gilbert said that she will follow up with Mr. Frati on the Water Company contractor.

Ms. Gilbert discussed the homeless population behind the Murray Complex. She said that it is a good opportunity for the city and the Administration to be more proactive with the homeless. Rather than waiting until construction starts, maybe officers could be sent down to talk with them and try to get them the help they need.

Ms. Zaykowski mentioned that Volunteers of America is launching a new program to help with the homeless population. It will not only help move them, but also encourage them to get counseling, temporary housing, etc. along with teaching them the life skills that they need.

Mr. Merritt said that the city also has to be active in Nesbitt and Kirby Park with the homeless.

Mr. Suchoski suggested using LSA money for a shelter.

Angel Jirau, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to a Police Civilian Academy.

Greg Griffen, Swoyersville, PA appeared before Council to give an update on the Citizens Opioid Committee (need for a Federal Drug Taskforce).

Ms. Gilbert said that no one on Council is opposed to writing a letter to the Federal Government asking for help.

Ms. Gilbert asked Mr. Griffen if he met with Chief Coffay.

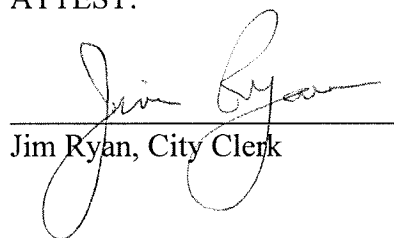
Mr. Griffen said he had met with him briefly in the Mayor's Office and he said that the Police Department had things under control. Chief Coffay told him that a DEA Agent comes to the city when needed.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk