

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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REGULAR SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 24, 2019

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Authorizing DXDempsey (The Bank), located at 8 West Market Street to install a business sign extending over the right-of-way above the entrance on the S. Franklin Street side of the building.

Direct and submit the Application Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. (Intersection of Spring, Pine/Sherman Streets)

Enter into an agreement with Witmer Public Safety Group for the purchase of Miscellaneous Fire Equipment in the amount of \$49,909.50. (Payment will come from the Office of Economic and Community Development).

Enter into an agreement with Glick Fire Equipment Company, Inc. for the purchase of a 202 Pierce Enforcer 107' Ascendant Tractor Drawn Aerial Ladder in the amount of \$1,186,345.00. (Payment will come from the Office of Economic and Community Development and the Local Share Account Fund – Gaming Funds)

Enter into a lease agreement for the purchase of a 2020 Mack tandem axle dump truck, fully equipped with a plow and salt spreader, for a purchase price of \$180,827.00. The purchase will be procured through the Pennsylvania State Co-Stars Program (Triple Cities Acquisitions, LLC Co-Star #025-036) and be funded by the City's Liquid Fuels Account.

MINUTES

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of September 18, 2019.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of October 10, 2019.

CITY COUNCIL

October 24, 2019

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on October 24, 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 McBride	- present
Merritt	- excused
Barrett, Vice Chairperson	- present
Belusko, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Jay Delaney, Fire Chief
Rick Gazenski, City Administrator
Alan Klapat, Deputy Fire Chief
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Jim Ryan, City Clerk

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

Mr. Ryan asked if there was anyone wishing to address Council on pending legislation.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the purchase of the new aerial ladder truck (good use of LSA grants).

Mark Shaffer, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the purchase of the new aerial ladder truck (good use of LSA grants).

Jason Car, Saylorsburg, PA appeared before Council relative to the purchase of the new aerial ladder truck (how is it being paid for).

Chief Delaney replied that the Office of Economic Development is funding it and \$421,000 is coming from an LSA Grant with the help and support of Representative Pashinski and Senator Yudichak.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0076-19 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. R0076-19

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre hereby authorizes DXDempsey (The Bank) located at 8 West Market Street to install a business sign extending over the right-of-way above the entrance on the S. Franklin Street side of the building provided the following conditions are met:

1. A Hold Harmless Agreement in favor of the City of Wilkes-Barre shall be executed and returned to the Office of the City Attorney.
2. Certificates of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured shall be filed with the Office of the City Attorney in an amount of one million per occurrence and two million per aggregate.
3. Any and all successors must follow the same requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. R0077-19

Be It Resolved, by authority of the 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 submit the attached Application Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and to sign this Application on behalf of the Municipality.

RESOLUTION NO. R0078-19

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre:

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase Miscellaneous Fire Equipment through the PA COSTARS Contract Number: 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 \$49,909.50.

Payment will come from the Office of Economic and Community Development.

RESOLUTION NO. R0079-19

Whereas, the Fire Department of the City of Wilkes-Barre wishes to update its vehicle fleet by purchasing a 2020 Pierce Enforcer 107' Ascendant Tractor Drawn Aerial Ladder through the PA COSTARS Program (Contract Number 013-055)

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 Glick Fire Equipment Company, Inc., 350 Bird in Hand, PA 17505 for the purchase of a 2020 Pierce Enforcer 107' Ascendant Tractor Drawn Aerial Ladder in the amount of \$1,188,334.00.

Payment will come from the Office of Economic and Community Development in the Local Share Account Fund (Gaming Funds).

RESOLUTION NO. R0080-96

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into a lease agreement for the purchase of a 2020 Mack tandem axle dump truck, fully equipped with a plow and salt spreader, for a purchase price of \$180,827.00. The purchase will be procured through the Pennsylvania State Co-Stars Program (Triple Cities Acquisitions, LLC Co-Star #025-036) and be funded by the City's Liquid Fuels Account.

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

Nays none.

Absent – Merritt – 1.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Brooks reported an illegal basketball hoop between 11-13 Harkins Lane.

Mrs. Gilbert McBride said the row homes on the corner of East Northampton and South Welles Street have been dilapidated for years. She asked for an update on when they will be demolished; and in the meantime, she asked the Administration to have someone board them up.

Mr. Barrett reminded the Administration that the trash containers in Parson Park need to be emptied. He asked when they do the trash collection tomorrow if they would make sure they empty those as well.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Lawrence Socci, Avid Ideas, LLC, appeared before Council relative to obtaining support from the city to organize and create a Community Development Center.

Mr. Brooks told Mr. Socci to get in touch with Joe Borland at the Wilkes-Barre Think Center, because they do that type of thing already. He also suggested that he talk to Wilkes University's Small Business Development Center on Northampton and Main.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to LSA grants (long term plan), landbanks and façade grants (less restrictions).

Jim Burden, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to abandoned properties, crosswalks on Northampton Street (need to be painted), property at 428 East Northampton Street, new hires (live in the city) and prisoners cleaning the streets.

Mrs. Gilbert McBride said she will get an update on 428 East Northampton Street and will stay on DPW about painting the crosswalks as well.

Jason Carr, Saylorsburg, PA appeared before Council relative to Mr. Frati not getting back to him with problem properties that need to be cleaned up and Wilkes-Barre politics (Quid Pro Quo).

Angel Mathis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the traffic light at Pierce, North and River Streets (timing) and Airy and Stanton Streets (crosswalk needed).


Mr. Brooks said he went to Airy and Stanton Street to see the situation. He said he put in a request to paint the lines and added that Chief Coffay called him today and is going to station an officer there for awhile to mitigate the problem.

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



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk