

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
June 8, 2016

Call to Order

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Garrett, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Lefebvre, Mr. Rose, Ms. Trice, President Shattuck, Mayor John Thompson, Solicitor Witherel, and Amanda J. Ford, Assistant Borough Manager. Absent – Ms. Macklin, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, and Mr. Taiani. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Shattuck, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of victims of violent crimes.

Public Comment

- 1) No public comments.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 5/4/2016.
 - No minutes to be approved from 5/11/2016 due to water main break.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-president Garrett

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving May 1-31 checks issued

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-president Garrett

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving Resolution No. 16-056 – Gaywood Manor Neighborhood Community Yard Sale.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Grannemann

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Resolution No. 16-057 – Approving Handicapped Parking Permits at 1512 Center Street for Patricia Lewis and 1120 Swissvale Ave (North Ave. side) for Adrienne Hall.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Grannemann

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving the use of the municipal building for a Public Hearing for Liquor License hosted by the WCDC

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 – 1; Motion carried.

6. Discussion regarding the “tire wall” located on Hunter Street.
 - Kate Grannemann – Borough was sent a notice from Allegheny County about the tires. People are still dumping new tires there and is becoming a nuisance.
 - Eric Parrish – Has noticed more tires appearing, kids playing with tires. Exposed tires capable of holding water become a mosquito concern. There will be demolitions performed in the area soon and the area will be cleaned up soon.
 - Motion to have DPW to get the tire wall removed.

Motion: Ms. Grannemann

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 1 abstain; Motion carried.

Public Comment

- 1) Etchaka Carrothers, 573 Shelbourne Ave – Regarding the parking situation on her street. Family visiting received a ticket on 5/26/2016 for parking on the “No Parking” side of the street.
 - President Shattuck advised the “No Parking” sign is likely related to the passing width of the street for the purpose of emergency vehicles that may need to pass. Acting Borough Manager, Amanda Ford, will look into the matter and discuss with the police department and get back to Ms. Carrothers.
- 2) Kate Luxemburg, 423 Rebecca Ave.
 - Questions about the ‘Tire Wall’ on Hunter Street. Recap of the discussion given by Councilwoman Grannemann
 - Akator Construction has filed an appeal in regards to Green Street Park for the original decision to be overturned.

- 3) Ronald Johnson, 501 Penn Ave (Liam's Restaurant) – They are vigorously looking for people to work. Ms. Ford offered to have an announcement placed on the borough website to help them out.

Old Business

- 1) Jerry Gaudi – Shower of Lights. Installation is planned for the 16th. The installers wanted to make sure they could be there longer than a week.
 - Per the solicitor, there's no issue with leaving it up. No threats posed.
 - Concern was brought up by President Shattuck regarding the crosswalks and the condition of them. They will soon be replaced.
 - Motion to support the Chamber of Commerce and their Shower of Lights with the timeframe not to exceed the Farmer's Market season.

Motion: Ms. Garrett

Second: Ms. Grannemann

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

- Motion to re-paint the crosswalk between First National Bank and the Penn Avenue Parklet.

Motion: Ms. Garrett

Second: Ms. Grannemann

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

- 2) Mayor John Thompson – 2 events coming up
 - a. Wilkesburg Family Festival, July 2nd, 2016 at Hunter Park from 11 AM-7 PM.
 - b. Sanctuary Project on July 15th, 2016 on the 1100 block of Franklin Ave. Will be working with Rebuilding Pittsburgh to go help homeowners with light housework.

New Business

- 1) Kate Grannemann – Hill Avenue Block Watch to have a ceremony on the 500 Block of Hill Ave on June 25th (July 23rd rain date). They will be dedicating a community garden on a lot given by one of the neighbors.
- 2) Marita Garrett – Resident reported the intersection of East End & Overton sink-hole is uneven. Information has been passed on to DPW.
 - Social media meeting June 14th at 1 PM to discuss the new borough website with representatives from Imagebox.
 - Allegheny County Department of Health and Human Services has a live-well program that promotes healthy living and eating. Information to be distributed to council members.
 - Wilkesburg Community Conversations will take place Wednesday, June 29th at 6 PM and will be held at the Eastridge Library.
- 3) Paige Trice – Former Magistrate's Husband, Edgar Thompson, has passed away. Request for a proclamation from the borough.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

- 4) Patrick Shattuck – Ms. McCarthy-Johnson advised that there's a group at Chatham, The Center for Women & Politics that would like to work in Wilkinsburg for approximately 15-20 hours. They want to draft a policy for us if possible if council was interested. General consensus to support this.

Adjournment

- President Shattuck – Announces Council will go into executive session for purpose of discussing personnel issues. No action is expected to be taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Patrick M. Shattuck
President Council