

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 2017

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers: Renita Austin, Sharon Council-Harris (President), Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Tomeka Jones-Waters, Dr. Dolores McCabe (Vice President), LaToya Monroe.

Mayor: Rohan Hepkins

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

3. CITIZENS FORUM (Comments limited to 3 minutes)

- Charles Wilkins, 862 West Cobbs Creek Parkway, addressed Council with a concern regarding the Flag Day flyer which advertises a 50/50 raffle. He stated that he hopes the Borough applied for a license to hold the game of chance.
- Liana Roadcloud, 800 block of Cypress Street, expressed interest on joining the Flag Day committee and inquired whether it was too late to do so.
- Isaac Dotson, 717 Redwood Ave, gave kudos to Council for their work, including their assistance to the Yeadon Economic Development Corporation. He also added that he hopes the current Council members are reelected and continue to work hard for the Borough.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated December 15, 2016 (with correction of Councilor T. Jones-Waters returning to the floor)**
Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed 5-2

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hepkins reminded residents that the next Mayor's Forum will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00pm on the 2nd floor of Borough Hall. The main event of the night will be to honor Police Lieutenant Michael Dolly who is retiring at the end of February after 41 years of service.
- There was a recent major drug arrest in Yeadon, as a result of residents' noticing something suspicious and calling the police. The raid netted thousands of dollars in cash and took drug activity and the people behind it off of the street.
- Mayor Hepkins addressed the old parking meters and relayed a complaint from some business owners regarding the inconsistency of the meters.
- Residents were reminded to ensure their house numbers are visible.
- Mayor Hepkins asked Police Chief Molineux to speak on the 3 alarm fire that destroyed 3 properties on Serrill Avenue on Thursday February 16th. Chief reported the fire call originally came in at 11:25am and began at 812 Serrill Ave. The fire was under control after 12:30pm. There were two minor injuries.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Council President encouraged residents that the monthly Caucus meeting is an open forum for the community to address any concerns directly to the department that can assist them.

7. BLACK HISTORY OF YEADON

- Leslie McGirth presented awards to Mr. Owen Wooten and Mrs. Joan Wooten, recognizing their service and commitment to the Borough of Yeadon.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, recommended that Council extend the trash collection contract with B&L Disposal for one more year. The contract is due to expire in May 2017, however extending it until 2018 would place it up for bid at the same time as the Borough's recycling contract.
- Ms. Mulvena will submit the Chapter 94 Report tomorrow, which is required by the Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the Borough's sanitary sewer system.
- Progress is being made to authorize repairs to inlets and sanitary sewers, awaiting PennDot approval.

- LED streetlight program construction should start by early Summer.
- **Motion to Adopt County Aid Resolution 2017-001, requesting County Council to approve the Borough's local liquid fuels allocation for 2017.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Vice President D. McCabe

Motion passed 7-0

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager, Mr. Bland, summarized his meeting with the United States Tennis Association, confirming the allocation of \$36,000 from 2011 to start a tennis program for the spring and summer months.
- The first E Waste event of the year is Saturday, March 4 from 9am-12pm at the Public Works Yard.
- Recapped the 9 Resident Help Requests for the month of January. Mr. Bland encouraged all residents to contact the Administrative offices with any complaints or concerns.

10. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Mr. Joseph Possenti.
 - Total Tax Collected for December 2016: \$107,992.00

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance

- **Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Vice President D. McCabe

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed 5-2

- **Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed 5-2

b. Public Safety - Councilor Dr. D McCabe, Vice President, Chair

- Vice President McCabe asked for the community's thoughts and prayers for the injured fireman from the Serrill Ave fire.

- Introduced Police Chief Molineux who mentioned the 2017 Youth Police Academy which begins March 2nd. It is an 8 week course for ages 13-17 years old.

c. Ordinance / Zoning - Councilor Tomeka Jones-Waters, Chair

- Councilor Jones-Waters recapped the Code report. Total revenue for the month of January is \$43,478.93.

d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson reported that the Public Works Committee met on February 6th. Septa bus shelters were discussed and Public Works will begin work on the 3 that are owned by the Borough.
- Grace Courts reached out to Public Works to assist with a Spring Flower Planting event in May.

e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson reported that the 700 Business Club is requesting a consideration of .25 cent per half hour parking meter rate.

f. Education Liaison

- Councilor Austin reported that there is a new school superintendent, Jane Ann Herbert. She was previously the acting superintendent. It was mentioned that taxes could go up to cover her salary. Council President recalled an article she read about school taxes possibly increasing about 3.7%. An important notation was stated: this does not affect the Borough of Yeadon's tax rate, which has not been raised in 4 years.

g. Library Liaison

- Councilwoman T. Jones-Waters introduced Library Director, Mr. Richard Ashby.
- Mr. Ashby reported they are working on a new logo, website, and programming for the Library.

12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- **Motion to table Ordinance 1375 – related to the inspection and certification of sanitary sewers upon sale of real estate in the Borough, at the recommendation of the Borough Engineer.**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 7-0

- **Motion to approve Ordinance 1376 – Amending sections of the Borough Code by requiring all purchased real estate to be brought to code within 12 months of purchase.**

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 7-0

Solicitor Gibbs called for a Public Hearing at 8:47PM regarding Ordinance 1377, proposing \$1.00 per hour parking meter rate and opened the floor to Public Comment.

- Leslie McGirth confirmed that the proposed rate would be \$1.00 per hour while the current rate is .25 cents per hour. She asked Council to consider the difficulty this would place on the community and the effect it could have, causing people to not come to the business district.
- Solicitor Gibbs submitted a copy of the letter from Charles Pavia.

Solicitor Gibbs closed the Public Hearing at 8:50 PM.

- **Motion to approve Ordinance 1377.**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 7-0

- **Motion to amend Ordinance 1377 to .50 cents per hour.**

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 7-0

- **Motion for Authority to draft job description for the position of Police Chief.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

Motion passed 7-0

13. NEW BUSINESS

- No New Business to Record.

14. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business to Record.

15. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.