

The **Agenda/Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on Aug 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, Larry Celaschi, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Tom Santoro, Joseph Smith and Robert Whiten Jr.

Also, present were: Mayor Gregg Doerfler, Solicitor Dennis Paluso and Borough Admin/Secretary Roberta Doerfler.

Mildred Migrock came to council requesting the mayor to give West Penn Power authorization to have a new light installed by here house on 2nd Street. She claims that she is getting vandalized because there is no lighting up there. The mayor told her that he would look into the matter.

Jason Fields, Patrick Garman and Daryl Molinari updated council on the planning of the Veterans Day Parade slated for November 9th, 2024. The route planned is Second Street along McKean Ave to 9th Street, left to Fallowfield Avenue and return to 2nd Street on Fallowfield Avenue.

Remington Vernick Engineering presented to council what they have been working on since being rehired.

- 2024 Road Program
- Phase 2 Woodland Ave and Crest Ave Park Improvements
- Railroad Alley (Davies Ford)
- MS4 Program Suspected source investigations
- PRP Plan
- MS4 Annual Report
- Compliance Application

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on August 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, Larry Celaschi, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro, Joseph Smith and Robert Whiten Jr.

Also, present were: Mayor Gregg Doerfler, Borough Admin/Sec Roberta Doerfler and Borough Manager Joseph Manning

Dennis Paluso was absent

At this time there was a moment of silence for Kenneth Wiltz

Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2024

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Joseph Smith, Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Terry Planton spoke to council members, telling them that if they choose to have him apply for the LSA statewide grant, that he would like to research what funding the LSA Grants are usually going to and select a project from that. Depending on what he thinks the chances are for receiving this funding, he will decide whether to charge a flat fee or commission.

Finance: Councilman Pivovarnik stated that the items on the agenda for financing are to hire Neil Rongaus for investing monies and to pay the bills. He also mentioned that Joe Manning went to and spoke with other municipalities to see if there was an interest in forming a fire board and to increase payments for the fire driver services.

Public Works: Thomas Santoro reported that the grass cutting was continuing and the fifth street project has been completed. Gregg Doerfler asked what the status of the Street Sweeper was. Tom Santoro said that all of the hydraulic lines need to be disconnected to be able to find the problem. Paul Pivovarnik stated that the summer kids are leaving and that they did a nice job this year. Tom Santoro told the summer workers that they would be welcomed back next year.

Parks and Recreation: Kristin reported that the Halloween Parade will be October 30th, 2024 with the Residential Trick or Treating to be held on October 31st, 2024. She also reminded people that the Veterans Day Parade in November 9th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Code, Fire EMS and Animal Control: James Stache read the code enforcement report and answered questions. Jamie then explained the Ordinance that is on the agenda for vacant building inspections.

Personnel: Joseph Smith questioned if the council were going to advertise to replace Lew Farkas while he is off from work? Jerry Jericho stated that he would rather just wait and see how long Lew will be out of work.

Police: Gregg Doerfler made everyone aware that our Police Officers were involved with the SWAT situation in Monongahela

Community Planning: Larry Celaschi informed everyone that there will be a ribbon cutting for the new PA CareerLink building here in Charleroi. It is this Friday at 9:00 a.m. He also questioned where we stand with the number of trees Charleroi was to receive from Mon Valley Alliance.

Mayor: The cougar for the Crest Avenue Park is completed being clear coated and it is back at the Borough Building. It is ready to be put in the park.

Larry Celaschi stated that he wants to table everything on the agenda because we are not being represented by our solicitor, in person or by phone, with him being absent and not sending backup.

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to approve the July/August 2024 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$161,359.82

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Joseph Smith, Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone Motion Carried

2. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to hire Neil Rongaus, Confluence Financial Partners

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone Motion Carried

3. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Robert Whiten Jr. to authorize to hire Terry Planton to apply for the LSA Statewide Grant

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone Motion Carried

4. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize to purchase a vehicle for code enforcement at a cost of \$18,500, with the money coming from the PA Racehorse and Gaming Fund

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone Motion Carried

5. Item number 5 is tabled for more clarification
6. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize to advertise for the adoption of ordinance to increase fine for false alarm to \$500

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Thomas Santoro, Joseph Smith, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone Motion Carried

7. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize to advertise for the adoption of ordinance to require curb to curb paving on street openings. After discussion, Paul Pivovarnik rescinded his motion to advertise for the adoption of ordinance to require curb to curb paving on street openings until there is more clarification and Jerry Jericho seconded.

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Joseph Smith, Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone Motion Carried

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Jerry Jericho to table this item until there is more clarification

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Joseph Smith, Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone Motion Carried

8. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to authorize to close Fifth Street between Fallowfield and McKean for the Veterans Day Parade on November 9, 2024

Roll Call Vote showed Robert Whiten Jr., Joseph Smith, Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi abstaining from voting, because the solicitor was not present or by phone Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

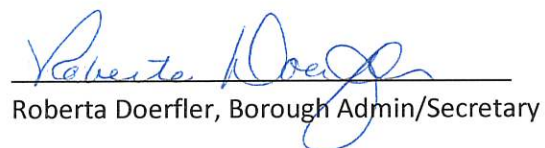
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is September 4, 2024 at 6PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is September 11, 2024 at 6PM.

Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried



Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, President

Roberta Doerfler, Borough Admin/Secretary