

**MONACA BOROUGH**  
**Budget / Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm**

The Budget and Council Meeting of the Monaca Borough Council was held on the above date and time in person & virtually via Zoom application. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Majors-present	Mr. Colville- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson- <b>absent</b>	Mr. Michel- <b>absent</b>
Mr. LaPearle- <b>absent</b>	Vice President Shotter- <b>absent</b>
Mr. Wilson- present	President Booher- present
Mayor Antoline- present ( <i>left the meeting at 7:21pm</i> )	

**Others Present**

Dave L. Kramer, Jr.; Rich Urick, Esq.

**@6:20pm- 2024 BUDGET MEETING:** Mr. Kramer discussed the upcoming 2024 budget. He provided a packet for council to review which included the general, water and sewer funds and the proposed monies available for next year. He explained in detail each fund starting with Sewer, then discussed Water and lastly discussed General fund. Council & Mayor discussed each fund, department needs, salaries, increases/decreases, and upcoming projects for 2024. The Budget meeting ended at 7:00pm.

**@7:00PM Regular Council Meeting began**

**Engineers Report:** Borough Engineer Tony Sadaka gave his report. Mr. D. Wilson asked for Paving program update. Mr. Sadaka mentioned they will be back in the Spring to finish.

**Visitors:** Ashley Roderick, 135 Kermiet Drive, Monaca & Daniel Hall, 1331 Bechtel Street, Monaca, were in attendance to stress their concern with speeding cars in their neighborhood and what they can do to fix this problem. Ahsley stated she was able to go door-to-door in her neighborhood and was able to get past experiences of close calls and fast speeding cars in their area. She suggests the speed limit be brought down to 15 miles per hour, or speed humps be put in to reduce

**Minutes-** Mrs. Majors **motioned** to approve the regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fiscal and Contractual-** Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to approve the monthly bills. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.

**Communications:** None

**Manager Report-** Mr. Kramer gave his report. He first began by explaining that last Wednesday they had the pre-bid meeting for the Civic Center at the site. There were 8 general contractors and about 3-4 other subcontractors. It went well. One question came back regarding extending the bid opening to one week. Council discussed. Mr. Kramer said this would go to anyone who is on the list. Engineer Tony Sadaka and Solicitor Urick both agreed in this case, you keep the same date. Moving on, Mr. Kramer said the next bid opening will be for Streetscape on November seventeenth, which is a Friday. The results will be announced at the following council meeting November twenty-first. We are getting calls daily on both bids. Next, the LSA Grant is due November 30<sup>th</sup> and he mentioned he is working on, for one million dollars for Streetscape. This will help save money for this project. Lastly, he announced they are still in negotiation with the union for the new public works contract. He will hear back from the union in hopes to get this resolved before year end.

**Borough Solicitors Report-** Solicitor Urick gave a quick update. There are three of the four pending real estate tax appeals that he has upcoming conferences for and had already been to one. He states these probably won't be resolved until early Spring, next year. He had also sent Mr. Kramer updated ordinances for Beekeeping. This is starting to be a new trend in the county, and he thinks it's best to add this to the ordinance. He had nothing further to report.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve payment to MDIA for Monaca Borough Civic Center Plan Review fees in the amount of \$31,710.00. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to approve payment to Design Stream in the amount of \$20,790.54 for architectural services provided for the new Civic Center between the months of July-September 2023. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Colville **motioned** to approve quote from A&H Equipment for 2023 Ford F600 Dump, lease options of 5-year fix or 7-year variable, in the total amount of \$105,830.00 for public works dept. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to accept the bid for Borough vehicle GMC Fire truck, in the amount of \$7,500.00. Second by Mr. Colville. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to accept a bid for a Borough vehicle, a 2009 Ford Crown Vic, in the amount of \$1,700.00, (with over 160,000 miles). Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Colville **motioned** to approve payment to Stefanik's in the amount of \$127,360.56 for the disinfection system project. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens:** Chuck Kugel- 995 Bechtel Street, Monaca- was in attendance to ask council to please take care of the potholes on Dowell Avenue, where his other property is located. He stated he has called the borough office a few times to have this road patched and talked to Councilman Derek Wilson and the guys haven't been there yet. Mr. Kramer said they are patching this week with the warmer weather and will get to his street.

**Announcements:** Mr. D. Wilson read the following announcements: Fall Leaf Collection Program, October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru December 4<sup>th</sup>. Pick up every Monday. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office/ \$3 per bundle. Sat. October 28<sup>th</sup>, Monster Mash Mad Dash sponsored by BBBS. Tues. October 31<sup>st</sup>, Trick or Treat in the borough from 6-8pm. Tues. November 7<sup>th</sup>- Election Day. Wed. November 8<sup>th</sup>- scheduled Workshop meeting. Fri. November 10<sup>th</sup>, Borough office will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Colville **motioned** to go into Executive Session under Real Estate, Legal & Personnel at 7:38pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.  
Mr. Mitchell **motioned** to come out of Executive Session at 7:21pm. Second by Mr. D. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.  
Mr. Colville **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 7:21pm. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, Mrs. Majors **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:09p.m. Second by Mr. Yothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary