

MONACA BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting Minutes
November 21st, 2023 at 7:00pm
Virtual and In Person

The 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- absent
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- <i>present virtually</i>
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson-present	President Booher- present

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr; Mayor Antoline

Visitors: None

List Of Attendees: Simon Short- Monaca CDC President- was in attendance to seek direction from council on plans to update George Washington Plaza. He expressed the CDC's anticipation in wanting to apply for grants to try and get this moving but needs council's direction before proceeding. Pres. Booher said the borough does have a couple vendors who have showed interest in updating the fountain, but nothing has been planned yet. Council discussed and gave some ideas on future plans. Mayor Antoline suggested getting a committee together to start planning and getting ideas to accommodate. Simon said they are hosting a lot more events there as of late. Mr. D. Wilson agreed and said with the paving program for next year, they should include that parking lot as well due to the heavy traffic now at the plaza. He agrees they should consider updating the plaza along with the parking lot. Pres. Booher said he will certainly get this committee together soon and thanked Simon for attending and wished him a Happy Thanksgiving. Simon said the same.

Managers' Update: Mr. Kramer gave an update on the recent bid opening that happened on Friday last week for Streetscape project. Prior to the meeting, he sent council a spreadsheet with a side-by-side view of the two bids that were given to compare. He said these came in a lot higher than expected, Pres. Booher added that it came in 2.5million dollars higher. Mr. Kramer said he has a meeting early next week with SGA and Michael Baker to discuss further plans and options. He will have more information after this meeting. Council discussed exactly what they want from the designers moving forward with many ideas & thoughts given. VP Shotter asked for a list of options on a spreadsheet from the designers. He said in fact they need to challenge both designers on both projects, Streetscape and Civic Center so they can compare. And he explained in full detail exactly what he would like to see on those spreadsheets. More from council was debated. Mr. Kramer discussed funding and what the borough has in hand at this time and what they have to work with, moving forward. Funding strategies were discussed. Options for Streetscape were discussed to lower the amount. Pres. Booher went around the room and asked each councilperson their opinion on which they would lean more towards, Streetscape or Civic Center. Each council person in attendance gave their thoughts.

Items to Discuss/Motion:

1. VP Shotter asked if Mr. Kramer talked with the actuary yet about the three items he would like answered before making this motion. Mr. Kramer said he did, but this would be a whole study. Council briefly discussed whether to table this or not. VP Shotter made a **motion to table** this item: to adopt Resolution No. 9-23, Police Pension Plan. Second by Mr. Michel. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise notice of intention to adopt Ordinance setting the initial real estate tax millage rate. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. D. Wilson **motioned** to authorize Borough Solicitor to advertise notice of intention to adopt Ordinance, setting the initial fire tax millage rate. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: VP Shotter read the following announcements: Fall Leaf Collection is every Monday until December 4th. Thursday, Nov. 23rd & Friday Nov. 24th Borough office closed for Thanksgiving holiday. Thurs. Nov 30th- COG Christmas Social at Frank G's Place from 6-9pm. December 2nd marks the annual Hometown Christmas Celebration from 5-7:30pm. Parade begins at 5pm marching from St Johns down to the borough building where festivities will take place; lighting of the town Christmas Tree will

take place after the parade. The Annual Santa Cops Program has begun. Donations and nominations can be submitted at the borough office. Donations and unwrapped toys can also be brought to Hometown Christmas.

Executive Session: Mrs. Majors **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 8:29pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 9:42pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 9:42pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary