

MONACA BOROUGH
Workshop Meeting Minutes
November 8th, 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-present
Mr. Mitchell-present	Mr. Yothers- present
Mr. J. Wilson-present	Mr. Michel- absent
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- present
Mr. D. Wilson-present @7:20	President Booher- present

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr; Mayor Antoline

Visitors: None

List Of Attendees: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Antoline gave his report for the month of October 2023.

Citations: **131**

Criminal Arrests: **13**

Calls for Service: **422**

Monetary Receipts: **\$1,016.34**

Mayor also commented on the Hall of Fame banquet that he & Councilman Yothers attended last month. It was really nice and he encouraged all to attend next year's event.

Managers' Update: Mr. Kramer gave his report. They had the Civic Center bid openings last week and he shared the results with council & Mayor prior to this meeting. Bids came in higher than expected so they are looking into multiple plans as they sat in a meeting earlier that day with Kevill Turkall discussing these. Also, under New Business, directions from Solicitor Urick state to have the motion reworded for the bids, so they can motion this at a later meeting. Mr. Kramer mentioned the Streetscape pre-bid meeting was last Thursday, which went well. There were five contractors, three were general contractors. Bids are due next Friday, November 17th and results will be given at the following meeting. On, November 2nd, Pres Booher attended a meeting hosted by the Beaver County Business District Initiative. He explained briefly that the district is trying to help promote successful businesses in riverfront towns, Monaca being one of them. This organization will kick off a grant for businesses who recently opened. This will start December First. Pres. Booher explained how the businesses can spend the grant monies and they must spend \$20k to get \$10k. He explained further. Mr. Kramer mentioned there is a link on the borough website to see vacant storefronts in town for those who are interested in purchasing. Mrs. Majors asked about the CDC grants. Mr. Kramer made it clear the borough is just promoting this grant; they are not providing it. Next, Mr. Kramer said there are two grants the borough will be applying for. The LSA Grant is strictly for streetscape sidewalks, and he is applying for the full one million dollars. This is due November thirtieth. The next one is for a PennDOT Multimodal grant, due November thirteenth. Next, he mentioned they had received external applications for the two laborer positions. One has applied for WWTP and that interview is next week. There is another candidate lined up for the public works laborer as well. He will keep council posted. Lastly, Gabby, Britt, Rec, CDC are in the process of planning Hometown Christmas which will be held Saturday, December 2nd from 5-7:30pm. Mr. Kramer said he has a few things to discuss in Executive session and nothing further at this time. Mr. Colville had a question about the ARPA funding recently discussed in a previous meeting and asked if Mr. Kramer got clarity from the County. Mr. Kramer said yes, he received answers in speaking with Commissioners Camp and Manning. They already know how the borough is going to spend the grant on upcoming projects but are more concerned with the other communities who don't have any plans yet. They needed to get that letter out to all who received the grant money. There were no other questions.

Items to Discuss/Motion:

1. Mr. Colville **motioned** to table the following motion “to reject lowest bid for Monaca Borough Civic Center” to a later meeting. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

New/Old Business:

-Mr. LaPearle said there is a Wine & Cheese event this Saturday at the Library hosted by himself, all are welcome to attend. Council discussed.

-Mrs. Majors said she talked to Brittany last Friday about contacting the police about speeding cars on Center and Cascade Road hoping it was reported and monitored.

-Mr. Colville asked if the borough purchased a leaf vac and if it is running. Mr. Kramer said yes but the borough is only using it for hills and catch basins. The residents are to utilize the leaf collection program where the residents are to place bags at the curb and pick-ups are on Mondays.

Announcements: Mayor Antoline read the following announcements: Fall Leaf Collection is every Monday until December 4th. Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the borough office. Friday, Nov. 10th, Borough office closed in observance of Veterans Day. Thursday, Nov. 23rd & Friday Nov. 24th, Borough office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday. Thurs Nov 30th -COG Christmas Party- Frank G's Place from 6-9pm. RSVP to Brittany by Nov 17th. Sat. December 2nd- Hometown Christmas Celebration 5:00pm-7:30pm. Parade starts at 5pm at St Johns, ending at the Boro building where the festivities will take place. Food trucks, vendors, hot cocoa & bake sales, holiday music, pictures with Santa and more. And to end the event, we will have the lighting of the town Christmas tree at the Plaza. Pres. Booher added this Saturday, November 11th is the Library Wine and Cheese event hosted by Councilman LaPearle.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session for Personnel & Real Estate at 7:21pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:39pm. Second by Mr. J. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

VP Shotter **motioned** to resume the Public Meeting at 7:39pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary