

MONACA BOROUGH
In Person & Virtual
Council Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 2021 at 7:00pm

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

Roll Call

Mrs. Majors- absent	Mr. McLaughlin- present
Mr. Mitchell- present	Mr. Blanak- absent
(Vacant)	Mr. Michel- virtually present
Mr. LaPearle- present	Vice President Shotter- virtually present
Mr. Wilson- virtually present	President Booher- present
Mayor Simon D. Short-present	

Others Present

David L. Kramer, Jr. & Rich Urick, Esq.

Visitors: None

Communications: Borough Manager Mr. Kramer added a letter sent to him by DCL Land development LLC (#5 under new business). He read the letter which was a formal request to vacate portions of Buckeye Alley, Summit Avenue and Marshall Rd that are adjacent to the property they will be developing on Summit Avenue. Mr. Kramer confirmed that is the Deluco development going up on Summit Avenue.

Also, Pres. Booher added that he and Borough Manager Dave Kramer decided that meetings will be held via Zoom until the rest of the year.

Minutes: Mr. Mitchell **motioned** Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 24th, 2021. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 7th, 2021. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayors Report- the Honorable Mayor Short gave his report for the **Month of July 2021.**

Citations and Parking Tickets: **144**

Criminal Arrests: **22**

Call For Service: **512**

Total Miles patrolled: **3,742 miles**

The Honorable Mayor Short also gave his report for the **Month of August 2021.**

Citations and Parking Tickets: **179**

Criminal Arrests: **16**

Call for Service: **465**

Total Miles patrolled: **3,981 miles**

Managers' Report: Mr. Kramer gave his report. He first touched base on the PA Ave waterline project. They have begun digging pits, temporary line installed on riverside of PA Avenue. They will begin to camera next week. RCAP meeting got cancelled so he is waiting to hear back from them. He said there sounds like there is going to be a third round for 2021. If not for the Civic Center, he suggested maybe they can submit for something pertaining to Streetscape. He will keep council abreast of that meeting. Lastly, he is waiting for Daycare to sign off on the agreement and they should be getting it done this week.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Urick gave his report. He asked after the daycare signs the agreement that it be forwarded to him to do a final review on it. Next, he amended the agreement with the company that they are purchasing the fire truck

with through COSTARS. The manufacturer agreed with 99 percent of the changes he had made. That is in the final works. He is also working on amending the Mechanical Devices Ordinance. He also stated Mr. Kramer informed him that they need a resolution for the bank for the purchase of K-9 vehicle. He will make up this draft and show to council once completed hopefully by tomorrow. Lastly, the title search is currently working on is still pending. Mr. Michel asked which title search property he was inquiring about. Pres. Booher confirmed Jackson Avenue property.

Department Report – Curt DiGiovine, WWTP Supervisor was in attendance and gave his report for the month of August 2021.

Ordinance Review Committee Report- VP Shotter had nothing to report.

Monaca Recreation Report- Pres. Booher added being that Mr. Blarrik was absent they were given a letter from him of upcoming events per the Rec. Board. Mr. Kramer read the letter and all upcoming events with a recap of summer events including Community Days.

Monaca Library Report- Mr. LaPearle reported the Library board is now meeting again. Unfortunately, he missed this month's meeting and will have a report for next month.

New Business:

1. Mr. Michel **motioned** to approve Payment #3 to JP Environmental LLC for the Secondary Clarifier Mechanical Replacement project in the amount of \$52,956.90. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.
2. President Booher asked Solicitor Urick to confirm the amount of the following purchase. Solicitor Urick said he was good with it. VP Shotter **motioned** to approve purchase of 2022 Spartan Pumper from Keystone Fire Apparatus, Inc. in the amount of \$520,350.00 for Monaca Fire. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.
3. President Booher asked solicitor that they set a random reserve on Municibid, and the reserve that they set is a little high. Solicitor Urick said whatever the price bids at, the borough has the choice to either reject it or accept it. Mr. Michel **motioned** to accept highest bid for 2010 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$3,000.00 on Municibid. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Michel **motioned** to accept highest bid for 2012 Caterpillar in the amount of \$39,900.00 on Municibid. Second by Mr. McLaughlin. VP Shotter asked if there were any change in the cost per the equipment since they are not trading it in. Mr. Kramer said cost remains the same. Mr. Michel asked if they will apply the full amount as the down payment. Mr. Kramer said yes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. As discussed briefly in the meeting, VP Shotter **motioned** to table the request to vacate portion of Buckeye Alley, Summit Ave and Marshall Rd. per the request letter from D.C. Land Development LLC. Second by Mr. Michel. VP Shotter asked if they would provide drawings. Mr. Kramer said they are in the process of doing that already. There were no more questions. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to authorize Solicitor Urick to act on behalf of the Borough for Assessment Appeals. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously. Solicitor Urick informed council that Mike Jones will be going to the assessment appeals in his place. He highly recommends him. VP Shotter asked if the county and the school district will also be attending the appeal. Solicitor Urick said the county will be but the school district will not and they are usually not active in appeals matters. There were no further questions.

Citizens: None

Announcements: Mayor Short read the announcements: Saturday, Sept 25th- Electronics Recycling Day- Antoline Park from 10am-2pm. A list of items you may bring are posted on Monaca Now App and Borough website. October Arts in Monaca Walk-by Exhibit has been cancelled. October 1st, Monaca Friday Concert Series at Washington Plaza, 6-9pm. October 4th, Fall Leaf Collection begins. He also added, Trick or Treat will be Thursday, October 28th, time to be determined.

Executive Session: VP Shotter **motioned** to go into Executive Session under Legal at 7:35pm. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to come out of executive session at 8:19pm. Second by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LaPearle **motioned** to resume to public meeting at 8:19pm. Second by Mrs. Majors. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the amount for the previous motion earlier in the meeting for *purchase of 2022 Spartan Pumper from Keystone Fire Apparatus, Inc. in the amount of \$520,350.00 for Monaca Fire*. VP Shotter made a **motion** to amend the cost from \$520,350.00 to the correct amount to \$511,590.00. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Pres. Booher asked the audience 3 times if there were any comments on the motion. There were none. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: There being no further business, VP Shotter **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:22p.m. Second by Mr. LaPearle. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Bologna, Secretary