

**CITY OF MCKEESPORT**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**6:30 P.M.**

**JANUARY 2, 2019**

The Work Session portion of the Council Meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date by President of Council Richard Dellapenna.

**Secretary James read the following proposed Bills:**

**Bill #1**– Introduced by Keith Soles – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Establishing Regular Meetings of City Council for the Year 2019 and January 2020.

President Dellapenna asked for questions or comments and there were none.

**Bill #2** –Introduced by Jamie Brewster-Filotei – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Setting Forth the Paydays for the Year 2019.

President Dellapenna asked for questions or comments and there were none.

**Bill #3** – Introduced by Brian Evans - A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Enter into an Agreement with Ace Pyro, LLC for the Purpose of Providing the Fireworks Displays at Renziehausen Park for July 4<sup>th</sup> (Independence Day), August 13<sup>th</sup> (International Village), September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Labor Day), and TBA (Patriot’s Day).

President Dellapenna asked for any questions or comments and Mrs. Brewster asked if this was the same company to which Secretary James responded yes.

President Dellapenna asked for any other questions and there were none.

**Council Reports**

Mrs. Nesbit – Nothing at this time.

Mr. Evans – Nothing

Mr. Barry – Yea, last Council meeting I reported all the street lights being out, 17 are still out a month later as I was on the way down here. I think it might be a good recommendation if the Ordinance Officers maybe took that as something

they do, if we let them know, because there are too many places in the City that are pitch black. Particularly in the East end and around the bridge going to Duquesne. I mean it shouldn't be incumbent upon one person to take care of that. It should be a group effort and anything I can do to help I will. That's just the main thoroughfare so you imagine all the side streets how many are out and the way I understand we pay Duquesne Light is for every light, whether it's working or not we are paying for it.

Mrs. Brewster-Filotei asked once we report it isn't it 24-hours they have to have it done. Secretary James said no, there is only one gentleman that actually repairs the lights for the whole area so it does take him a while unfortunately. I had reported the ones on the bridge ramps to them and they told me that it is the City's responsibility for those street lights, not Duquesne Light.

Mr. Barry asked why would that be? Can anyone answer that. Solicitor Elash said I'm not really sure why we would have the responsibility, I will have to look into that. That's the first I heard of that. I know we have to do repairs to the ramps and things like that, maintenance, but I didn't think we had to change the lights. We don't have to change the other ones.

Mr. Barry said that doesn't sound right.

Solicitor Elash said why would we have to change those?

Secretary James said that's what I was told by the dispatcher.

Solicitor Elash said to the crown after someone inquired, I will have to look into that. We are generally responsible for maintenance on bridge ramps, that is, if it's a County bridge we have responsibility for the ramps but we don't change all the other street lights so I am not sure why we would change them on the ramps. We will have to look into that.

Mr. Barry said if you could. The only other thing I had is I talked to Joe Hoffman who organized the McKeesport 23 Memorial for the 23 Young Men that were killed from McKeesport in Vietnam and they have the Memorial Statue at the High School. He reached out to me and I think I may have talked to you about this Jason. He wants us to do a trade mark on that and he wants to turn that trade mark over to the City so that can never be infringed upon. There's a book coming out called "Tube City Patriots," the end of this year some time and he made that

suggestion to us, to me, and I wanted to bring it up before Council and maybe that is something, we can discuss at a future meeting but I think it's a good idea. It made a lot of sense, so someone couldn't necessarily capitalize off of it and we would own those rights. That's all I have to report.

President Dellapenna said thank you Mr. Barry.

Mr. Soles – Nothing

Mrs. Brewster-Filotei – Nothing, thanks.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Dellapenna said that concludes the Work Session portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette James  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Richard Dellapenna  
President of Council

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