

CITY OF MCKEESPORT
WORKSHOP MEETING

WEDNESDAY

6:30 P.M.

APRIL 3, 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 #21– Introduced by Brian Evans – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Part of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

President Dellapenna asked for questions or discussions and Solicitor Elash said that’s the “green book” our Codified Ordinances, every year they put the previous Ordinances for the previous year and amend certain parts. They call and ask us for advice how we want it in there and that’s just Codified, officially.

President Dellapenna said thank you.

Bill #22 –Introduced by Keith Soles – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending Ordinance No. 04-14, as Amended, to Establish a Minimum Square Footage Requirement for Single Family Dwellings.

Solicitor Elash said this has been added as we amended our Zoning Ordinance and refurbished the whole thing and we realized that we do not have a minimum square footage for a single-family dwelling. So, somebody could have put a shed up on a vacant lot and tried to get it qualified as a single-family residence. So, this establishes the minimum square footage at 1,000 square feet. We are going to add some provisions in the next few months for smaller types of homes, like the storage bin homes, we will be bringing that to you for your consideration but we just want to make sure that those types of homes are concentrated together so they are not scattered throughout the community causing problems.

Mayor Cherepko said I apologize Mr. President was that the first Bill? President Dellapenna said no it’s the second one. Mayor Cherepko said yes, we kind of found in our Ordinance that we don’t have a minimum and we just have to,

there's always exceptions to things, especially if we were to develop several homes in a certain area, but we have to be careful if someone picks a particular lot that they don't come in and just build something that's way too small and doesn't fit in with the neighborhood so to say. No different than when we built the two homes with Action Housing and Luethel Nesbit, the partnership we have, well our goal is to start out with two homes. We have one being built right now, it's the same type of things. Those neighbors in that community, the cultural educational sector, because they had the unique architecture and the large beautiful homes, they wanted to make sure that when we built something it didn't stand out and it at least blended in, even though it was a newer home. So, it's the same type of thing and square footage is just the start, we will be coming for other modifications as well.

President Dellapenna said thank you Mayor.

Bill #23 – Introduced by Luethel Nesbit - A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Proclaiming the Month of April 2019 as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of McKeesport.

Bill #24 – Introduced by Timothy Brown - A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Execute All Documents Necessary to Execute a Lease with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) for the Leasing of Lands Along State Route 148 for Use in Conjunction with the Great Allegheny Passage Bike Trail.

Mayor Cherepko said this is a Lease that we've had for quite some time and it expired and we are just looking to renew it.

Council Reports

Mrs. Nesbit – In regard to the two homes that Mayor Cherepko was talking about. We are starting to look for interested buyers. So, if anyone is interested in purchasing a home, they can contact me at my office and I will forward it onto our Pittsburgh office.

Mr. Evans – Nothing.

Mr. Barry – I just want to make a comment. I just road past Pennzoil and they took that house down, that lot looks beautiful. It looks so nice coming down Hartman now.

Mayor Cherepko said there's a possibility down the line that we can't talk about publicly now, as well. So, another economic development, expansion, things like that.

Mr. Soles – Nothing.

Mr. Brown – nothing Mr. President, sir.

Mrs. Brewster-Filotei – Nothing, except for I apologize for my tardiness. President Dellapenna said it's all good.

ADJOURNMENT:

Concludes the Work Session portion of the meeting. We are going to have to excuse ourselves for a Personnel Committee meeting. We will be right back out.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette James
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Richard Dellapenna
President of Council

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