

CITY OF MCKEESPORT

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY

7:00 P.M.

APRIL 6, 2022

The regular meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance by President Dellapenna and a Moment of Silence. Prayer was led by Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre from St. Stephens.

The following Members of Council were present:

RC-1 PRESENT: JIM BARRY, TIMOTHY BROWN, RICHARD DELLAPENNA, KEITH SOLES, JILL LAPE, BRIAN EVANS, LUETHEL NESBIT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Dellapenna asked for a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Nesbit, “to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2022.”

RC-2 YEAS: BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Secretary James reported that we received the Fire and Police Reports for the month of March 2022.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

President Dellapenna asked for the Mayor’s Report. Do you have anything else to add Mayor?

Mayor Cherepko said well Mr. President it will probably be my record but being that I just talked for about 20 minutes I have no Report sir. Secretary James said it usually gives me time to write things.

President Dellapenna said thank you Mayor.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:

President Dellapenna next called for Citizens in the Audience, said to come forward when your name is called and keep in mind you have three minutes to speak.

Mr. Keith Giles, 336 Penny Street. Mr. Giles spoke about restoring of their housing facilities to its historical status.

Mr. Mellinger, 310 25th Street. Mr. Mellinger spoke about an idea he has to improve getting from McKeesport to Pittsburgh.

Ms. Darlene Allen, 1712 Flagler Street. Ms. Allen spoke about the basketball program run by Mr. Brown and thanked him for mentoring and respecting the young men in the City.

President Dellapenna then asked for New Business from Secretary James.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-016 – Bill #18 - Introduced by Timothy Brown – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Proclaiming the Month of April 2022 as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of McKeesport.

MOTION: Mrs. Nesbit moved, seconded by Mrs. Lape “to approve Bill #18.”

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

RC-3 YEAS: BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-017 - Bill #19 – Introduced by Jim Barry – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Awarding the Bid for the McKeesport Rising Demolition Project Phase 6 to Betters Company, Inc., and Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Execute all Documents Necessary to Enter Into an Agreement with Betters Company, Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed \$174,600.00 for Phase 6.

MOTION: Mr. Soles moved, seconded by Mr. Brown “to approve Bill #19.”

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

RC-4 YEAS: BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 22-004 – Bill #22 - Introduced by Brian Evans – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending Ordinance No. 17-004; as amended, to Increase the Membership of the Zoning Hearing Board from 3 to 5 Residents of the City of McKeesport.

MOTION: Mr. Barry moved, seconded by Mrs. Lape “to approve Bill #22.”

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

RC-5 YEAS: BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-018 - Bill #20 – Introduced by LuEthel Nesbit – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County,

Pennsylvania, Providing for the Appointment of Members to the McKeesport Zoning Hearing Board of Adjustments.

MOTION: Mr. Barry moved, seconded by Mr. Soles “to approve Bill #20.”

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

RC-6 YEAS: BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 22-003 - Bill #21 –Introduced by Jill Lape – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending Ordinance No. 86-12, as amended, to Replace in its Entirety, Article 331 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of McKeesport, Governing the Operation of Mechanical Devices within the City and Establishing Fees for Same.

MOTION: Mrs. Nesbit moved, seconded by Mr. Evans “to approve Bill #21.”

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

RC-7 YEAS: BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 22-005 - Bill #23 –Introduced by Brian Evans – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending and Supplementing Ordinance No. 1835 of the City of McKeesport Approved January 7, 1949, and as Amended by Ordinance from Time to Time Relative to the Establishment and Maintenance of City Employees Pension, Annuity, Insurance and Benefit Fund or Funds, to Amend Certain Provisions of the Pension

Plan or Program Applicable to Certain Transfer Participants of Such Pension Plan or Program.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Lape “to approve Bill #23.”

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

RC-8 YEAS: BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 22-006 - Bill #24 – Introduced by Timothy Brown – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Relative to the Establishment and Maintenance of the Employees’ Pension, Annuity, Insurance, and Benefit Fund or Funds; to Amend Certain Provisions of the Pension Plan Known as the Combined pension Plan of the City of McKeesport.

MOTION: Mr. Barry moved, seconded by Mrs. Nesbit “to approve Bill #24.”

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

RC-9 YEAS: BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 22-007 – Bill #25 - Introduced by LuEthel Nesbit – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Adopting an Updated Comprehensive Financial Management Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Barry “to approve Bill #25.”

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

RC-10 **YEAS:** BARRY, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, SOLES, LAPE, EVANS, NESBIT (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ADJOURNMENT:

President Dellapenna said that concludes the Council for tonight.

Mayor Cherepko said I would just like to say one thing. We were informed that weather permitting, unfortunately but it's a short term inconvenience for a long-term reward, the Jerome Street Bridge is scheduled to be closed down going out of town from May 2-July 2. They are basically thinking two months to complete the work they need on the bridge between painting and finishing up all the loose ends.

President Dellapenna asked that's outbound?

Mayor Cherepko said the May 2nd start date is pending weather, so regardless of when it starts, if it does end up starting a little bit later than that July 2nd date will be adjusted. It just seemed to me that they needed a two month window and if they get it done more quickly that's fantastic. It may be partial, I'm not sure, but we are planning for worst case scenario to be at least no traffic going out of town as there wasn't any before.

President Dellapenna said thank you Mayor and that concludes the Council meeting for Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Thank you all for attending.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette James
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Richard Dellapenna
President of Council

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