

The **Agenda Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on February 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, Larry Celaschi, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Tom Santoro, Joseph Smith and Robert Whiten Jr.

Also, present were: Mayor Gregg Doerfler, Solicitor Steven Toprani, Borough Manager Joseph Manning (by phone) and Borough Admin/Secretary Roberta Doerfler.

Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to amend the agenda to hire Joseph Dzurko to the public works department, following the collective bargaining agreement and to have a wage of \$19.53/hr.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

Solicitor Steven Toprani stated that council should also ratify this motion at next week's regular meeting.

Larry Celaschi announced that there will be a Farewell to Corning on February 14, 2025 at 12:00 noon. Where they will be burying a time capsule and presenting a flag of the beginning of this operation "Beth Evans"

Tom Santoro stated that there are 32 lights out in the Borough and that the street department has notified West Penn Power of the outages

The members of Council had an executive session on 2 personnel matters. Time in 7:26 p.m. Time out 8:02 p.m.

Motion from Jerry Jericho and seconded by Tom Santoro to adjourn the meeting. All In Favor

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on February 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, Larry Celaschi, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro, Joseph Smith (by phone) and Robert Whiten Jr.

Also, present were: Mayor Gregg Doerfler, Borough Admin/Sec Roberta Doerfler, Solicitor Steven Toprani and Borough Manager Joseph Manning

Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2025

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

At this time the sanitation bids were opened so that the Solicitor would be able to look them over during the meeting and make a recommendation to whom he thought was the lowest most responsible bidder. In no particular order as he opened the bids, the results were;

- Earthwise Environmental- 1st year \$17.11/unit/month, 2nd year \$17.70/unit/month, 3rd year \$18.32/unit/month, 4th year option \$18.98/unit/month and 5th year option \$19.70/unit/month
- County Hauling- 1st year \$22.80/unit/month, 2nd year \$23.71/unit/month, 3rd year \$24.66/unit/month, 4th year option \$25.65/unit/month and 5th year option \$26.93/unit/month
- Pro Waste- 1st year \$18.00/unit/month, 2nd year \$18.15/unit/month, 3rd year \$18.25/unit/month, 4th year option \$18.25/unit/month and 5th year option \$18.50/unit/month

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Columbia Gas came in to explain the Fallowfield and McKean Ave project and to answer any questions regarding the permit agreement between the Borough and Columbia Gas

There were no public comments

Finance: Councilman Pivovarnik stated that all Borough invoices are being paid and had no further report at this time

Public Works: Thomas Santoro read the street department report and also noted that the salt bin has been filled up and salt returned to the communities that lent us salt.

Parks and Recreation: Jerry Jericho mentioned that we were going to get more funding from the Redevelopment Authority to finish up the park improvements. He also mentioned that once the parks were complete, he would like to have a ribbon cutting.

Code, Fire EMS and Animal Control: James Stache read the code enforcement report and answered questions. Matt Prentice read the fire report. Bob Whiten read the EMS report and the Animal report

Personnel: Joseph Smith stated that we hired Joseph Dzurko for the street department and that we will be ratifying it in this agenda tonight.

Police: Gregg Doerfler noted that there is an ammo shortage and that he contacted Chad our Chief to make sure that we had enough and suggested that we order more.

Community Planning: Larry Celaschi questioned Matt Prentice on if he would be the one that would receive word of a tuberculosis outbreak at the school. He stated no, that Fallowfield would probably be first to know because the school is located in Fallowfield Township. That would come from the health department.

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Larry Celaschi to approve the January/February 2025 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$241,813.00

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to ratify the hiring of Joseph Dzurko to the public works department following the collective bargaining agreement of \$19.53/hour

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize to advertise Ordinance #1052 amending Ordinance #1002 of 2012, establishing a regional police pension plan, by providing for the purchase of service-based pension plan credit

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Robert Whiten Jr. to table the paid-accessible parking application for 214 9th St., so as to investigate this matter more

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize the non-paid accessible parking application for 401 ½ Crest Ave

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to amend the agenda to change the name from the product Brightspan Building System to the company's name Elemental Shelter Solutions

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the quote of \$43,038.15 from Elemental Shelter Solutions to replace the salt shed at public works

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Robert Whiten Jr. to authorize the sale of public works backhoe with a reserve of \$80,000

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to authorize the re-design of the Borough Website at a cost of \$3,500

Roll Call Vote showed Thomas Santoro, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi, Robert Whiten Jr, Joseph Smith and Paul Pivovarnik voting "no" Motion Denied

10. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to accept the lowest most responsible bidder of the sanitation contract. The solicitor suggested that council entertain Pro Waste as the most responsible bidder with the lowest average bid in the three-year contract with 2 option years. Pro Waste average \$218.76, Earthwise Environmental average \$220.34 and County Hauling average \$278.80. The contract will be effective after the 30-day notice to our current hauler.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to table the awarding of the camera project on the advice of the solicitor to do an RFP and advertise for sealed bids

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

At this time, council went into an executive session at the request of the solicitor for litigation matters and Larry Celaschi for personnel reasons. There will be no voting after the executive session.

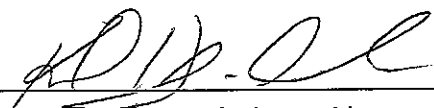
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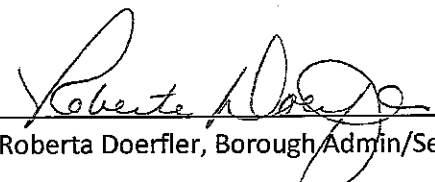
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is March 5, 2025 at 6PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is March 12, 2025 at 6PM.

Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried


 Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, President


 Roberta Doerfler, Borough Admin/Secretary