Borough of Munhall

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

The December 13, 2022 workshop meeting of the Munhall Borough Council was called to order by Mr. Brennan at 6:34 pm in Council Chambers.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present:

Absent:

Richard Brennan, Council President William Hanna, Council Member Richard Votedian, Council Member David Younkins, Council Member Maureen Fry, Council Member Kevin Ondo, Council Vice President Jason Stein, Council Member

Others:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager Robert Bicey, Public Works Supervisor David Cannon, BCO/Zoning/Code Enforcement Rob Falce, Mayor Thomas Fullard, Chief of Police Ed Pletsch, Fire Chief

Public Hearing for the 2023 Proposed Budget:

There was no public comment. Mr. Hanna noted that the overall budget addresses the overall current needs of the Borough.

Mr. Brennan requested that the Manager's salary be discussed via executive session on December 15th at 6:30 pm.

Business Items:

1. Motion to hire J. Tyler Miller as a full-time Police officer , subject to the Munhall Police CBA, effective December 27, 2022. Motion by Mr. Younkins. Seconded by Mr. Votedian. Motion carries.

Mayor Falce proceeded to swear in Officer Miller

2. Resolution to issue a Tax Anticipation Note for the 2023 calendar year in the amount of \$1,249,223.60 at an interest rate of 4.08%. Motion by Mr. Votedian. Seconded by Mr. Younkins. Motion carries.

Items for consideration at the business meeting

- 1. Mr. Abrams read the proposed Tax Ordinance for 2023. Mr. Votedian asked if the tax increase was factored into the budget. Mr. Abrams responded that the increase has been included as a part of the budget proposal.
- 2. A resolution to update the 2022 Borough fee schedule effective January 1, 2023.

Mr. Brennan asked if the residential trash fee is being increased. Mr. Abrams responded that the fee is not changing for 2023. Mr. Abrams was asked about the tipping fee and if there was an increase. Mr. Abrams has not been notified of an increase. The Borough will seek out bids for refuse dumping in 2023, as there does not appear to be a contractual time period to be followed.

- 3. Motion to approve the 2023 Budget
- 4. Ratify the hiring of Paige Watson as a full time employee at a rate of \$17.00/hr with an effective date of December 5, 2022.
- 5. Motion to approve the non-union pay rates as budgeted. There is currently a desire to carve out the Manager until an executive session is held to discuss.

Mr. Brennan asked for detail on the positions called out in the non-union wage request to determine if the wage requests are all under Council discretion, or if there are any contractual obligations. Chief Fullard was asked about the pay for the chief and assistant chief. He stated that the State requires non-union supervisory officers to receive at least the same increase as the highest ranking uniformed/union officer. This is referred to as the "Chief's Act"

6. Motion to ratify Glenn Coles as the Chief of the Munhall Bureau of Fire.

Mr. Brennan thanked Chief Pletsch for his service through out the years.

Adjournment:

Mr. Votedian made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Mr. Younkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams Borough Manager