

Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Williamsport, PA

Council President Jonathan Williamson brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. The Cooley Studio did not televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Joel Henderson and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Council members present:

Jonathan Williamson, President
Randy Allison, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Derek Slaughter, Councilman
Don Noviello, Councilman
Elizabeth Miele, Councilwoman absent
Joel Henderson, Councilman

Absent:

Also, Present:

Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor
Rebecca Haladay, City Engineer absent
Mr. William Nichols, Jr. absent
Mr. Joe Pawlak absent
Mr. Gary Knarr absent
Megan Page HR absent
Adam Winder absent
Dave Young, Police Chief absent
Sol. Norman Lubin
Sol. J. David Smith
Janice Frank, City Clerk,
Todd Heckman, Fire Chief absent

This meeting was the Re-Organizational meeting and the first meeting of 2018.

Swearing in Councilman Slaughter

Mr. Derek Slaughter took the oath of office given by the City Clerk, Janice Frank. Mr. Slaughter's family did attend the meeting and congratulations to the new Councilman were given. Mr. Slaughter signed his name into the record book.

Welcome to Councilman Derek Slaughter

Council President welcomed Derek to Council and stated we look forward to working together and welcomed him to the team.

Mrs. Katz welcomed Mr. Slaughter stating she knew it has been a hard road getting here and wanted to extend her welcome.

Mr. Noviello stated to jump in with both feet and hang on.

Mr. Henderson stated is looking forward to working with and also, stating that he's been on the team about two years with a lot more to learn.

Mr. Allison stated he was excited about the future and Mr. Slaughter sitting up there with them as a team.

Dr. Williamson stated the learning curve is steeper than it looks like, and he offered any help from any of the Council persons to make it a little easier.

Mr. Slaughter thanked everyone for the welcome and stated he looks forward to doing all the work.

Nominations for City Council President

Dr. Williamson opened the nominations for City Council President.

Mr. Noviello nominated Dr. Jonathan Williamson and Mrs. Katz seconded it.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any other nominations for city Council President. There were none. He asked for a motion to closed the nominations.

Mr. Henderson made the motion and it was seconded Mr. Noviello.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the motion.

The motion was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Ms. Miele was absent.

The nominations were closed.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the Council President. All were in favor with unanimous ayes.

Dr. Jonathan Williamson was elected City Council President.

Dr. Williamson thanked everyone for the vote of confidence and stated that he will talk to each and every one of them when needed.

Nominations for City Council Vice President

Dr. Williamson asked a motion for nominations for City Council Vice President.

Mrs. Katz nominated Mr. Allison.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any other nominations, hearing none, he asked for a motion to closed the nominations.

Mr. Henderson made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Noviello.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote to closed the nominations.

The motion was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Ms. Miele was absent.

The nominations were close.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote for the Vice President.

All were in favor with unanimous ayes.

Mr. Allison was elected Vice President of City Council.

Mr. Allison thanked everyone and said it is a pleasure to work with the Council like this and stated it is a team effort, and we have leadership but it's the consensus that builds the progress.

Mr. Noviello stated he thinks sometimes that Council gives people the impression that it is easy to sit up there, and most people are only seeing the tip of the iceberg when they watch on Thursday evening. Most of the work has been done by then. We do our best to get all of the elements and the facts and all the information that comes our way. I'm not so sure we are always totally informed but we do the best with what we have. We have a new member that might produce a bit more spark, and hopefully we will continue the same process and be as successful as we have been up to now. He thanked everybody.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2018

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:30 PM, in City Hall Council Chambers. (Enter through the police department at rear of building for meetings after 5:00 PM.)

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any comments from members of Council.
Mr. Slaughter wanted to thank his family and members of his campaign team.

Dr. Williamson asked if the administration had any comments.
Mayor Campana stated he wanted to welcome his former student, Derek, and stated he is very proud of him, he is proud of him tonight and looks forward to working with him and other members of City Council.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any comments from members of the public.
There were none.

Dr. Williamson stated we have to give Mrs. Whaley her due.....members of the media?

Adjournment

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Henderson and seconded by Mr. Allison.**

Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 7:41 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk