

Council President Randy Allison brought the meeting of the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Trade & Transit II Center, 144 West. Third St. Williamsport. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

Council members present:

Randy Allison, President
Elizabeth Miele, Vice President absent
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman absent
Adam Yoder, Councilman
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman,
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
David Banks, Councilman

Absent:

Elizabeth Miele
Bonnie Katz

Also, Present:

Derek Slaughter, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi absent
Mr. Joe Pawlak
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Chris Cooley
Mark Killian, Fire Chief, absent
Justin Snyder, Police Chief absent
Solicitor Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, RVT
Chris Cooley
Gary Knarr

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 6/24/21 were approved upon a motion Mr. Yoder and a second from Mr. Pulizzi. All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.

Mr. Allison announced there was an executive session before the meeting tonight to discuss legal issues.

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There were no requests.

Ordinance #6416

Ordinance Amendment to the City of Williamsport Zoning Ordinance Text to Revise Certain Section Under Title 7, Supplementary Zoning Regulation (final reading) Bill #1782-21

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.

Mr. Knarr had nothing further to add.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Lot Consolidation & Land Development – Williamsport Ballpark Inc – 2 Rose Street (tabled)

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to remove this from the table.

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.

The lot consolidation was taken of table with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent

Mr. Knarr stated these two parcels will total 28 plus arces. There is a land development plan for baseball fields and parking spaces. The location is the former Williamsport City Dump. They went before the Zoning Board to get a variance in order to dig down. This was reviewed by Planning and Lycoming County. There is a representative here. Mr. Allison asked for a motion on land development.

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Yoder stated that before this, he had several questions and they were answered by Mr. Fink through the process. There were questions about it being non profit. They will be paying taxes, also DEP stated there is not much we could do with this land. This will promote further development in the Maynard St. corridor. He thanked Mr. Fink for answering questions and is excited to see this happening.

Mr. Pulizzi extended his gratitude to Mr. Fink, stating they met with Mr. Fink and he answered all of his questions and he looks forward to the City and Chamber working together.

Mr. Allison stated he agrees and it is a positive move for the City and fits in from the East End to the West End. He asked for a vote.

The lot consolidation was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.

Lot Consolidation – 913 Arch St

Mr. Knarr stated this request is from Ripple, there are two tax parcels and it is the Ripsteins Pub. They added an outdoor over roof. They combined these two parcels into one parcel. This was reviewed by County and City Planning. Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

The lot consolidation was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 339 Market St. – The Bar on Market

Mr. Knarr stated this is a request to extend outdoor seating. Two years ago, they went through the outdoor seating. They are requesting the outdoor seating to extend this from the next door business. We do have a letter that gives the okay to extend this. This was reviewed by Mr. Lubin. They are extending this beyond their property and if approved they will sign the agreement holding the City harmless.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a seconde.

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the certificate.

The certificate of appropriateness was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent

Certificate of Appropriateness – 151 East Third St

Mr. Knarr stated this is a request for the signage colors, this is for the three signs, one on East and each side. They all meet the zoning requirements.

Mr. Allison stated this is a beautiful building and he appreciates all the efforts going into the building.

The owners stated they are excited to be there.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and second.

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

The certificate of appropriateness was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent

Ordinance # 6117

Ordinance Adopting a 6 Year Capital Project Budgets for fiscal years ending 6/30/22 to 6/30/27(final reading)

Bill #1783-21

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mr. Pawlak stated the only thing he wanted to add was the Planning Commission reviewed this and gave it a positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder stated last year when we updated the ordinance for the Code, he had a couple of questions for the administration. It has been about a year since we did this and he wanted to know any updates or insight specifically about Public Safety and Finance administration. He asked Mayor Slaughter as to his insight at what this looks like in the future, how it is functioning and do we need a Public Safety director, curious about the Mayor's feedback.

Mayor Slaughter stated we are actually reviewing that right now, between Chief Killian and Chief Syder, they are discussing this, and we will let you know. Chief Hagan did a great job with 2020 and we are not going to rush just to fill that after talking with Chief Snyder & Killian. As far as Finance Director, we are reviewing that right now, I spoke with HR about that this week and hopefully we can move in the near future about posting that. We don't know if we will hire in house or have to go out and we are reviewing the position to check about the salary also.

Mr. Yoder stated that would be great to know in the next couple of months what director the administration feels is appropriate. He is specifically curious with the Finance, we updated with the goal of consolidating roles from a budget standpoint and the administration has a chance to review.

Mayor Slaughter stated his own personal opinion he doesn't feel that a Director of Administration is needed. That person and Director of Finance roles together would be very challenging, and we need to discuss a salary and if we do post that, what does that salary look like, whether it will be someone in house or someone who is outside. Hoping soon we are going to post Director of Public Works. We have four or five interviews scheduled right now, and hopefully we will fill it.

Mr. Yoder stated he looks forward to having a discussion on this, he would suspect some feedback before budget time.

Mayor Slaughter stated we may need to amend some of the administrative code. He will bring it forward as soon as we have some things.

Mr. Allison stated he is not a fan of consolidating too much power in one individual, he stated there are too many overlaps, too many opportunities when intentionally or not to influence a decision one way or another and having checks and balances. Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.

Accept for filing::

Williamsport Water & Sanitary Authority 05/26/ 21

Finance Committee Minutes 06/08/21

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and second to accept these for filing.

Mr. Banks made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

The minutes were carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr.

Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, July 9	11:00	AM	ERC *
Wednesday, July 14	3:30	PM	O&E Pension
Thursday, July 15	10:30	AM	Zoning Hearing Board
	3:00	PM	Accessibility Commission
	4:00	PM	Board of Health
Tuesday, July 20	11:30	AM	Public Safety *
	1:00	PM	Finance Meeting*
	2:30	PM	Public Works Meeting*
	6:30	PM	HARB

Wednesday, July 21 10:00 AM Blighted Property
Thursday, July 22 7:00 PM City Council meeting

Meetings still held remote are indicated with an * asterisk.

Mr. Allison asked if there were questions or comments from City Council.
There were none.

Mr. Allison asked if there were questions or comments from the Administration.
There were none.

Mr. Allison asked if there were questions or comments from the general public.

Ms. Karen Koch

Ms. Koch stated that it was so nice that everyone was using microphones tonight and speaking into them. It was easier to hear. She thanked everyone.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Yoder** and a second by **Mr. Pulizzi**. **Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk