

Thursday, April 11, 2019
Williamsport, PA

Council President Jonathan Williamson brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Derek Slaughter 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
Joel Henderson, Councilman

Absent:

Also, Present:

Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor, absent
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. William Nichols, Jr.
Mr. Gary Knarr
Damon Hagan, Chief
Sol. Austin White
Janice Frank, City Clerk,
David Dymeck, Fire Chief
Mark Benner EIT
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Jess Novinger, Recreation

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes dated March 28, 2019 were approved upon a motion from **and Mr. Allison** and a second from **Mr. Slaughter**. **All were in favor. 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, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Ms. Miele was absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor
There were no requests.

Presentation of East Third St. Gateway Project

Mr. Nichols stated this will outline the implantation of the previously adopted Old City East Third Gateway Revitalization Plan which identified several strategic initiatives with continuous efforts, they are now East of Market St. this will include the redevelopment of Basin Street and Franklin Street to create a very strong connection with Lycoming College's master plan which is underway and also to partner with PennDOT. This will improve circulation, connect transportation and will help for all development opportunities particularly between Market Street and Basin Street. It's been over three years when the partnership was created between the City, County and Lycoming College. There was a grant for planning activities and that was followed by a grant of \$1 million of strategic activity from First Community Foundation partnership of Pennsylvania beginning of 2017. That served as a catalyst of what is going to be presented tonight. The slide of their shows the team in place and the partnership, which consists of many players. We have a view individuals to help with the presentation. First is Dr. Trachte, from Lycoming College as well as Chris Keiser who is project manager from Larson Design Group, Lee Roy Klein President of Delta Development group and also Dave Whitmore from Reynolds Construction.

Chris Keiser, Larson Design showed a slideshow of what was happening. He stated the mission of the project is to identify and fund key projects to the economic enhancement and growth of the old city E. 3rd St. neighborhood. We are going to revitalize efforts east of Market St., Limited growth has occurred in that area for number of years and all the focus was West of Market St. some of the project goals are to redevelop Basin Street, realign Franklin Street to improve connectivity to the East end neighborhood. Then we will make a significant adjustments to our transportation network to improve connectivity. We want to review our current zoning needs. There were three strategic projects, Destination 2014, Trade & Transit II, Old City neighborhood project. He spoke about PennDOT's Gateway, Lycoming College's gateway and some of the projects in conjunction with this. We will start in May of this year, and the Basin Street realignment will take place in the Fall of 2019, along with the College Gateway project. The pathway will start real soon and be completed by December of this year. The Fourth Street/Basin ST. project will go out to bid in December 2019. Then in 2020 we have continuation of the E. 3rd St. project, with the signals being installed and construction ended up in 2020. Pine Street improvements will be let in the Spring of 2020, and completed in 2021. Pine Street improvements will be finished in April 21. Willow Street, and pedestrian green improvements will let in 2020 and construction will be complete in 2021. And then possibly pathway to health phase 5 in 2022.

Dr. Kent Trachte, President of Lycoming College said the college's Gateway building under construction will have an outdoor leadership & education center that fits in with the streetscape design, which includes pathways to link bicyclists and pedestrians with the Susquehanna River walk. The second floor of the building includes administration offices and there's also going to be an alumni advancement center. The building is scheduled to open in the Fall. The college will become more deeply connected to the city in the community. Families will approach Lycoming College off of the Basin Street entrance. We are on schedule to open in the Fall of 2019. He thanked Council for all of the support that they have provided to this project.

LeRoy Kline, Jr. Delta Development Group, handed out at page that was designed to give them accountability for every dollar for this project. He was pleased to report that everything that we talked about before has come together. We have secured up to 10 grants for partially paying for the project. This is the first time ever that all 10 have been funded, the City of Williamsport is 10 for 10 with the grant request. All of the projects show an equal match for the projects. The contract will begin the first phase of relining streets and milling and paving the area. In two weeks City Council will received a proposed \$5.3 million construction bid by Glenn Hawbaker. The contract will begin the first phase of relining streets. He stated he has been doing this for 31 years and he has never been in a situation where it was 10 for 10 in terms of individual requests and individual approvals. The State funding commitment is \$7.4 million and it is because of the collaborative nature of the partnerships. All of those entities worked together for each individual projects.

Chris Keiser then showed a visualization slideshow that was used for the grant applications showing the project vision and concepts.

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Dr. Williamson thanked everyone that were in the public sector and the private sector for everything they have done, he thanked everybody for the update and for everybody's hard work and City Council is proud to be part of this and we look forward to the opportunity for our next step that we need to participate in. We really look to spark economic development and a new way.

Mr. Allison stated it was roughly about six years ago that the whole idea for having collaboration started, and we are six years into it and it will go to 2022, and where addressing private development that we encourage to see in that area. It's incredible to be able to see the line items that are matched up to the bids and it is incredible to see this accountability that we like to see and participate in. He thanked Mr. Nichols for all his involvement in this.

Ms. Miele stated she was excited to see this project come to fruition, and happy to see the college partner with the neighborhood. She is looking forward to see exciting new developments over the next few years. Dr. Williamson stated it will enhance the quality-of-life in the area, and who knows in the years to come how much this will generate. He thanked everybody for coming.

Ordinance #6370

An Ordinance Designating Saint James Place (final reading) Bill#1736-19

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Slaughter made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Mr. Benner said he had nothing further to add

Dr. Williamson asked for vote on the ordinance in final reading.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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.

Resolution #8871

Resolution Honoring Williamsport's Heart & Soul

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Dr. Williamson stated he is happy to present this resolution honoring the organization on all those that are connected to heart and soul. It's been an honor to watch them work over the last three years. And in particular it is a great opportunity for members of our community in a grassroots kind of way through their initiative and bring people together outside the political round, bring together the ideas and find ways to execute those ideas outside the constraints that the government process brings. And then to become advocates for the projects that must have government involvement. They were thinking about the quality-of-life of everyone in this community and giving each one of them a voice. Hopefully this is an encouragement for everyone to engaged in our community. He thanked them and applauded their work.

Alice Trowbridge stated on behalf of the Greenway partnership and the Heart of Williamsport leadership team and the many volunteers that have been part of this effort, she wanted to thank Council for their support and for passing this resolution and acknowledging what most residents in this community want. In appreciation we are going to give to them a graphic presentation for them to display. There is also laminated copies for each Council member. She stated they wanted to welcome their continued effort as they move forward. We currently have almost 400 volunteers for the city wide and that does not even include the Newberry effort which includes another 50. That is happening over the next two weeks. We want to invite people to be part of our stewardship. We will also be formalizing a Susquehanna Greenway Rivertown team which will focus on the values, beautiful environment and national amenities. She thanked everyone for honoring the heart and soul process and the citizenship that was put into it.

Dr. Williamson asked for vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Dr. Williamson changed the order of the agenda.

Subdivision – Lot Addition - Barry Eck & SUSCON – Railway & E. Third St.

Mr. Knarr stated this is a request for subdivision and lot add on for the properties at the corner of Railway and E. 3rd St. It is a property located in the CS Zoning district. Mr. Eck went through a conditional use it a lot consolidation back in October 2017 to establish a multifamily dwelling unit in that area. So these parcels were consolidated back is one parcel as part of the conditional use. Today's proposal would be to add lot one containing 7763 ft.² to the consolidated parcel back in October 17. Lot 2 would be to add on to the Suscon on property of the north. The Lycoming County planning commission did review it and he has attached the comments in the city planning commission did review the proposals on March 18 and gave positive recommendation.

Dr. Williamson asked for motion and a second.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

Mr. Noviello asked if there was going to be paving done?

Mr. Knarr replied there is no paving that's going to be done, that's going to be a grass area. Originally he was going to do the parking lot, but he elected to leave that is green space.

Dr. Williamson asked if the entities have shared what their intentions were?

Mr. Knarr stated one will take it as a parking lot and Suscon Will also use it as a parking.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the subdivision

The subdivision was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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.

Demolition – 217 Brandon Ave – James E. Douty

Mr. Gerardi stated this demolition is for 217 Brandon Pl., he made a mistake on the certificate.(it said Brandon Ave) This will be a request to demolish the address that is in R2 central zoning district. Structure

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was used as a single-family dwelling and has been vacant for several years. Grass will be planted after demolition. The owner then will consolidate the lots into one lot and his intent is to place a garage from his house.

Dr. Williamson asked for motion a request.

Ms. Miele made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

The demolition was approved with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Certificates of Appropriateness – 333 West 4th St. – Edwin & Sally Congdon

Mr. Gerardi stated this request is from Mr. Edwin Congdon, he is requesting to erect approximately hundred 17 feet of chain-link fence with two gates and 7 feet long, 4 foot high black coated fence. They will be painted black, and this is to enclose the parking lot area that he has. There is a representative here. Dr. Williamson asked for motion and a second on the certificate.

Ms. Miele made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.

Ms. Miele asked if this meets our design ordinances?

Mr. Knarr stated they do not address this.

Ms. Miele stated to her recollection there is currently some sort of barrier between this parking lot and the rest of that area.

Mr. Gerardi stated yes he does have a wire rope going through, and Mr. Klingerman does have a fence up.

Ms. Miele asked if he is going to be removing other materials?

Mr. Congdon spoke from the audience. Inaudible.....

Mr. Gerardi stated he attached pictures of what that fence is going to look like.

Mr. Congdon came up to podium to speak and stated on the east line which is between the rear of Katie's back to Mr. Klingerman's outside bar area, the fence will be 6 foot high, black coated so it won't rust, with the gate at the end of the building for Katie's. On the west side will be a 4 foot fence that's 117 foot long with gates to protect my property because I have had issues with parking. The 4 foot fence will give visibility and the gates are there because of the elimination in the central business district, and what is there between the Community arts Center, the arena, etc. and everyone wants to use my property.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any additional comments or questions.

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 1.

Ms. Miele voted NO, 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

Mr. Gerardi asked Ms. Miele to give an update as to what is going on with the discovery building.

Ms. Miele stated that she did talk to the new owner this morning, and they have closed on the structure, there were about \$30,000 in back taxes, the new developer paid the tax bill. The proposal is market rate apartments throughout the entire structure. The parking lot that would sit directly next year building, is not owned by the developer, but the building itself, they have all the finances in place. They should be moving very quickly and it should add a little bit more to the neighborhood and more foot traffic.

Mr. Gerardi said and once the new developer starts, then Mr. Klingerman can go in and fix what he needs to fix.

Ms. Miele stated it looks as though currently we are moving forward.

Certificates of Appropriateness – 245 West Fourth St – City of Williamsport

Mr. Gerardi stated this is for the city of Williamsport, this is for the construction of a handicapped ADA ramp, railing and lighting. The ramp is to be approximately 7 foot in length, he has attached drawings and pictures, it doesn't affect the removal of the tree on the side. It will come down to landing in front of it and then it will come out the side.

Dr. Williamson stated so this is a certificate of appropriateness, and obviously the city is the owner, so the discussion could go in the direction of waiting. So he asked for motion and a second.

Mr. Noviello made the motion seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Ms. Miele stated we did discuss this a little bit at the meeting, when we combined our finance with public works. So we looked at this discussion on the ramp, and a constituent came in to talk to us a little bit. It seems to me that it was the general opinion of the committee members in attendance, stated it might be wise for us to move a little bit further in the funding before we approve this certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Henderson stated that the pictures look great and this will look wonderful, provided that we can pay for it. Since we are the ones that have to make the decision how we can pay for, I feel that that is appropriate that we need to check the final funding before we move ahead for it.

Mr. Henderson made the motion that we table this now. Ms. Miele seconded it.

Mr. Noviello asked if there was any kind a timeline? So do we have any indication of the timeline?

Ms. Miele stated the process was moving forward, as only a month before we put it out to bid, we are waiting on a construction estimate and it shouldn't take long to resolve all of that. But the total budget is estimated about 565,000, but should the project come in over budget then we might have to curtail some of our beautiful work here.

Mr. Henderson stated he doesn't think this will be dragged out, in fact this kind of action can be approved in any meeting very easily and very quickly. But he feels it is important to make sure that we can pay for before we fully approve, and the timing comes down to whether the administration will be able to get together, and get it ready.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the motion to table.

The certificate of appropriateness is tabled with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Dr. Williamson asked if there is a presumption of approval if we don't act on this application during the particular time.?

Mr. Austin White answered no I don't think so since it is the city owns it. But he will look at it and get back to everyone.

Certificates of Appropriateness – 214 Basin St – Travis Hammond

Mr. Gerardi stated attached for your approval is resurfacing the exterior of the structure. The material to be used would be metal siding and roofing, the colors would be as follows. The walls will be to colors, and

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they 1st feet of it will be a charcoal and the remaining will be a natural gray. The roof will be charcoal also. All the trim around the windows and doors would be white. We do have a representative here. Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and a second to approve the certificate.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Dr. Williamson asked what the design standards say about metal siding.

Mr. Gerardi stated the way it has been interpreted is, you can use it on a wall surface up to 49% could be metal. That's how it was for Mr. Klingerman's project, but this one is all metal so it does not meet the design standards. The owner has requested to come forward to try to make it all metal.

Dr. Williamson stated just to be clear, it does not meet the design standards according to your office, but in essence it is an appeal for us to waive the standards.

Ms. Miele stated well she's continued to maintain over the past several years that we need to strengthen our design standards, our design standards has remain static. They are relatively minimal and not particularly constricted. But this quarter is in the midst of a revitalization, so, given the looks at the other structures, in the neighborhood, none of them are sided with metal. She stated for that reason, she will not be inclined to support this certificate of appropriateness. But she be happy either here or in another venue to try to work with Mr. Gerardi to have some approach that would satisfy the owner's budget and design standards.

Mr. Gerardi stated the only other metal building he knows that was approved, was Mr. Klingerman's and what he tore down was brick and what remained was metal.

Dr. Williamson stated that he will not be inclined to approve the certificate because he agrees with Ms. Miele that we'd be better off to have updated design standards that he was highly involved in writing over decade ago now. And so to say that were going to weaken are already incomplete design standards is a concern to him. My decisions are always made of not what I want to see happen, not what I prefer to see happen, but to not fight the battle of changing the law based on the individuals proposal. If he met the design standards and I didn't like it, I would still be in favor of the application because that's what the law says. But here the situation is reversed and the law says it is not appropriate to have a metal building in the CBD.

Mr. Hammond the owner of the property, stated that the property is all block, it is all peeling paint, he was trying to design it to make it look nice for the neighborhood but as far as feasibility, that was his feasibility to put metal on. If it gets tabled he is just going to keep a block and it's going to look like that. I was trying to dress at the neighborhood to make it look nice. I guess it will stay block.

Dr. Williamson stated he completely understands this, and his suggestion is if it does end up being rejected, Mr. Gerardi may have through his experience point you to other people who might be able to give some ideas on given a similar budget of what might be could consistent.

Mr. Hammond stated he has a block building and it is not a historic building, he purchased the building and he thought he would dress it up, and dress up the neighborhood and make it look nice. The neighbors were very happy about it, but that's fine.

Dr. Williamson stated he does appreciate the intentions and he doesn't question it at all.

Mr. Henderson stated that this is a difficult situation because we want to see the building looking nice, but he personally doesn't feel at liberty just to change the law with his vote. So he is compelled by his conviction just to stick with what the law says. He has to vote according to his conscience, but maybe we can help and figure out some way to resolve that and allow him to use those funds in another way that would allow him to dress it up.

Mrs. Katz stated when we ask people to serve on committees, one of the things we do ask, is that you follow the letter of the law, and this is our law, and we can't go against it and expect people to not do it.

Mr. Allison asked what the building was currently used for.

Mr. Hammond answered just warehouse space, he changed it on the inside and thought maybe he would dress up the outside, but he only has limited funds.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the certificate.

The certificate of appropriateness was denied with seven no votes. The vote for denial was seven to nothing.

Ms. Miele voted no, Mr. Noviello voted no, Mr. Henderson voted no, Mrs. Katz voted no, Mr. Slaughter voted no, Mr. Allison voted no, and Dr. Williamson voted no.

Resolution #8872

Real Estate Reduction – Weis Markets 2019

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

Mr. Grimes stated this is for real estate reduction for taxes at 636 W. 3rd St., Weis Markets building this was appealed to the county in 2017. That assessment appeal was denied by the county and then that assessment was challenged at the Commonwealth Court on this was the settlement that was reached between the city school district and the County and Weis Markets.

Mr. Allison asked for education on the process, the land assessment was reduced.

Mr. Grimes said the reassessment has to be taken off both the land and the improvement.

Mr. Allison asked if somebody buys the property are we able to go back?

Mr. Grimes answered we are able to go back and we have a right to appeal to the county about the tax and what it should be raised to if someone does buy it. We have other opportunities to change the assessment, generally when the permits are pulled, because somebody is not willingly going to turn over their taxes to us.

Mr. Knarr stated there is a developer that might come in there but we are not at liberty to say who.

Dr. Williamson asked for vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Resolution #8873

Real Estate Refund – Weis Markets 2018

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The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

Mr. Grimes stated because this was filed in 2017, it would become effective January 2018, and because we tax them at a higher rate than the building stood up and valued in 2018, we do have to refund the property owner for the taxes paid in 2018. That refund amount based on the assessment and change would be \$7256.94.

Dr. Williamson asked for vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Resolution Authorizing Submission of GTRP Grant Application to Commonwealth Financing Authority

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution

Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Ms. Novinger stated so this would be a grant application for the Memorial Park playground. We have received multiple quotes as well as depictions of the proposed playground and so this would just be a grant application for funding for that project.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did discuss this item and referred it to the full body of Council with a recommendation to table it. The grant application was due on 31 May. We had to have the recreation and streets and parks department gather information related to submitting the application. So we need to check the funds to meet the quote that was and also the 15% match. The lowest quote was over \$250,000. We need to wait until we have gathered all the quotes to see just what we are able to afford. She did speak to Jason Fitzgerald from Penn Strategies who's been working on putting the grant application together and made them aware that we were thinking that maybe we should table this, and we have another three meetings for this grant application is due and she asked Mr. Fitzgerald to attend that meeting.

Dr. Williamson asked if a better solution would be to remit this back to finance committee?

Ms. Miele made a motion to remit this back to the finance committee, pending more information.

Mr. Allison seconded it.

Mr. Henderson stated it's not because we are against this project, or against a grant, because we are in favor but we just don't have all the pieces together yet. So would be unwise to approve the submission of a grant.

Dr. Williamson asked for vote on the motion to remit the resolution.

This resolution was remitted back to the Finance Committee. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Resolution #8874

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement for Purchase of 2019 Caterpillar Backhoe

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Mr. Winder stated this resolution is to approve to finance a 2019 Caterpillar backhoe. The annual payments will be made in 2020, 2021, 2022 in the amount of \$20,837.59. We would make it initial down payment this year of \$30,000, plus they would give us \$30,000 trade-in value. The total cost of the new machine would be \$116,500. We did check with a couple financial institutions to try to get the best interest rate. Caterpillar financial services was the best one for money pleasant make that one-stop shopping.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by the finance committee and we did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. The item will be fully paid off in 2022. It is exciting that we got trade-in value of nearly ¼ value of the new item. It is not exciting that the cost has nearly doubled since we purchased one in 2006. The streets and parks department thinks we are in a good position to do that and this is much more needed than trucks.

Mr. Allison stated Mr. Winder gave a background of why we need it.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Resolution #8875

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2019 Caterpillar 420 F2 Backhoe

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

Mr. Winder stated I know 2006 doesn't sound very old for machine, but this machine was used at Graffius Run with very high water and for snow removal and for planting trees and rebuilding of catch basins. The streets and parks department is currently installing 600 feet of drainpipe and catch basins. Hopefully this machine will be used in the future for large projects. He spoke about the paving of streets coming up and how much money we have saved by installing the piping ourselves.

Mr. Allison stated Mr. Winder is going to explore to see if the drainpipe that they have replace can be used for MS4.

Ms. Miele stated finance reviewed this and send it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Noviello wanted to thank Adam because anytime we can do in-house work it can save us a lot of money. He has been with Adam's crew a couple of times and seen how they worked with other departments and maybe this is a new way to go for us and try to do as much in-house as we can.

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Mr. Henderson stated he wanted to mention that the trade-in value was \$30,000 and that is almost half of what we paid for before we lose any more value on that.

Dr. Williamson asked for vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Resolution #8876

Resolution Awarding the Aggregate Bids for the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution

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

Mr. Winder stated this is just a standard resolution that we bring forward every year. We join in with other municipalities under the West branch and submit what our potential aggregates are. This is just a list of vendors that were the lowest bidders for us. This is just for your approval to make the purchase from those vendors.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by finance and forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any comments or questions.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Resolution #8877

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between City & Penn College of Technology

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.

Mr. Winder stated that he apologized that this was put on the agenda late. This was an agreement with Penn College, because the college generally assist us with planning of the trees. On Tuesday he received an email from the college requesting this email be signed. This basically gives the director of streets and parks the permission for this agreement for the college kids to come and help plant trees.

Dr. Williamson asked Mr. White if Mr. Noviello should sub stain on this one.

Mr. White stated it is probably not necessary but if he's not comfortable voting on it it would be okay.

Ms. Miele stated this item came through finance, and we did not make a recommendation because it was not on the agenda.

Dr. Williamson asked for vote on the resolution.

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

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

Resolution #8878

Resolution Awarding 2019 Contract for Street Line Painting for the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution

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

Mr. Winder stated this resolution is the same as the aggregate one, the only difference is this work was all to be done last year by this contractor, the contractor never made it through multiple municipalities. So upon an agreement between the West branch solicitor and this contractor, the work will actually be done as 60% of the original costs. This would basically cover our line painting for this year. Originally the cost would've been \$13,072.25, and the new prices \$8758.41. After talking to Mr. Smith, he said that I needed to bring in new resolution to counsel for under this year, but leave the price at the original costs and let you know it will be done at 60%.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance and we did not make a recommendation because it wasn't on the agenda, but it's perfect that we will save 40% on this.

Mr. Noviello stated we spoke about the idea of curbing painting, do we contract this out or do we do that in-house?

Mr. Winder answered we do that in-house. We do the crosswalks and the arrows and the turning lanes, this contract is basically for the double yellow, skip lines, single white lines. They come through in two days and accomplish all that painting.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any more comments or questions.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Mr. Winder stated the Pennsylvania Municipal League puts their magazine out every month, and Streets and Parks may actually be the front cover of next month's magazine for the project we did on Memorial Avenue.

Resolution #8879

Resolution Addendum to AmeriCorps Partner Agreement

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second on the resolution

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

Ms. Novinger, stated this is simply an addendum to the agreement which we approved last August for part-time person, August through August. However, Kayla was able to find gainful employment outside, which is the point of AmeriCorps. We wish her the very best, but for the time that she was in the office in the time that she served with us, we do owe STEP AmeriCorps \$1853.52. So it is less than the \$4800

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which we had budgeted. The only difference for this is that they are asking that we re-sign the agreement with the addendum, stating that we acknowledge she did not finish her time with us. However she was on track to complete more full-time hours rather than half time hours which is what we originally requested.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. The only note is that we have \$3000 surplus in this line item and Ms. Novinger to find out what that can best be used for.

Dr. Williamson asked for any other comments or questions.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, 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

Mr. Allison took over the meeting.

Resolution #8880

Resolution to Approve an Agreement with M&T Bank for 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and second on the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

Chief Dymeck stated this resolution is to approve an agreement with M & T bank for the financing of a 2019 Chevy Tahoe that will be used as a command vehicle in our department. The price of the vehicle was \$54,462.40. There will be a \$10,000 down payment on the vehicle at the time of the purchase. This is a three year lease agreement with one dollar by back at the end of the lease agreement. The yearly payments will be \$16,168.59 with an interest rate of 4.392%. This did come before finance committee.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation in May knew that the only real difference was about \$500 from the contract that we initially authorized two weeks ago.

Mr. Allison asked for vote on the resolution.

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, and Dr. Williamson left the room.

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Public Works Meeting 02/12/19
Public Safety Meeting 01/15/19
Finance Meeting 01/15/19
Controller's Report Feb 2019

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve these minutes for filing.

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

Mr. Allison asked for vote on the approval for minutes.

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, and Dr. Williamson left the room.

Announcements

There will be an executive session immediately following this meeting for the purposes of negotiation. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:30 PM, in City Hall Council Chambers. (Enter through the police department at rear of building for meetings after 5:00 PM.)

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, April 15	12:00 PM Planning Commission
Tuesday April 16	10:00 AM Blighted Property
	3:30 PM ERC
	6:30 PM HARB
Thursday, April 18	10:30 AM Zoning Hearing Board
	4:00 PM Board of Health
Monday, April 22	4:00 PM Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 23	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	3:30 PM Public Safety
Wednesday, April 24	11:30 AM Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, April 25	7:30 PM City Council Meeting

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Room]

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any questions from members of City Council.

Mrs. Katz stated there will definitely be a Public Works meeting on Tuesday, April 23 and she thanked all of her colleagues for taking up the slack.

Mr. Slaughter wanted to remind everyone that this Saturday Mr. Ronnie Dietmer will have the first public cleanup, starting at Stevens school from 8:00 AM to 11 AM and later a cleanup in another neighborhood. Then at noon, we will transfer over to Fire Tree, and there is going to clean up in that area, there will be kids activities, food trucks and all the proceeds will benefit the all-inclusive playground at Stevens. It is in conjunction with the school district, and all proceeds go back to that. There is also an Easter egg, in Brandon Park on Saturday at 2 o'clock, the city's Easter egg hunt. So there is a lot going on, on Saturday and it will be a good day.

Dr. Williamson asked if there was any comments from the administration.

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Mr. Austin White said, in checking on the city's ordinance, it says that a decision needs to be made in 30 days, but since it is the city's own application, the city by allowing it to remain tabled is equivalent to allow it to be extended beyond the 30 days. Normally you would need the agreement of the applicant, but because you are the applicant you don't.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any comments from the general public.

David Stone, stated he was appointed some time ago the bicycle coordinator of Williamsport. Actually we passed an ordinance about designing streets for all uses. What I would like to comment on is that we have an ongoing bicycle committee from at least time to time and he was enthused about seeing the presentation tonight. But what was concerning is that nowhere did I see any bicycles in it and he is not sure whether or not, he wanted to make sure that the infrastructure required for bicycles as far as bike lanes. For example to get to the new college, where they are putting on the bicycle shop, and then we have the new entrance to the Riverwalk, how you get from here to there without having a dedicated way to get there? Perhaps it is in the plan I just haven't seen it. From the video it look like there were pedestrians and cars going around voted did not look like there was room for bicycles. I would request that the bike committee would have an opportunity to review the plans just to see if we could make some tweaks to put in bike friendly amenities.

Dr. Williamson stated he has asked about similar things in the past and he hopes that they have stayed into the plans that he needs to get more updated details.

Irish Griffin, 1500 Block of Fourth ST, my reason here tonight is the hoops. I have been harassed several times but not just for the hoops, I felt real hard to have the pool reopened, because I used to have several meetings with people on drugs and crimes here in city halls. I come in and express my values. I been sitting back there scribbling stuff down here to say, I didn't know that you were going to have a meeting tonight, so I just found out about it. Like I said, my whole point is what is up with the hoops? What is up with the hoops? So that is my whole point, what is up with the hoops? I was reading the paper the other day, yet the hoops over here, you get the hoops over there, and really what is up with the hoops? I wanted to know also why the hoops are passed around? I know you guys have your eyes on the fire tree. I just want to say I protested out in the heat and in the rain just to bring the full back there, and now you are taking away the hoops, I don't play hoops but I think that is a very valuable part of the city. Along with Bowman Field, along with the skateboard park along with the little Leaguers, along with everything but the pickle ball. Now you want to move the young ones, and keep the older ones here as far as the pickle ball. To me that is not fair. My main reason for being here is when I found out you were hiring fire tree, that in that community, that community there was four years ago was all black. Blacks were not allowed out of that community, I was told none in Newberry, south side, but just right there in the community. So you have the circle there with a few houses there, and we have Timberland, Bethune Douglas, an did I forget to say Brownstown. If you going to put the hoops there, that place is blackish. Again I say what's up with the hoops, why are you bouncing this around like this, I don't know, maybe when I find out from you guys what your intentions are, but right now to me you just put knows hoops there, but what are you afraid of? You are taking Aliza Johnson's there and put it there on Fire Tree. He's got enough money, that's where the violence was there, and you put the hoops there. What is really up with the hoops? What is really up with the hoops? I don't want any comments because I am walking out of the door. This is so blackish to me. This is so blackish, and I think it's a disgrace. Really. God bless you all.

Dr. Williamson stated we usually don't respond, but there are some explanations out there.

Tiasha Machuga, 1242 Park Ave. I just wanted to thank you for giving me this moment to speak. On the presentation from Lycoming College and the E. 3rd St. revitalization, my biggest concern was while he was showing the video, where is that parking being moved to? It is not going to be on Mulberry and Third anymore, with his new garden going in that across from 33 E., he has buildings in the video and it's right next to the Center for Independent living. A lot of those parking spots are rented through the parking authority for people that worked downtown. So I'm hoping as the development moves on forward, is that you guys find a spot for those parking because we had that issue downtown big time. And taking away two lots is going to be a big deal. Thank you.

Adjournment

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and seconded by Mr. Slaughter.**

Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 9:43 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank, City Clerk