

**Thursday June 11, 2020
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday June 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

Council members present:

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

Absent:

Also, Present:

*Derek Slaughter, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi absent
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Gary Knarr
Mark Killian, Fire Chief
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Normin Lubin, Sol.
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, S&P
Stephanie Young, absent
Nick Grimes
Jon Sanders*

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 05/28/20 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Yoder and a second from Mr. Pulizzi. All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0. Mr. Mackey was absent, Ms. Miele was absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There have been no requests.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Fulmer Lot Consolidation – 2864 Reach Road

Mr. Knarr stated this is the Fulmer Water Huling to combine these lots, to consolidate two parcels as one. It is the former Marino's. It was reviewed by Lycoming County Planning and City Planning and passed with positive recommendation. The plans have been addressed the land development and the lot consolidation as well.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion.

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

Mr. Allison asked for the vote.

The Lot Consolidation was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Fulmer Land Development – 2864 Reach Road

Mr. Knarr stated Mr. Fulmer is requesting a land development plan and is constructing 60 x 80 service building to include office and water taxes. It is located in the ML zoning district, he is developing and putting his business there. It was reviewed by City & County Planning and both sent with a positive recommendation. He is basically looking at service building.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and second.

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

Mrs. Katz asked what kind of business this is...the answer is Water services, drinking water.

Mr. Banks stated he is glad to have them in the City of Williamsport.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

The land development was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Certificates of Appropriateness - Banners for Lycoming College

Mr. Knarr stated this is a request to relocate 6 banners for Lycoming College, there are pictures included of what the banner will look like. There are location of these banners, and will be between Third St & Fourth St., that is on Basin St. The colors are blue and gold. They will work with the City's Street and Parks to place the banners.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion.

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

Mr. Pulizzi commented on how great the Gateway looks and said the new building looks phenomenal.

Mr. Banks stated he is happy they are doing it, it looks great.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the certificates.

The certificates was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution Amending the Mayor's Proclamation – March 13, 2020

The City Clerk read the resolution

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on this resolution.

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

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Mr. Allison stated we have this on-going resolution and it boils down to how we want to handle this. We need to have a discussion on this.

Mr. Banks stated if we let this expire, what action do we take if it spikes?

Mr. Lubin stated it is what the governor says whether this continues, if you would to discontinue, you could have an emergency meeting, or the Mayor could issue another proclamation.

Mayor Slaughter stated if we were to see a spike, he could issue a proclamation again, whatever the quickest way to do it.

Mrs. Katz stated since we are in the green, she didn't see any reason to continue this. People are already opening it up, there are businesses that are starting to put out tables and chairs. So we need to try to be positive and she sees no reason to continue it.

Mr. Yoder agreed with Councilwoman Katz and from a business standpoint, these different levels of color, there is a lot of information out there and he feels we should allow ourselves some local flexibility. He doesn't think we need this at this point and if it okay with Mayor Slaughter, he thinks we are good with this.

Mrs. Katz stated if anything were to happen, we could get together quickly.

Mr. Pulizzi was in agreement and he thinks with what we have already learned with social distancing and so forth and he feels that people will continue to respect so he feels there is no need for this proclamation.

Mr. Banks agreed and stated that we have been doing this every two weeks and it is always difficult to figure out the language .

Mr. Allison agreed and stated other than the nursing home in Jersey Shore, the people have used all measures and it has been successful. This expires today.

Mr. Lubin stated we need a motion to let this expire.

Mr. Yoder made a motion to let this resolution expires.

The resolution was expired with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to go back on the suspended motion.

The resolution expired was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9037

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Mitsubishi FG30 Forklift W/Upfits

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

Mr. Winder stated this resolution is to authorize a purchase for River Valley Transit in the amount of \$31,278.70, this was part of a grant that council previously approved. This would replace a 30 year old piece of equipment. This was reviewed by Finance.

Mrs. Katz stated this did come to Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This will be transferred over to Streets & Parks. The money is coming from State Grant Funding.

Mr. Winder stated they have them in stock and we are getting it from a Williamsport business.

Mr. Yoder stated we wanted to make sure we have the adequate paperwork to make the transfer to Streets and Parks.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9038

Resolution Authorizing RVT to Engage RKL LLP for Auditing Services

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

Mr. Winder stated this is a firm to do the auditing for RVT in the amount of \$35,000. They come highly recommended and this was reviewed by Jill Nagy and also recommended by Penn Dot. He gave the budget line item. It was reviewed by Finance.

Mrs. Katz stated we had a discussion on why it was changed, but Baker Tilley is still part of this firm. We also asked for a comparison from last year's audit. The fee for this is a normal fee for auditing and we have money in the budget. This was sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder asked why we have been back and forth with the auditing firms.

Mr. Winder answered that no one wants to speculate on that because of the past administration.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9039

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Subrecipient Monitoring Agreement between City & County in Conjunction with RVT Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2020 -2022

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

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

Mr. Winder stated that he is turning this over to Todd Wright.

Mr. Wright stated this is renewed every two years in WATS unified work program. The budget is at \$66,250, and there is a local share in the budget that was approved by Council back in December.

He continued explaining how the City does this every two years.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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The resolution was approved with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent, Ms. Miele was absent.

Accept for Filing:

Williamsport Water & Sanitary Meeting Minutes 02/26/20 & 4/22/20
Veterans Memorial Park Commission 05/04/20
ERC Meeting Minutes 03/13/20

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept the minutes for filing.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the motion.

The minutes were accepted for filing with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday June 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM, **TBA**

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, June 15	12:00	PM	Recreation Commission
Tuesday, June 16	10:00	AM	Blighted Property
	6:30	PM	HARB
Thursday, June 18	10:30	AM	Zoning Hearing Board
	4:00	PM	Board of Health
Friday, June 19	11:00	AM	ERC
	12:00	PM	Housing Needs
Tuesday, June 23	11:00	AM	Historical Preservation
	11:30	AM	Public Safety Meeting
	1:00	PM	Finance Meeting
	2:30	PM	Public Works Meeting
Wednesday, June 24	11:30	AM	Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, June 11	6:30	PM	City Council meeting

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from members of **City Council**.

Mr. Yoder asked about how the open container issue was working and why was it changed.

Mayor Slaughter stated that people were showing up with their own and enjoying the establishment and not supporting the local businesses. The goal was supporting them, so we had to put the lid on it. So he spoke with some business and he wanted to help the business and stated he would appreciate any help in putting something together to re-word this to help.

Mr. Yoder asked the Chief about interaction with the public during the last couple of weeks.

Chief Hagan stated no problem and everyone was cooperative and there were no problems.

Mr. Allison stated he talked to former Councilman Don Noviello and talked with him about the restriction and he stated every little bit helps.

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from the **administration**.

Mayor Slaughter wanted to stated that former Mayor Lucasi passed away and wanted to extend his sympathy to the family and he had the honor of meeting him once.

Mr. Allison stated he has lived here all his life and remembers what the former Mayor has done for the City.

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from the **general public**.

Mr. Lubin stated there are number of comments

Karen Koch, addressed the President of Council, as I sit in my office and looking at the Ganett Fleming.....inaudible, she has to wonder what the City is planning for the 30th anniversary of Rights for Disabled. Will there be any rights for people of disabilities, will the administration who prays to God for guidance and salutes the flag before their meetings, recognize this landmark in civil rights history, as I look at ramp.....inaudible.....City Hall for all.

Joni Banks, two statements were identical.

President of Council, we need the elevator fixed.....City Hall for All, still violation...

Mr. Allison asked Mr. Winder about the elevator.

Mr. Winder stated it is operable.

Mr. Allison stated this concludes our meeting. We will have an executive session.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and a second by Mr. Yoder. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank

City Clerk