

**Thursday, November 6, 2019
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday November 6, 2019 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Randy Allison and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Council members present:

*Randy Allison, President
Elizabeth Miele, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Derek Slaughter, Councilman
Don Noviello, Councilman absent
Joel Henderson, Councilman
Gerry Fausnaught, Councilwoman*

Absent:

Also, Present:

*Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. William Nichols, Jr.
Mr. Gary Knarr absent
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Sol. Norman Austin
Janice Frank, City Clerk,
Todd Heckman, Fire Chief,
Mark Benner EIT,
Adam Winder*

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes dated October 24, 2019 were approved upon a motion from **Mrs. Fausnaught** and a second from **Mr. Henderson**. **All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

Jay Harner, 4350 Bloomingrove Road

Mr. Harner stated, my name is Jay Harner. My experience in trying to assess City Hall was outrageous. I am a quadriplegic, I have no hand movement, and no arm movement so I cannot open the doors on my own without assistance. When I came to City Hall on Thursday to visit Janice, there was no assess ability, and he was glad that Karen was with him. As we entered into the first door, when we went to leave, Karen had to physically pound on the door to get to someone to open the door for us because nobody was in the office. She pounded on the door for five minutes, if she was not with me I would it not gotten through the door. If I had a medical issue and I had to leave in an emergency, I don't know what I would've done. But that assess ability is on your heads, if someone is hurt because of that, you are liable. These are things that you should think about. Thank you.

Misty Dion, 24 E. Third St.

Ms. Dion, Center for Independent Living, CEO. She stated she has been attending Council meetings, public works and finance meetings with advocates for the past year and ½ to discuss architectural barriers at City Hall and our desire for complete access solution to which we have had no avail. As you are aware, people with disabilities including those who use wheelchairs do not have safe assessable integrated access into and throughout City Hall. You are also aware that you were in violation of federal laws, specifically the American disabilities act of 1990, and section 504 rehabilitation act of 1973. Additionally you all continue to segregate, discriminate and lie to the citizens of Williamsport because we have disabilities. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Every one of you. Now, some of you in the audience are watching through the live stream, maybe thinking how could the city's administration, councils and solicitors get away with this for so long? Are they just ignorant to our civil laws? I had to wonder that myself. So I checked into it, and as a matter fact they have a plan to comply with these laws, be it dated 1990 until I just recently got your plan dated September 2019. You are aware of it. So for 30 years you been aware of this. You been aware of the gross negligence and for the last year and ½ done nothing but lie and continue to treat us like criminals. Forcing us to enter through a segregated rear ramp with three locked doors through the police department, forcing us to use a noncompliant, unsafe, and out of inspection elevator. And then held us hostage inside this building until somebody who had power who could walk, let us out. We the center of independent living were central PA, members of North Central PA adapt and individuals with disability who are unable to gain safe access to the Williamsport City Hall building, are giving you one last chance despite the fact that it's been almost 30 years too late, to accept the pending bids and contract for and implementation and construction of the ramp and the elevator upgrades. We have retained counsel. We are hand delivering it tonight, our legal notice, it is time to start resolving the ADA compliance and civil rights violations. A plan is not enough. You talk about \$2 million of repair costs in the last 30 years, you haven't done any of the three compliance repairs. None that was \$50 or less, enough is enough. Approve these bids tonight, and make City Hall assessable for all. What do we want? (everyone chants) CITY HALL FOR ALL!, When do we want it? BY NOVEMBER 15TH!

Ms. Dion stated there are other members who would like to share.....

Mr. Allison agreed.

Woman Speaking, she did not give her name, stated she is deaf and she walked to this building with no lights assessable, if there is a fire, what would happen to her? She would freak out. This building has nothing to show, there is no interpreter here for deaf people, there are other people who are deaf here in Williamsport. My family who goes back many years ago, she thinks in the past 40 or 50 years she is sure her family would like to see this place assessable for the deaf. So tonight she had no interpreter, but she uses cards and she's doing her best, and she is sure that Misty will explain more to her tomorrow to let her know what is happening. She wanted to share that the deaf are human and we need to fill comfortable to come to the meeting and be able to understand what is going on. She cannot hear, but she can talk, most deaf people can't. Just keep in mind that we are human and we want to participate. Thank you.

Karen Koch explained how this woman can participate having an interpreter.

Jerry Webb, 20 High St., he stated he served in the military, and when involuntarily in 1968. He vowed to serve his country, for the rights of all people the rights that you have here for his brothers and sisters in the Armed Forces. He served for the disabled and people who have given their lives for this country so that everybody has the same opportunity. We can't come together here, like the prayer says we want things that

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are best for all the people, but in my opinion, city Council is not doing what they're supposed to be doing. These are things that we fought. We have given our lives for the very same thing, they are in wheelchairs, and you are saying were going to lock you out of this building, you talk about giving your opinion, but you are going to lock us out. In my opinion, we see it happen all day, if it doesn't affect you it really doesn't matter. But it does because when our servicemen and women are fighting, so we can have the freedoms we have now. I don't appreciate when someone says to me, I'm not going to do anything, but thank you for your service. That is what I'm hearing, thank you for your service but nothing is being done about it. Nothing that allows us to pursue for what we fought for, life liberty and The Pursuit of Happiness. How can we have access where I can take my family who have disabilities. What about the servicemen who have given their lives, and effect it has on them. We have a lot of them, and we look at them in my opinion look at them and take it for granted., Servicemen like myself, and I have a disability that you can't see, we fought for those rights. Now today we need some action and not just words, not a thank you for their service, and nothing is done about it. To me this is very hurtful. I have seen my comrades die in my hand in combat. I am here, but they are not, and they fought for the very same thing that I fought for the very same reason that we served, for freedom for everyone not just some. If I can't get someplace that I can take my family because I don't have access, for me but I fought was in vain. We fought for all Americans to have the same rights in the same opportunities, will do something about it. Don't say to me thank you for your service and not do anything about it. Thank you.

Karen Koch, stated along with some of the other folks who have just vote, I've also been involved with the last 18 months working with members of city Council and the administration, members of Public Works to discuss a plan, a plan of action to make City Hall safe. And to make City Hall assessable. During those 18 months I've heard talk of inclusion, transparency, serving the people, and I will remind you again 30 years of ignoring civil rights. It is not acceptable. I was very, Councilman Slaughter, I congratulate you on your nomination, and I remember in March when you attended our wheelchair basketball event in Lycoming College, had a brief conversation with you, and I thought you know what, maybe he would do a good job as mayor. I was glad to see that you attended, you appeared interested. But I ask you, in your entire ad campaign, in your social media, and your commercials, was the one person in your ads that had a disability? The disability community does not feel that they are anywhere on your radar. We talk about blaming people, it's Mayor Campana's fault, no it's the Council's fault, it's been 30 years of federal law. If codes officer Gerardi comes to my house and tells me that I am in violation of codes, I need to put a roof on our need to replace the sidewalk in front of my home, do I tell him no, or do I say I'm sorry Mr. Gerardi but I don't have the money for it. I don't have the resources to do it. Is that going to sail with this administration? Absolutely not. So you talk about being responsible to the taxpayers, Councilwoman Miele, are you ok? Cause you are staring down, you having blood sugar levels issues or anything? Okay I just wanted to make sure I had your attention. I talked to you about 30 years of ignoring the ADA, it is time to stop. And you speak of taxpayers' dollars wisely, what can be wiser, making City Hall assessable for everybody or paying incredible fines to the federal government? Hundreds of thousands of dollars is not uncommon, in addition being required to still make the building assessable. If you talk about being frugal with other people's money, I suggest you think about the big picture, because 30 years, big pictures over. It's time you start looking at now.

Mr. Allison stated thank we are going to move on to item number five.

Presentation to Chief Todd Heckman – Firefighter Valor Award President of Fireman's Assn.

My name is Kathie Snauffer. I am a member of the Willing Hand Hose Co. #1, your neighbor in Montoursville. I am an active member of Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association. I am currently the 2019 President of the Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania. This past Spring, I nominated four people from Lycoming County for Valor Awards from the Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Firemen's Association State of PA. 3 gentlemen, two from Nippenose Valley/Oval and 1 from Cogan Station were awarded Civilian Valor Awards from both organizations. One gentleman was awarded the firefighters Valor award also from both organizations. As most of you are aware, Chief Heckman was off duty on March 31, 2019 when he saw smoke about a block away from his residence. He responded and subsequently rescued a woman from the second floor of her burning home. At this time I would also like to thank Deputy Chief Dave Dymeck was assisted me in making this award nomination. Chief Heckman was unable to attend earlier at the convention where the awards were presented so I received it for him in his absence. Chief Todd Heckman on behalf of the Central District volunteer firemen's Association, it is my honor and pleasure to present you with this certificate of firefighter valor. It is also with great pride and honor, since I'm currently president, to present you with the Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania Firefighter Valor Award. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in congratulating Williamsport Fire Chief Todd Heckman on receiving these very deserving and high honors from the firefighter Valor Awards. And thank you very much for allowing me to attend your meeting.

Everyone in the audience applauded and gave Chief Heckman a standing ovation.

Mr. Allison thanked her for doing this and stated we are proud of our chief.

Chief Heckman stated again, this was a team effort, and it still worth saying Mr. Parker and Mr. Anthony were a big help in getting me on the roof with officer Shown. It was a team effort. And I think they all deserve a round of applause.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Resolution Authorizing the City to Award Contracts for the City Hall Elevator & ADA Access Ramp
(Remove from Table)

The city clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked if there was a motion to take this off the table.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on taking this off the table.

The resolution was removed from the table 6 yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.

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

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Mr. Cooley stated before you is a resolution or contracts for the elevator remodeling and the construction at City Hall and the amount of \$779,620. This would be the base bid and AD alternate one. This was reviewed by finance several weeks ago.

Mr. Allison stated he was going to turn this over to Councilwoman Miele as Chair of the Finance Committee who did review this.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this about a month ago and obviously in the interim time we've had several discussions about the city's plan moving forward, due to assess ability and in terms of whether or not we intend to stay in this facility or possibly seek quarters elsewhere. A lot of our discussion on this item has centered around the idea, is it wiser for us to move elsewhere and to utilize these funds to make this structure the kind of structure, to fix up or move elsewhere. We have realized, in the 45 days, the decision to move from City Hall will not be something that we can know right now, he has spent quite a bit of time discussing the issue and looking at it in its entirety. Most recently I can relate to the other members of Council, my thoughts after discussion, and interrogating a couple members of the administration, as what I might think are wisest action moving forward, and then I will open it up for discussion. We have heard from discussions with our solicitor, that we are continuing to examine that we have created a plan for creating assess ability in City Hall in 1990, acted on that plan. We are continuing to evaluate whether or not we filed these forms properly etc., and make sure that we dotted our I's and crossed our T's . We are looking at some modifications to City Hall, we do have an elevator that's in the process of being certified, but we are not certified whether or not they will pass the certifications. We do have assess ability issues as we heard this evening that are not driven, even necessarily by architectural things but perhaps lack of oversight on our part like overlooking things. We have some issues that we need to address that we can address that are not specifically dictated by these, and I would highly recommend that we address those, especially the ones that are costing us a much. That said in discussions about the media access ramp and elevator, the cost of the elevator renovations and the new doors for in front of City Hall comes to about \$312,000, and it would be about 300,000 thousand \$770. The cost of both contracts is about \$778,000. The two add alternates is more than what we had to spend on the projects. Her suggestion especially because there still seems to be some discussion as to whether or not that access ramp is going to provide the best quality access to the building would be to accept the City Hall elevator bids, and make the elevator assessable and move forward with minor modifications to City Hall and do whatever we can to make access easier. Reject current add-on, to see whatever is our wisest decision. We are looking at two separate issues here. Those issues are both what we are required to do and what we are morally have an obligation to do. We know that we want to be assessable as we can to all members of the public. We need to do that so that we can continue to maintain that assess ability and continued to be responsive to the public. Personally, her opinion is that she believes we have the money in place to complete the elevator upgrades forward with those, and reestablish as soon as possible, whether we are looking at relocation, decide which one we are pursuing and figure out the budget for it. And make the other upgrades a priority if we are saying here.

Ms. Miele asked has the elevator been inspected, but we haven't received the certificate yet?

Mr. Cooley answered that is correct.

Ms. Miele stated part of her understanding is that we complete this currently under bid, and if we found out that it was worse we have to fix it, so we are potentially saving money having to fix the elevator. One way or the other we make the elevator safer to use for City Hall.

Mr. Allison stated we've had several discussions on this issue.

Mr. Henderson ask about the elevator upgrades and what it would entail, like larger doors?

Mr. Cooley stated according to the architects the doors are actually the correct size, basically the cab would be replaced and it will not change significantly because it is a compliant sized elevator.

He stated we had not received the certificate, and he understands that the door action is no longer adjustable. They did some stuff on the did the inspection that day.

Mr. Henderson stated this is the base bid which is the elevator and including the front doors.

Mr. Cooley talked about the replacement of the doors and they were one of the driving factors behind the money that was set aside for City Hall.

Mrs. Katz asked wasn't there discussion about the doors being out with the structure of the building because this is a historic building?

Mr. Cooley stated the state reviewed the renderings, and they approve the renderings, and we no longer have an agreement with them, and they have to approve the structure.

Mrs. Fausnaught asked the final cost.

Mr. Cooley answered that is \$312,000 770. That is the base bid. So when you bid something you bid the base of absolutely what you want to do, then you add, ad alternates, and we can't award the ramp without awarding the base bid. And that includes three separate contracts. It would be a general contractor, an electric contractor....

Mrs. Fausnaught asked the cost of the ramp?

Mr. Cooley answered \$468,060. Mrs. Fausnaught asked about the ramp.

Mr. Gerardi answered the question but his voice was inaudible because he was not talking at a microphone and had his back to the public while answering the question.

Mr. Cooley stated he believes the other issue with the ramp out back is that you are segregating people, and they'd have to enter through the rear, instead of like other people.

The representatives from the center of independent living were talking the whole time that there was a discussion and they were saying things as background noise.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated we should make a decision ASAP. And there are places that we could meetings, (representative from the center of independent living interrupted her) Mrs. Fausnaught stated excuse me, you are not allowed to interrupt me, I didn't interrupt you when you were speaking, so let's be polite to one another, thank you. She then asked if we had budgeted for all this money.

Ms. Miele answered it seems to me that we do have this money in the budget, 312,770, and the remainder funds would largely come out of City Hall operating fund, and then we would end up with with nothing for emergency repairs.

Mr. Cooley stated he believes there's enough money in the City Hall fund to cover the resolution as we presented it.

Mr. Nichols stated he thinks we have around \$600,000 in this City Hall operating fund and we can borrow from emergency projects whatever.

The representatives from the center of independent living were loud in interrupted.

Mr. Nichols stated something that his voice was inaudible, he talked about City Hall funds and repairs, but could not hear his whole talk.

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Mr. Allison stated so the ramp needs up to the front and new doors would be put in, would they be handicap assessable doors? Mr. Cooley answered yes absolutely.

Mr. Allison spoke and said about two years ago we were considering moving from City Hall, we got numbers that said that it was going to be several million dollars, and at that time we could do City Hall for cheaper, we were going to be able to do everything we needed to hear for under \$1 million. I don't remember where the figures are coming from but I know it was in that range. So obviously we were going to go with that and go within that budget. As we progress over time, that number began to grow in the other number began to shrink and that's when eventually we began to look at the possibility of moving. When the numbers get close enough it makes more sense to move to a building where you are not pouring money into it. He stated he doesn't think we got numbers on things that need repaired in City Hall, and things that need to be replaced, or that we feel confident in. And I can say I don't think that we feel confident in these numbers. I think our feeling has all long been, we are putting money in and then we find out is going to be more money, and he continued on to say we have done different studies but we never had what we needed, in the way of a cohesive and comprehensive look at what we felt gave us the solid numbers and the solid plan. So we are looking at peace mailing this, and we know that there are several other things that need to be done. The roof doesn't drain out into the street first, it drains through the walls. Nobody really has a good assessment on what is going on in there, so we don't know how much is going to cost. I feel safe in saying that, to really take care of things in City Hall. We've had some pretty good points that were mentioned tonight that have never been addressed, like not meeting the needs of the hearing impaired, and we don't have the safety issues covered for people that have different disabilities. We heard how it can be difficult to get outta here. We don't have a plan in place to address that. He continued to talk about the infrastructure and the issues, so we been struggling the last several weeks about this. We really have been doing our due diligence behind the scenes to try to come up with some legitimate answers. Just so we had a self-insurance on what to do. We need a plan in place, and we need to know how much this is going to costs and we don't know that. I know there's intention to move ahead and we are good have that in the future, and we can do this work, but that's not to say that the deed is done and everything is taking care of and we know that were going to take care of everything in this building. It's been 30 years since the American for disabilities act, and those things haven't been looked at, we are trying to cram that all land to a compressed timeframe. It doesn't work well that way.

Mr. Henderson stated we have this resolution in front of this and the bid includes 312,000 for the elevator upgrades in the front doors and then another 466,000 for the ramp. Those two projects will hardly touch all of the issues that we heard tonight. And that's a fact. As desirous as we are to meet those needs, this isn't going to do it. He stated he applauds our friends here, and he stated he was not aware of this when he came on Council 3 ½ years ago. This is an issue and it needs to be addressed. He stated we could keep these discussions going and make some decisions and move ahead. We have a whole study. These bids will not address most of these issues. So we should come up with a better plan to assess these assess ability issues.

Mrs. Fausnaught asked if this is the only facility owned by the city that has ADA concerns?

Mr. Gerardi answered that this is not the only facility that has ADA concerns. For this building this would be the largest of what we have, but they are not as bad as this building.

Mrs. Fausnaught spoke a little bit about the police facilities, and the problem that they will have is this moving. I think we have a lot of work to do and government goes slow, maybe we could compromise, and maybe do one thing and look to the future. She asked if we could do one part of this? Maybe we can gather data and move quickly.

Mr. Cooley stated I think you could certainly amend the resolution and remove the ad on, but if you were any of these bids you have toward the base bid.

Ms. Miele stated if we would choose to move for City Hall, and elevator upgrade would be still the right way to go, and she would support that amendment.

Mr. Slaughter stated, the other piece to it is we still have not heard reports back from the elevator inspection, to make a fiscally responsible decision we need all of the information, and we do not have that yet. And we have to address all of the infrastructure, and would it be fiscally responsible to put money into this building and then have to move, and there are a lot of variables in place that we don't have in front of us right now to make the most accurate decision.

Ms. Miele asked Mr. Winder, if the elevator fails, would it cost us more money to fix it? Would we be obligated to make more changes to the elevator, or however we finish the work on the certification then we wouldn't have an obligation to do additional work.

Mr. Cooley answered that is correct. It could be significantly more expensive. The shaft right now is structurally sound so we can move forward with just the upgrades.

Ms. Miele stated given that I would suggest that we move on the elevator.

There is additional discussion about moving forward with the repairs, and it was stated we are still waiting to get the report back on the elevator.

Mr. Cooley stated the shaft has passed, but the doors, could be failed and they were pieces that could be replaced as part of the upgrade. So if we awarded the contract we could continue to operate in less there were something gross that we can fix. It is a labor and industry issue. My guess is that if there would've been a large issue, then they would've closed on June 30 first.

There is additional discussion about how long the elevator inspection takes, and how he has reached out to labor and industry. Mr. Winder stated he did not expect the report until November or December. But if there was something catastrophically wrong they would've shut us down that day.

Mr. Allison stated so the report were waiting for from labor and industry, is not on the condition of the elevator?

Mr. Winder answered every five years we have an inspection done, and you have to have the labor and industry inspection done which is the weight test, the brake system, the full-scale test, that's what we are currently waiting for. He stated if we don't pass, they will shut us down, then the moment we do nothing tonight and the elevator is deemed to be unsafe, we then have to reconstruct the entire thing basically. We would have to meet a new set the standards which would in turn be a lot of work on the elevator shaft, and making sure it meets all fire regulations and everything else.

Mr. Henderson stated it seems reasonable to move forward with the elevator, but he is not comfortable with the add-on. **Mr. Henderson made a motion to remove the ad alternate one from this resolution and it would change the total amount to like \$312,770. Ms. Miele seconded it.**

Mr. Allison stated we have a motion and a second and asked for a vote on the amendment.

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Mr. Cooley stated he wanted to say one more thing, to get this fully out there, if we modify this and only accept the base bid and decide to stay here, and we decide to go forward with the ramp, there would be somewhat of a more significant cost in repairing the documents and in going to the bidding process again. The drawings are done, and the drawings include all three, so we would have to modify the drawing's modify the construction documents and have a new bid package.

Mr. Allison asked if he could give a ballpark figure on this.

Mr. Cooley answered I believe we have spent \$155,000 on this.

Ms. Koch from Center of Independent Living interrupted and said so we have spent \$155,000 of taxpayer money on this.

Mr. Allison stated so if we spent hundred 50,000 to get here wouldn't be that much to get there?

Mr. Cooley stated maybe \$50,000.

The people from the center of independent living interrupted again stating oh imagine that, another \$50,000, so with that hundred and \$50,000 they could've built a ramp.

Mr. Henderson stated if we were to go over that then we have to use City Hall contingency money. And we were saving that for the roof issue.

Ms. Miele stated it is shocking anyway you look at it, and it is part of government for worse. We know that there's a cost to prepare bids, and the other thing I wanted to address is the city currently doesn't have a contract with the construction management firm of its own, and I think part of us coming to a better understanding of the cost to prepare bids is having that in place. And to oversee the upgrades to an elevator and a handicap ramp. We have been flying blind in this part because of not having a construction company. However we move on this resolution I would insert the we insert the language into it that says that we don't move forward, construction does not move forward until we have issued an RFP for construction management. We don't have a plan, a strategic plan and we don't have contracts in place, that we are spending money that we don't realize we are spending until it's gone. That is not an acceptable way to do business. That too is something we have to fix before we move forward with this project. She stated she is happy to support Joel's motion to amend the bid. She feels she is the only member of council who feels that it may well be to stay here. She stated she needs to understand all of our needs here too.

Mr. Henderson ask if it was reasonable that we could find in the future some grant funding to help us with our compliance, if that is the case, then it would be best for us to hold off so that we can pursue grant funding that would help us with these costs. Has that been explored from the administration?

Mr. Cooley stated not specifically. He deferred to Ms. Young. Ms. Young's voice was inaudible.

Mr. Fitzgerald jumped up and stated there are potentially funds through HHF, and if he were ask he could've applied for some, and he also said if we need the elevator certificate expedited he could also handle that through his contacts.

Mr. Henderson stated this point would be a whole lot easier if we had that potential and we looked into it.

Mr. Winder stated when this project was moving forward, Stephanie Young did put in money to meet ADA compliance, so there was some outside funding coming into move forward with the building. Our goal for each year was to allocate CDBG funds.

Mr. Henderson stated he thought this was relevant to a discussion of amending this, because if we can pursue grant funding for this ramp, then the story is not closed. He felt it makes it a little easier to make a decision like this for us. He felt it was a viable option in the future.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any other comments on the amendment. He asked for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment failed with a tie vote of 3 to 3.

Mrs. Fausnaught voted no, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted no, Mr. Slaughter voted no, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.

The people for the center of independent living were saying shame on you throughout the entire vote.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated the reason she voted no was, you opened more doors to be able to do all of it, so why would we wait to see what the doors are as far as grants, and other methods we could use.

Mr. Winder stated, this is the first I heard of any grants, in defense of the administration. I was not aware of grants.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated it would probably be about a year before you can get any grant funding if he were asked ahead of time he would've been happy to look into that.

Ms. Miele made a motion to amend this to say demolition and replacement shall not begin until the city awards a contract with construction management services for the award of this project, shall the city not award of contract by April 17, 2020, the project can move forward regardless.

Representatives of the city administration shall have weekly inspections of this project and have the final say.

Mr. Lubin stated this is no resolution left, unless you go back to the original resolution.

It was agreed to go back to the original resolution. And Ms. Miele made the motion. **Mr. Henderson seconded the motion.**

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the amendment.

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

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

Mr. Allison asked if there were any other comments.

Mayor Campana stated he was not going to condemn anybody but he wanted to make a couple brief comments. All he wanted to say was he thinks we should all try to put ourselves in the shoes of these disabled individuals. By the grace of God, we don't have these issues that they do, I think we have to take a look back. I think in regards to the changes in the resolution that was proposed that failed, you have to remember this, we talked about an elevator, but you can't get in the building that is not assessable, how is the elevator useful? Thank you.

Mr. Allison stated so we are left with the entire bid, so he felt it was important to cover the elevator given what we heard. He asked for other comments or questions.

Ms. Miele asked if anyone who voted no wanted to rethink the amendment, it is an option, otherwise we are going to vote on the entire bid package.

Mr. Cooley stated just to clarify it's not the entire bid package, it's just the base bid on the elevator.

Mr. Allison stated we are voting on the resolution with the amendment for the construction company. He asked for a vote on the resolution.

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The resolution failed with a 4 to 2 no vote.

Mrs. Fausnaught voted no, Mr. Henderson voted no, Mrs. Katz voted no, Mr. Slaughter voted no, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.

The people from the Center of Independent Living stood up and said you are treating us like criminals, you should be ashamed of yourself all of you, you are all shameful, you all should be ashamed of yourself, you, and you and you, and Ms. Dion kept screaming and screaming, stating you all know, and this is shameful, shameful, shame on all of you, shameful, I think of you all,.... Shame on all of you, shame, I hope this doesn't happen to one of you, it is pitiful, you are pitiful, it's shameful, shameful, absolutely ridiculous, you people are all ridiculous. Are you happy? You are shameful, shameful people.

Mr. Allison asked that the doors be closed when they left.

Ordinance Forty-Sixth Year (2020) Community Development Budget[\(first reading\)](#)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote to adopt the ordinance in first reading.

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

Mrs. Young stated this is the development for the community block grant funds, and these are the funds we received from HUD did are basing our 2020 allocation on the amount of what was awarded in 2019. So we are estimating that we will receive \$1,400,158 in community development block grant funds, 230,214 in-home program funds, and 115,000 in-home program in fun. She gave all the expenditures, which included \$300,000 for street reconstruction, \$75,000 for removal of architectural barriers in the reconstruction of programs, \$125,000 for Lose's parking improvements and \$125,000 for Young Woods. We intend to apply to DCNR for a grant to match those funds. She continued on the program such as the SPCA and what they were offer. There is also a program for income eligible homeowners to supply the needs for their home. We are funding handicap assess ability rehab in the amount of \$15,000. This program offers assess ability and improvement to residential property occupied by low income persons. Continued to explain the rest of the budget. The total budget is \$1,322,372. This budget was reviewed by the finance committee.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated this was brought to the finance committee and we did forward it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison thanked Mrs. Young for the fine work that she has done. He stated this is federal taxpayer money and it's wonderful to see it well spent. He asked for a vote on the ordinance in first reading.

Mr. Henderson commented about the money that went to the SPCA and this year we do have a viable solution to begin to address some of the issues that we have had with cats.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent. Ms. Miele had left.

Resolution #8939

Resolution to Approve a Subrecipient Agreement between County & the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

Ms. Fausnaught made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

Mrs. Young stated this is an agreement with Lycoming County for \$200,000 affair funds for the rehabilitation of rental funds for the Park Avenue neighborhood. There was a map attached and it includes the area bounded by Campbell Street on the west, market Street on the east and Little League Blvd. on the south. Some of the requirements of the requirements are, 30% of the \$200,000 must be used to benefit households that are at or below 50% of the Lycoming County 2018 area median income. All assisted rental units must be affordable to low income housing, based on 2018 HUD fair market rents. The project amount is \$25,000 and the program requires a 15% contribution from the property owner. The funds will be provided at a 0% interest rate and after 10 years it will be forgiven. This was reviewed by the finance committee.

Mrs. Katz stated this was reviewed by finance committee, and was sent to the full-bodied counsel with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele had left the meeting and Mr. Noviello was absent.

Resolution #8940

Resolution Authorizing Lycoming County to Submit H2O PA Grant Application to Commonwealth Financing on behalf of the City

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

Mr. Winder stated this is a resolution branching from the MOU that we had created between the County and the city on July 23, this resolution is allowing Lycoming County to submit a bid for the city of Williamsport for repairs to the cross pipes section of the levy this was reviewed by finance.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated this was reviewed by finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele had left the meeting and Mr. Noviello was absent.

Demolition – 2680 Reach Road

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a request for demolition for the structure located at 2688 Reach Rd. locating in ML zoning district. It was used for a restaurant, and the owner wants to reconstruct a garage, and he will have to plant grass until the time comes when he comes through with a development plan. He attached a photo.

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Mr. Allison asked for motion and a second.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the demolition.

The demolition was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele had left the meeting and Mr. Noviello was absent.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 11 West 4th St

Mr. Gerardi stated this certificate of appropriateness is to put to business identification signs in front of the windows, he has attached the photo for additional information. There is a letter attached that we are sending out to businesses to let them know they must apply for permits before.

Mr. Allison asked for motion and a second.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the demolition.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele had left the meeting and Mr. Noviello was absent.

Lot Consolidation – 42 Washington Blvd. Calvary Baptist Church

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a lot consolidation for Calvary Baptist Church, the current land is a place of worship and a parking lot. It is located in an institutional zoning distant, and the new lot will consist of a church parking lot, and the church came before Council prior to the demolition of the building and it has been seated. It was reviewed by Lycoming County planning and was approved.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the lot consolidation.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele had left the meeting and Mr. Noviello was absent.

Mr. Gerardi went on to explain about the report that he handed in and stated the numbers that counsel has are the numbers that he was given from all department heads. It will make the building safe for 30 or 40 years.

Mr. Allison asked about the estimate on the HVAC.

Mr. Winder came up and said the money he has on there is just to update the pneumatic system, that is not including the air handlers etc.

Mr. Gerardi stated that is the known facts that were given to me, other than the roof system....

Mr. Allison stated he expected another million or million and ½.

Mr. Winder stated he knows about a building like ours is going to cost them \$100,000 just to have the engineering work done on the HVAC system, if that gives you any idea how expensive it is. There is drainage in the walls, there is cast-iron pipe that runs to the wall in multiple occasions of this building. Essentially they are leaking in the walls right now and putting moisture in there, the roof repairs are starting to cave in, there has been slates falling from the roof even on the new roof that was put on, slate came off during a storm. He went on to explain the expense of it.

Mr. Allison stated we have a lot of unknowable things, so sometimes it is cheaper to build new then sometimes renovate.

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AD HOC Ethics Committee 08/13/19
Finance Committee Minutes 07/30/19, & 8/27/19
Public Works Minutes 07/16/19 & 08/27/19
Financial Statement 3rd Quarter

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

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

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele had left the meeting and Mr. Noviello was absent.

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 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, November 11	City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day
Tuesday, November 12	12:00 PM Planning Commission 3:30 PM ERC 7:00 PM Citizen’s Corp
Wednesday, November 13	11:30 AM Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, November 14	Blood Drive (sec)
Monday, November 18	4:00 PM Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, November 19	10:00 AM Blighted Property 12:00 PM Historical Preservation 1:00 PM Finance Committee 2:30 PM Public Works 3:30 PM Public Safety
Thursday, November 21	10:30 AM Zoning Hearing Board 4:00 PM Board of Health 7:30 PM City Council Meeting

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Room]

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Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from members of Council.
Mrs. Fausnaught wanted to thank the insurance company for all good information that was given to members of administration and City Council.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from members of the administration.
There were none.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from the general public.
There were none.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mrs. Fausnaught.**
Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 9:39 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk