

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Trade & Transit Center II, 144 West Third St, Williamsport, PA.. This meeting was duly advertised in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

**Council members present:**

Adam Yoder, President  
Bonnie Katz, Vice President absent  
Liz Miele, Councilwoman  
Randy Allison, Councilman,  
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman,,  
Jon Mackey, Councilman,  
Eric Beiter Councilman  
**Absent:**

**Also, Present:**

Derek Slaughter, Mayor,  
Mr. Joe Gerardi  
Mr. Joe Pawlak  
August Memmi  
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,  
Justin Snyder, Police Chief  
Solicitor Norman Lubin  
Janice Frank, City Clerk absent  
Adam Winder, RVT  
Scott Livermore, S&P  
Sean, S&P absent

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 05/26/22 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a** second from **Mr. Allison All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0.**

**Limited Courtesy of the Floor**

There were none.

**Proclamation Honoring Lycoming County United Way for 100 Years of Service**

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Mayor: As a former board member, it is a pleasure to give this award to Lycoming County United Way.. And whereas Lycoming County anyways has a silver to the momentous occasion of its 100th anniversary, and whereas Lycoming County has a service to the community at the (indiscernible) Corporation since April 14, 1922 when it was established by the local board. The concept was developed in May, 1956 when the Lycoming United fund was established on May 23, 1956. The organization was renamed as (indiscernible) in 1974 and adopted its present name in 2000.

Recognizing the organization reaches all Lycoming County. Lycoming County United Way mobilizes its collective resources in the community's and changes lives but the organization currently supports 30 different programs by fighting for their health, education, and financial stability of every person in every committed. And whereas in its 100 year history, the organization has helped with 24 hour services now recognized as PA 211. Introduced an online process with over 70,000 vultures annually, and partners with numerous Cree organizations to deliver services to neighbors who need it most. And whereas, Lycoming County United Way participated in the outreach (Poor Audio) and others to lessen the impact of COVID 19, and to support and recognize first responders and healthcare workers. And whereas, Lycoming County United Way has developed a strong reputation for the highest quality of service throughout its history by city adherence to the principles of fairness, reliability, and integrity. Over the years, those in leadership positions as well as its investors and supporters have contributed to United Way in its growth and irrelevant. And whereas, the City of Williamsport is to partner with Lycoming County United Way in making the city a better place. Now therefore, the city Council and the mayor of the city of Williamsport congratulates the Lycoming County United Way on its service to our community for 100 years and extends its warmest wishes for a future full of success and presents this document to (NAME?) or president of Lycoming County United Way this ninth day of June, 2022. I one is to extend micro revelations to Lycoming County United Way and everything they have done over the past 100 years, and everything they will do over the next 100 years and beyond. Thank you for the you've done for our community,

Mr. Yoder: Please, if you have any comments.

Mr. Frick from United Way: Let me start by saying thank you to you, Mr. Yoder and Mrs. Katz who couldn't be here tonight, members of city Council, Mayor Slaughter. for honoring United Way this evening but it has been my privilege to serve as the CEO of United Way for the last five years, and as a community volunteer of the same organization for almost 40 years. As a 1983 graduate of Lycoming College, the city of Williamsport and Lycoming County have been my home for almost 43 years and I worked in the city for the entire time. Lycoming County has become a place that I have lived longer than anywhere else so I am grateful for that. I want to thank the Mayor and members of city Council and various city employees who over the years have supported United Way personally and professionally, including most recently representative Beiter's wife who sits on our board we are grateful for her service. And well -there is no better time than now. We'll probably still be at 100 years of service in (Poor Audio) for almost eight years now. And I'm personally grateful for Mayor Slaughter's remarks on our 100th anniversary press conference was held on April 14 for some of you were in attendance, and for his leadership in finding new partnerships between government and the nonprofit community. As was mentioned, our organization supports programs from over 19 community partners. During 2021 we serve those in need almost 70,000 times. United Way as part of a global network of over 1800 global United Way's come which was established in Denver, Colorado in 1887 by a woman, a priest, two ministers command a rabbi. While is only the beginning of a bad joke, they did not walk into a bar. What they did do is recognize the need to work together in new ways make Denver a better place and put together the first United campaign, benefiting 10 area health and welfare agencies bring those five community leaders created an organization with local charities (Poor Audio) and to make emergency system grants for case that cannot be referred. Many of the things our local United Way continues to do today. The Denver United Way and today, the mile high United Way which was the first United Way in the country and world raises almost \$42 million to support giving kids good starts, academic successes, and creating economic opportunities for all. United Way is still the largest privately funded nonprofit in the world. Lycoming County United Way (Poor Audio) to create a community chest establishing a federation of local charities, and as was

mentioned it was adopted in April 2002 recognize our outreach in all parts of Lycoming County. The mission of United ways to mobilize collective resources (Poor Audio) to make lasting change in areas of health, education, and financial stability could we do this by seeking community input, analyzing data and past experience, strengthening families, and creating lasting change for future generations. The recently colluded community impact grant process (Poor Audio), interview community partners, and make recognitions around granting funds that we raised but no other organization in the community commercial community resources and employ them and is kind of transparent way. Our goals will continue to act as if visited Ford discussions uncritical human services. I had the opportunity to speak with the chief and assistant chief about some things that they are working on which we think are very exciting. I mentioned for the first time in the history of our organization we actually had two educators serving on our board. We want to establish stronger presence with smaller counties. Obviously (Poor Audio). We put that on hold for COVID 19 as many of you know, lots of things changed in the last two years. So we're going to go back to that. Then finally, seek ways to assist community members to our asset limited (Poor Audio) struggling to make ends meet. So how can city council help the residents of the City of Williamsport? Every dollar counts good workplace campaigns across the country are either down or nonexistent as a result of changing donor demographics or impacts from COVID 19. I have encouraged city leadership, I continue to talk and try to find ways to encourage participation by city employees, not necessarily always financial per there are other ways to participate in our work as well. Everybody (Poor Audio) we just ask that you give value to the nonprofit partnership in your community. I know you all do that, but continue to do that. Talk about ways to do good things, talk about what United Way does for our community, and quite frankly we have all been through a lot in the last few years Mr. Allison mentioned this in his prayer. Sometimes words of prayer I just as important, and valuing the work we're doing is just as important and finally, volunteer or even one hour of your time with one of our partners has value. So thank you for granting me the time to speak to you tonight to tell you a little bit about our organization. Thank you for your efforts through leadership in your continuing support. We are grateful for those of you that serve in the work that you do. Another unit will continue to do what we can to work side-by-side with the city and administration to make the city of Williamsport a great place to live.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much as well. I can say, both as a member of City Council but also as a board member for a nonprofit in the area, we work hand-in-hand with you and we are fortunate to have you to help. We are fortunate to have you in our community. Whether it is different nonprofits that are in the area that benefit from the relationship they have with United Way or just the services you provide, we are very lucky. I think it really helps set our community apart. So we are thankful for your partnership, we are think will that you are here. Thank you for 100 years of hard work. Any other comments? Congratulations.

#### **Bill # 1804-22**

#### **Ordinance – ARPA Transfer Ordinance #1 (first reading)**

Mr. Pawlak, this is the transfer ordinance. What we are proposing is to transfer \$19,000 (Poor Audio)

Ms. Miele inaudible....we reviewed this at Fiancé and sent this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder: Any other comments or questions? When I was looking at this for tonight, we might want to consider a second reading if we want to transfer money. Because we are over on that about what? \$105,000 Or so? Between the administration and members of Council, we might want to do a second reading. That is the other second point, I was also going to bring up. We do have two readings . If there are other things, it's been what? Three months -ish since we put together this budget. There might be some progression on particular projects and progression on particular ideas one way or the other. So if you guys want to think about that. Any other comments or questions? Hearing and seeing none,

**The ordinance was carried in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes and Mrs. Katz was absent.**

#### **Resolution Awarding Final Design Services to Gannett Fleming for the Brandon Park Band Shell** **(remove from table)**

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to remove from the table.

There was no motion to remove this from the table.

This item will be removed from the agenda.

#### **Resolution Assigning Appraisal Services for City Hall Building & Property to Nestarick Appraisal & Consulting**

Mr. Sander: So this is a proposal to appraise the City Hall building. Reached out to me this morning, (Poor Audio). . That was this morning but as of this afternoon, another appraiser reached out to me and wants to do the work. An appraiser from the Harrisburg area for the list take a step back for one second. So if you look months back, we put out a RFP. We got two proposals. One from Roan and one from Fish Real Estate.. so the one from Roan was recommended. So Roan, they do not want to perform the work.

Mr. Yoder: This was reviewed and finance, I will turn this over to Miss Mealy.

Ms. Miele: We had forwarded this with a positive recommendation. That said, it's a relatively small figure. The discussion and finance sort of circulated around the idea that the city is not officially engaged with anyone for real estate/ auction services for City Hall. We have, I think (Poor Audio) this is part of the decision-making process. Deciding what's best for all, and I of course requested that we have an independent person look into that question. They proposed (indiscernible) inaudible so the finance committee requested that we receive that documentation under the presumption that we would like to be able to ask any questions. But we all agreed that evaluating the pricing structure, regardless of where we are going, (Poor Audio). I guess we would ask legal counsel's opinion on that. So we would be committed to needing a certain dollar figure.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution..

**The resolution failed with a vote of 6 to 0.**

**Mr. Allison voted no, Mr. Mackey voted no, Mr. Pulizzi voted no, Mr. Beiter voted no, Ms. Miele voted no, Mr. Yoder voted no and Mrs. Katz was absent**

**Resolution #9326**  
**Resolution Appointing Director for IT Department**

:Mayor Slaughter, Good evening members of Council. What you have before you is a resolution to approve actually an update with the of information technology, do you need to do anything official? Whereas the city of Williamsport is in need of a dedicated information technology professional. And whereas Chris black was hired by RVT and has worked the majority for the City of Williamsport, ) so before you at this time is the resolution to accept Mr. Black on the city side effective July 1 He has experience at the County level and has also worked with the Police Department. .

Ms. Miele. We did of course discuss and finance committee, and forwarded the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. Mr. Black currently resides in Loyalsock Township and as an employee of the city he would be required to move to the city of Williamsport. He has assure us that He is working on that process. The two things we did not address and finance committee, the director of information technology which means that Mr. Black does not need to go before us. But that said, it's lovely to talk about this. And the second point that we did want to address, I was unaware until I did research it after the finance committee meeting is that the budgeted salary for Mr. Black's position does not inaudible .

Mayor answered, the salary is RVT right now and we discussed this to see if we have the finance. .

Ms. Miele so to \$3000 this calendar year. We had a budgeted salary, but we also had contracts. So pretty much I think it's 53. But it remains to be seen just how quickly all of that will sort out. I can't recollect whether there were other contract services, so I guess we will have to -we can obviously ask for further information there. (Poor Audio).

Mayor stated it will likely be the same, inaudible.....

Mr. Yoder: Miss Miele, to answer your question, (Poor Audio). I recall, there are some other things in IT that did fit into that budget outside of our prior, essentially contracts and services.

Ms. Miele: I agree, I am just not certain the total amount of services. Once again, all that is where things will have to let work themselves out. (Poor Audio). The Mayor assures us that the \$70,000 will be there....

Mr. Yoder: The only reason I say that, we went through putting the 2021 budget together. We cut a lot out, and in the IT department specifically it came extremely bare-bones. In the 2021 budget we had \$13,100 in there. I would assume \$13,000 is probably that software maintenance, whatever those fees are. (indiscernible).

Ms. Miele: Right. (indiscernible). So we forwarded to the full body of council with a positive recommendation, with obviously a note to keep an eye on the budgetary implications there.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you, Miss Miele. Any other comments or questions? I have a couple. Just a couple of points for me, the budgetary effects and what have you. It is a, well next year is when we would really feel the increase. Fortunately we will be working on budget earlier in the year. So we will hopefully be able to work through that and meet that challenge, which is good nonetheless. That is something we need to find where that is coming from, and other areas as well. He asked Mayor Slaughter if we have any detail or idea where we are going to pull any reimbursement or payment to RVT for essentially the first half of the year. We talked about contract services, but if we pull their to put in the salary, we have to find that money somewhere else.

Mayor Slaughter, In a way, we should have enough in the contract services and salary line item. When we do contract services, whatever that amount will be, the reminder of that, we should have enough in the salary line item for contract services .

Mr. Yoder The only other thing and I will circle back to the whole director thing, you know, and I think more so for Council does Miss Miele know this is not an actual director position when the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class charter was written? Technically, us voting on this, is mute, we could vote this down and Mayor Slaughter can hire him anyway but we can go for it, in one way it doesn't matter. The other important thing to note, and I think why that process is important, so the way that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class charter also works in the absence of the mayor, so in this case if Mayor Slaughter is gone for a week from let's say on vacation. He is to appoint a department head to run the city. So making sure that we understand that moving forward, because often because the last thing we want to do is put someone in that is not legally a director or department head in a position, that signs checks and that executes contracts, it just creates a whole number of conditions. I think we talked about breaking that out, and we decided not to. Maybe that is where some of the confusion might be coming from, but nonetheless -that's really the background on department heads and why that is written out that way. So for discussion.

Mayor: Given all the discussion we have around specifically information technology. I think it is good to bring it before council and have this conversation. We did spend a significant amount of time on information technology.

Ms. Miele stated Mayor Slaughter is also, we want to point in that Administrative code is something that we should look at especially, and we need to revise it now that there will be no director of River Valley Transit. We need to revise it as part of that.

Mr. Yoder, yes River Valley Transit comes to mind, Public safety comes to mind, we have had a director of Public Safety That's how checks and balances get out of line. Making sure they stay updated on that would be a good thing to revisit. I think Mayor Slaughter being in office 2 and 1/2 half years now, he has had time to get acclimated with the things. Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

**The resolution was carried with 5 yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 1.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted no and Mrs. Katz was absent.**

Accept for filing::

Public Works 03/18/22 & 03/29/22

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

**The minutes were accepted for filing with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted no and Mrs. Katz was absent.**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday June 13	4:00 PM	Recreation Commission"
Wednesday, June 15	10:00 AM	Blighted Property *
Thursday, June 16	10:00 AM	Zoning Hearing Board*
Tuesday, June 21	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works
	4:00 PM	Transit Oversight Committee
	6:30 PM	HARB
Wednesday, June 22	9:00 AM	Economic Revitalization Committee
	11:30 AM	Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, June 23	7::00 PM	City Council Meeting*

**MEETINGS MARKED WITH \* are in person at Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA**

Comments:

a. City Council

Mr. Allison stated on Memorial Day, we had some rain, But people still came out, a lot of people (Poor Audio) and it was just inspiring to see people honoring those in the sacrifice of their time, and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. (Poor Audio). But still, the magnitude of it was great. The speeches were great. Just a great day. So to give kudos to the men and women who are volunteering all of their time and effort, raising money (Poor Audio) something they deeply believe in and so that is important for us to support. John Markley Is our main contact. Inaudible the rest of what Mr. Allison was saying.

Mr. Yoder: I would second that. With the expansion this year, we had two ceremonies essentially. You know, both of them were great. But that Goldstar family is what specifically got to me. We were all under the tent listening to everybody, all of the Goldstar banners over there. You just see how much that means to them and you can feel the emotion. It was truly something, and the other great thing , you even mentioned this Randy. It is a crown jewel in the country. Right? I'm struggling to think of the organization, but they said we've been to dozens of these across the country. This is the best one we've seen across the country. We have great assets in our parks, for sure. We are really blessed in this city we are very fortunate. Well said, Mr. Allison.

b. Administration

There were none.

c. Members of the Public

There were none.

d. News Media

There were none.

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned** upon motion by **Mr. Pulizzi** and a second by **Mr. Beiter**. **Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Frank**  
City Clerk