

Thursday, February 28, 2019
Williamsport, PA

Council Vice President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did not televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Joel Henderson and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Council members present:

Jonathan Williamson, President absent
Randy Allison, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Derek Slaughter, Councilman
Don Noviello, Councilman
Elizabeth Miele, Councilwoman
Joel Henderson, Councilman

Absent:

Jonathan Williamson

Also, Present:

Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor absent
Mr. Joe Gerardi absent
Mr. William Nichols, Jr.
Mr. Gary Knarr absent
Damon Hagan, Chief
Sol. Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk,
Todd Heckman, Fire Chief absent
Adam Winder
Nicholas Grimes, Treasurer

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes dated February 14, 2019 were approved upon a motion from and Mrs. Katz a second from Mr. Slaughter. All were in favor. 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Limited Courtesy of the Floor
There were no requests.

Ordinance Approving the Editing & Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of Codified Ordinances (first reading) Bill #1724-19

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Lubin stated this is an annual ordinance for codification of the ordinances that were adopted in 2018. It shows from the ordinance number to the codified ordinance section. In the areas where there is no codified ordinances sections, they are not included in the codified ordinances.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Lubin's stated it did not go to any committee.

Ms. Miele stated for clarification this is simply all the ordinances that we passed in the past year. She asked about not putting the budget in the ordinance.

Mr. Lubin stated they are listed with the City Clerk, but they will not appear in the codified ordinances and they never have.

Ms. Miele stated she thought they should be available for people.

Mrs. Katz asked about the clean out that we went through the codified ordinances, and asked where that was?

Mr. Lubin answered yes there are a lot of them and it will be cleaned up this year and brought before city Council.

Mr. Allison asked for vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was carried in first reading 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

An Ordinance Amending Article 111 of the Codified Ordinances of the City setting Compensation of Council (first reading) Bill #1725-19

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Lubin stated this ordinance and the next three ordinances are setting the compensation for elected officials. Under the Optional Third Class City Charter law, and has to be finally adopted, and effective two days before the last date of withdrawal of the petition. So that's why it is done once every four years. So it does elect the four positions that are up this year, and will be effective for the other members once their terms have been expired and reelected. The primary change for City Council is that for newly elected council people, they would be contributing to the health insurance, otherwise the salaries have stayed the same. That is true for the other elected officials, they will be contributing to the other insurances, and the amount of the increases are about 1%. This was reviewed by the Finance committee.

Ms. Miele stated yes they were reviewed by Finance committee and they were forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. The only noteworthy thing, is I don't think that anyone on Council expected City Council's salary to be raised, and in fact it hasn't, and there are some very modest cost of adjustments for the elected officials. The primary difference is it establishes for Council to contribute 5% of their coverage for the individual councilperson and 10% for family coverage. We had a brief discussion, but thinks it will be about 500 annually for Council people. The move of course is to looking to negotiation with the employees and find a way to share healthcare costs with all the employees. The move for elected officials is a drop in a bucket, but we expect others to follow suit. We had some discussion about the health insurance buyout that is available to employees who do not take the health insurance, it is not given to City Council. We did send this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Henderson stated he knew this was a point of discussion for many especially during election season, which we are in right now. I heard from Ms. Miele that 5% per one councilperson would be around \$500 a year. I am wondering if they could just flush out the rest. Take myself for example, for a person in my position, I have a wife, and five children, could you give an estimate as to what my contribution might be?

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Mr. Pawlak stated he will have it for him next meeting, he was not involved in this, and the 5% number sounds right for him.

He's going to say a monthly rate for a single person will be.... Inaudible..... He will come back at the next meeting and tell the exact numbers.

Mr. Henderson stated he thought this would be an interesting discussion, it is going to be quite a chunk, so of the 3000 that he gets for salary, he gets about 2200 of that after everything else is factored in. It is important for those who are running to consider that as well, that is at 3%, and this is going to go up to 5%. I think it might even be reasonable to imagine that a person in my position with the size family that I have, could in fact be serving on Council if they chose to take the health insurance.

Mr. Pawlak stated the number of children does not factor in.

Mr. Henderson stated well it will be a significant portion, most of that \$3000. It is an important point of discussion, and it brings up a greater discussion for what is fair compensation for every Council member. I can bring this up because I am not running again. It is a fair discussion and it is one that we need to have. I am not against elected officials paying into the health insurance because the greater goal is so that we can negotiate with the unions, so they will follow suit as well. On this path, there is very little compensation for Council member. Not that health insurance is little, that is the big factor, but that is it. I don't intend to impose this at all, because I think it is the right direction and I think it is something that we should do taking the lead as elected officials, but this brings up a greater point of discussion for all of us.

Ms. Miele stated that she thought he was absolutely right, and the most interesting thing to her is the flipside is only 5% of the cost of covering as annually, which means that each employee of the city, and that is comparable to anybody else that is comparable to our insurance. We have been struggling for years with the 10% increases in our healthcare costs. She will be supporting this because she feels it is the proper way to save money in the future.

Mr. Allison stated since we have broached the subject and started the conversation, it will probably be more in depth, since we discovered this, to put everything in perspective it is important to know one thing. City Council has not raised the rates since 1972. So in today's dollars the salary itself would be more, so it is important to remember when Council had the option to participate in the health care plan, healthcare was extremely lower at that point. It was not considered a huge benefit. It was something offered to spice up the pot a little bit and give something beyond the salary that really wasn't costing the city much at that time. But in lieu of raising the salary, those remain the same and were never raised. To Mr. Henderson's point, you would have to do a calculation, suppose you take away the healthcare of City Council, which would be a consideration, then you're going to have to adjust the salary, you have to look at other third class cities in the State of Pennsylvania. What brought this to the forefront in the past 10 years, is healthcare is very costly. There needs to be a larger discussion and it needs to be transparent in the community and their considerations taken into account, but I don't think you can expect people to fill these positions and not be compensated somehow. It should be fair, equitable and in balance with others with similar situations across the State. You have to take a look at it because it is the only way to barely do it and do it in a logical way that makes sense.

Mr. Slaughter stated he wanted to make notes that Streets and Parks did take the lead with the contribution with healthcare, and the other unions will do it as well. But it was nice that they did start that in the last contract, pay a portion of their healthcare, so it is important to point that out.

Mr. Allison asked for vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was carried in first reading 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

An Ordinance Amending Article 129 of the Codified Ordinance of the City setting Salary of Treasurer and Tax Collector (first reading) Bill#1726-19

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Lubin stated there is nothing really to add, this also includes the deduction for health insurance. The reason why it is split between Tax collector and Treas. is the tax collector is shared with the school district

Ms. Miele stated the title says salary and she wanted to make an amendment on this ordinance.

Ms. Miele made a motion that article 129 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Williamsport should say setting the compensation of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Mr. Henderson seconded.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment to the ordinance was carried in first reading 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Henderson stated this amounts to about a 1% increase, and I had conversation with the Treasurer just today, and we were discussing this and other ordinances as well. A similar situation will occur with our treasurer as well. At some point in the future, the assistant in his office will be making as much if not more than the Treasurer. We just have to think about that, why would someone run for that position if the assistant would make more in his office. So we have to think about that, and see how it will play out in the future. We are doing the best we can with our own salaries, and that of elected officials, because those things we control. Unfortunately our union control are salaries of the employees in that way. At some point, it is going to be a problem. Again I am not necessarily saying we should make this number higher, I am just saying at some point we are going to have to think through this. We are going to have another issue.

Ms. Miele stated, just for the record it is a 2 ½% increase.

Mr. Allison stated our current Treasurer has done an excellent job of finding hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars, and has done a great job. He asked for vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was carried in first reading 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

An Ordinance Amending Article 131 of the Codified Ordinance of the City setting Compensation of City Controller (first reading) Bill#1727-19

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Lubin stated he had nothing more to add.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance and we sent it with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was carried in first reading 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

An Ordinance Amending Article 123 of the Codified Ordinances of City Setting the Compensation of the Mayor (first reading) Bill#1728-19

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Lubin stated he had nothing further to add.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Allison stated sometime in the future, but to a lesser extent, healthcare increasing may cause some impact here, and this kind of position may need to be addressed at some point to attract what you want and that position. That is something to think about.

The ordinance was carried in first reading 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8848

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Release Agreement Between Revize, LLC & City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Mr. Lubin stated the City and Revize entered into an agreement a couple of years ago with regards to a web service sales agreement and a dispute arose between work being done and the payments that were due. The authorities negotiated a resolution where we be paying \$4390 for work done to date, and they would release the city and we would release them from any further work on the contract.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance committee and was forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We were pleased to no longer be in a contract with them, and we are pleased that our website is looking pretty good.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

Mr. Allison gave credit to Mr. Slaughter for his work on this web site and for being instrumental in helping to move this agreement along and thank you also to Mr. Henderson too.

The resolution was 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8849

Resolution MOA between the Williamsport Bureau of Police and Penn State Outreach Program

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Mr. Allison stated we got this a little late, and the reason why we put it on the agenda is it is time sensitive and it got lost, and Chief Hagan recovered it.

Chief Hagan stated this is a standard agreement with the Penn State Justice and Safety Institute. It was an agreement that was used before by previous administrations, and when he saw it, it read more like a contract to him. He felt it was appropriate to check with the city solicitor, and that process took a little while and that is why you got it at the last minute. This is coming up March 11 and 12, and it is a basic budgeting course and it reads like a contract with the school to provide for the training to occur. On March 11 and 12, with the city police receiving free school slots depending on at least one slot.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any questions or comments.

Ms. Miele stated so from my financial perspective, we have no financial obligation to the college directly? Is there any cost to us for the facility?

Mr. Noviello asked for a run down on what you expect to obtain from this program.

Chief Hagan answered the chief concepts are understanding your budget, budgetary systems type in applications, developing your budget, budget terms framework and structure, building a budget, and analyzing past budget, factoring or maintaining the capacity, factoring in recruiting retention costs.

Mr. Henderson stated obviously training is very important to us and we are thankful to see something like this, and of course we know the time is crunched, this is going to be March 11 and 12 which is before our next meeting which there were no options for us to delay this. I don't have a problem knowing that we are not expending any money on this, it is benefiting is greatly and I am thankful for this.

Chief Hagan stated to add one thing, the only potential for spending money, we have two people registered and if we don't get a full 18 registered in the course, and one of those slots would cost \$345 and that would be done for the normal process for training what we do for the schools. Right now we don't know how many will register before the class begins, right now we have one complementary seat, but we have two registered.

Mrs. Katz stated she thought this was important for any department head to attend, this is excellent and she is happy to see that this is here for the chief and maybe we could learn something from it too.

Mr. Allison asked for vote on the resolution.

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The resolution was 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8850

Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the 2015 Sub-Recipient Monitoring Agreement Between the County & the City

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Ms. Young stated this amendment extended agreement with Lycoming County for 2015 PHARE funds. The City was awarded \$200,000 under this agreement for the rental property rehab program in the Brodart neighborhood. The original agreement expired on December 31, 2018. This amendment is retroactive to January 1 and extends the agreement until June 30, 2020. To date \$54,000 have been encumbered to assist in the repair of three homes that contain a total of nine rental units. We have two other applications that are currently underway. The extension of the program of the completion date is the only change to the agreement. This was reviewed by the Finance committee.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance and recommended to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. Most of our discussion centered around that the funds were in 2015, and only ¼ of them were currently encumbered the applications. So we are pleased to let the people in the neighborhood know that these funds are available and whether the PHARE funds could be extended to another neighborhood. Ms. Young said yes it actually had been done before and we could do that with this as well. The applications, the funds that were available for rental units only. A certain number of them are earmarked exclusively for tenants making 50% of the medium income. We are fortunate to have these funds available and hopefully we can get to utilize these in a timely fashion.

Mr. Noviello stated we seen this in action with the Bro-Dart neighborhoods, and some of us were fortunate enough to go on a tour. It was very impressive at that time, we saw a lot of new stairways and banisters. He felt it was really worthwhile, and given the fact that 60% of our population are renters, this is something that we can really be involved in. He thanked Stephanie for her work.

Mr. Allison stated it stands for Pennsylvania Housing Affordability Rehabilitation and Enhancement and it comes to the county, and it is Act 13 funding.

Mr. Allison 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 voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8851

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2019 Ford F-550 Dump Truck

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Mr. Winder stated this resolution authorizing the purchase of the 2019 Ford dump truck. This dump truck would be equipped for the salt spreader and plow, the total cost would be \$88,595. We would be using funds from the liquid fuels line item. It would be a great asset to the Streets Department. We currently have eight trucks that have the ability to spread salt. So it gives you one truck for six different areas. To purchase this truck it is considered a demo truck, it is actually being built right now, by purchasing it as a demo truck we will be saving about \$14,000. It will be a great help to the streets department but also to make it so we could have multiple crews to work throughout the city. We could have one crew milling streets where the other is patching streets. This truck would offset everything to make us have the ability. This was reviewed by Public Works.

Mrs. Katz stated that we were very thrilled in Public Works that Adam was able to find a demo vehicle for us. This is the second demo that he brought to us. We did tell him a couple of meetings ago saying that if he could find good deals to bring it to us as soon as possible. At this point you're trying to expand our fleet and this is also going to help sustain some of the older vehicles that will be used hard with the new vehicle. We are pleased that this is another purchase that were going to save money on. This was sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Henderson stated that it is important to spend this money, when you think of economic development it is so important that the streets are maintained in the city. Businesses are looking for that, at the streets maintained and taking care of? Is are going to be a huge pothole in front of my business? This is incredibly important, sometimes we look for ways to save, but this is money well spent and it is well worth the investment especially considering the savings with the demo. Also included in this packet is a three year plan as far as purchasing vehicles and how we are going to be able to do this. We are spending money, and we will have better maintained streets and this will save us money in the long run.

Mr. Noviello wanted to add and recognize Adam for what he has done. Those of us that have to be a bit more involved can understand the value in the savings of these things, at the same time we are doing that with some fabrication things that have already seen in action. I know that Adam's crew has helped the fire department do a number things and it is important to note that the public understands that we try to do as much in-house as we can. And we are fortunate enough to have those people in-house, and save us money in the long run.

Mr. Allison asked if this will be an extra driver?

Mr. Winder answered everybody is trained on every truck and the way we do it is like when the snowfall first starts, he calls in his first six main drivers, and then once we hit a two or 3 inch snowfall we call in the secondary crew. The downtown alone is a huge area for one person to cover. He explained all the streets that are covered. It is not only city streets, we entered into a winter maintenance agreement with PennDOT. It was basically done because we were maintaining those to begin with as far as salting them.

Mr. Allison asked if you could have all the trucks out there that you could really use during a heavy snowstorm, do have around figure what that would be?

Mr. Winder answered 18 trucks, but we have a very limited amounts with salt spreaders. It takes 3 ½ hours to do one block.

Mr. Allison asked for vote on the resolution.

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The resolution was 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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8852

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement for the Purchase of 2019 Ford Truck

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Mr. Winder stated this is to execute a lease with B&B leasing for the dump truck that would be three annual payments. One starting at the time the papers are signed for \$30,793.02. That would go through year 2021, plus there would be a \$500 document fee, and once again this would come from liquid fuels. The goal with leasing this is I was left with a little over \$30,000 in liquid fuels. Liquid fuels allocation this year I was allocated up to spend \$180,000 in equipment, we try not to spend as much because we try to keep some of it for the streets. Therefore I allocated \$45,000 for equipment. So we tried to spread liquid fuels as much as we can. This was reviewed by the Finance committee.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this and send it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. It is worth noting that while this contract includes about \$4,500 in interests, we save about \$14,000 on the actual truck. During my early Council years, we spent a lot of time applauding Mr. Wright for making the equipment last, and while he maintained that equipment, we find ourselves obviously in the situation of having to purchase some of the equipment and we didn't take the opportunity we had at the time to set aside funds that we could purchase out right. She felt that was the challenge we need to look at moving forward for the budget process.

Mr. Allison stated what Ms. Miele is speaking to really addresses our issues with the city budget, if you're going to provide services, you not only need the people to do it but also the equipment and at the same time there is pressure to keep all the costs down. He 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 voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8853

Resolution Approving Change Order #1 to the 2018 Street Reconstruction Project

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Mr. Benner the only thing he would add to that is it was reviewed by public works and sent to Council with a positive recommendation. UGI will be picking up the costs associated with this work.

Mrs. Katz stated this was brought to Public Works and was passed to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. There are a lot of streets that will be reconstructed this year. She hopes the public is aware of this, because we are going to have the East End and West End and all over to be repaired. She wanted the public to keep it in mind because it will be frustrating but we are doing all positive repairs. There is a large list of streets that will be done, but there is a large list. Campbell Street to Cherry Street, Rural Avenue to Louisa St., Brandon Avenue to Park Ave., Center Street to Maple Street, High Street, High Street to Rural, etc. Wildwood Boulevard to Rose St., Anthony Street to Grant Street. This is all over the city and does not include what is going to be happening in Newberry starting April 1. I would advise the public to please keep in mind and it is going to look great when it's done.

Ms. Miele asked if we are no longer paving streets that aren't paved.

Mr. Winder stated, this is the largest Street project that the city has ever seen. His voice was inaudible.

Mr. Allison stated a portion of our total project is going to be paid for by utilities. A lot of UGI's work is mandated by public utilities to get rid of cast-iron pipes and old pipes. All across-the-board infrastructure needs to be addressed across-the-board, a lot of things have aged and because of time for safety reasons these things need to be addressed here. There are a lot of benefits to the things that are irritating to us on the daily basis, but these things need to be done and it will look great.

Mr. Noviello stated he wanted to add through Public Works that we have extended public utilities from a two year period to a five year period.

Mr. Allison 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 voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8854

Resolution Authorizing the First Amendment to the Master Services Agreement Between City & Wood

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Mr. Benner stated this is the First Amendment to the master services agreement, amending the agreement which is in place between the City of Williamsport and Wood. This extends the agreement until December 31, 2021. City Council approved the master service agreement by number 8749 dated March 1, 2018, and this was retroactive back to February 9, 2018. This First Amendment will provide a mechanism and an instrument to allow the city to grant additional task orders to Wood throughout its duration. This is a no cost amendment and is not a guaranteed for additional task orders. The most important aspect of this amendment is that the city will have crucial engineering service at their disposal to have Wood remain on service for the SWIFT plan to the United States Army Corps of Engineers. This was reviewed by our solicitor and it was reviewed by public works this past week.

Mrs. Katz stated this did come to Public Works and we send it to the full body of Council with positive recommendation. What is interesting is when we first started working with this company about seven years ago, the name has expanded along with the price tag of the levy. It is a company that's been keeping on top of things, and we need this to keep us on track as far as the engineering core. There is no money

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involved in this and it is a necessary company that we need to continue the services on our levee to keep us informed.

Ms. Miele stated we have not heard much from Wood lately and asked what is going on with the SWIFT plan.

Mr. Benner responded that South Williamsport has now been wrapped up in the SWIFT Plan and is now on board with us. We are under an extension which this amendment, the end date on this amendment is in line with the extension of the plan, and that is the reason for the 2021 date. The relief wells are funded as of right now and that is getting ready to be constructed this Spring. We are working now on the cross pipes issues and we are trying to get funding sources for that. We are untracked at this point.

Ms. Miele asked if we have been authorizing any more orders for them?

Mr. Benner answered no.

Mrs. Katz stated we were doing a lot of change orders in the beginning because there were so many things coming up unexpectedly because the Army Corp. and FEMA were requiring more information, and each time that was costing us more money. Right now the relief wells are getting accomplished and they're going to start in the Spring. The County and the City are really going after more funding for this. And hopefully it is going to come through.

Mr. Noviello stated as he remembered from things in the past, the number of recommendations that were in the past are now is slowly becoming requirements and we have to look in each field, and we are slowly seeing the development, it is definitely going to be to the good, but we all have to understand the burden we are facing.

Mr. Benner stated there has been a five-year plan submitted as well as the deficiencies that have worked off and now we have credit for that.

Mr. Allison stated the costs we were hearing were going up, before, but we think we have things in place now.

Mr. Allison 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 voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson was absent.

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

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

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. Dr. Williamson was absent.

Announcements

. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 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, March 4	12:00 PM Planning Commission
	12:00 PM Fair Housing Commission (sec)
	3:15 PM AD HOC/Residency
Tuesday March 5	3:30 PM ERC Meeting
Monday, March 11	4:00 PM Recreation Meeting
Tuesday, March 12	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	3:30 PM Public Safety
Thursday, March 14	7:30 PM City Council Meeting

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Room]

Mr. Allison asked if there were any questions from members of City Council.
There were none.

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

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

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 8:57 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank, City Clerk