

Council President Randy Allison brought the meeting of the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM per remote. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

Council members present:

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

Absent:

Adam Yoder
Jon Mackey

Also, Present:

Derek Slaughter, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Chris Cooley
Mark Killian, Fire Chief,
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Solicitor Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, RVT
Chris Cooley
Gary Knarr

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 5/27/21 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mrs. Katz. All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Mackey were absent.**

Mr. Allison announced there was an executive session before the meeting tonight to discuss legal issues.

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There were no requests.

Ordinance 6415

Ordinance Amending Part 1 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Williamsport –Blighted Property(final reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Banks.

Mr. Banks stated this is in final reading and really nothing more to add except he is very pleased to have this ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

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

Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, & Mr. Allison voted yes.

Mr. Yoder and Mr. Mackey were absent.

Resolution #9160

Resolution to Resume In Person City Council Meetings at Trade & Transit Centre II

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Allison stated this is a resolution to move back our City Council meetings back to the Trade & Transit Centre II. We initially moved to zoom meetings under the pandemic limitations and we did that by resolution, so now we are making another one to go back. The resolution reads, **Whereas** on May 31 2021, Governor Wolf and coronation with COVID-19 vaccine joint task forces lifted the mitigation orders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania set by the Center of disease control and the lifting of the orders makes possible for the resumption of the regularly scheduled in person meetings of City Council. Therefore, hereby is resolved that the City Council of the City of Williamsport Pennsylvania resumes physical, in person City Council meetings at the Trade & Transit Centre 134 W. Third Street, Williamsport, VA, June 24 2021. Which happens to be our next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, two weeks from tonight. I know there has been some discussion on Council about this for a while and we were waiting for things to open up because zoom has had it's intended purpose, it has allowed us to keep the meetings and the business of the city moving ahead in a manner where every moment is safe and we are separated and we met all of the restrictions and guidelines, however there is something to be said that is lost in translation when you are not meeting face-to-face and having that personal interaction. It is a little different dynamic and a whole different kind of conversation. I know for one it will be - I will not have to scan the screen to see who has their hand up first and we will have a more of a human touch to it all. I will just open it up to the floor for any comments from Council members. He asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, & Mr. Allison voted yes.

Mr. Yoder and Mr. Mackey were absent.

Resoluton #9161

Resolution to Approve MOU between the City of Williamsport and Lycoming County for Salt & Cinder

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Banks.

Mr. Winder stated This resolution is basically to allow for Lycoming County to come to streets and parks in the event of a snowstorm, ice storm, etc. and purchase their rocksalt,/cinders from the public works department directly versus making an attempt to go over Route 15 to the county landfill and load their trucks for the facility in this area. Basically they would give us a reimbursement for any amount they would use, they understand that they would have to wait for our equipment operators to get to our facility at the time that the storm would start or they would have to load in previously as we do. It does make the most sense to utilize us, because essentially once it starts to snow, we are acting quickly and getting individuals into the facility to start maintaining the roadways. We do have an overabundant amount of rocksalt that we purchase, I did not think we have ever actually purchased 100 percent amount that we put our bid in for. Sometimes we actually have trouble finding places to store the 60 percent that we are required to get. In

all reality, this does not cost the city any real money, we are already there, it is not like we would call guys and because they call and request it, and they would reimburse us for every amount they use. So, it was reviewed in finance and passed forward with a positive recognition.

Ms. Miele stated I think as Adam addressed, there is no true cost of the city whatsoever, it is simply a sort of a semi-regional approach to a small issue that helps the county function more smoothly and takes care of parcels within the city more quickly than would otherwise happen. In this event. Really the only thing that ties up is the city time to calculate how much salt the county has used and built for and that is pretty minor. So, all around, I think we can agree this is a win and a good thing for us to move on. We forwarded it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

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

Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, & Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Mackey were absent.

Resolution #9162

Resolution to Purchase and Install a Remanufactured Engine

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the resolution

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

Mr. Winder stated This is for the purchase and installation of a diesel power Cummins engine and bus 1203, unfortunately bus 1203 had a mechanical issue and we did send it to Cummins sales and service for evaluation and we assume that it could have been a broken valve or a bad ring, something of that nature, so at that point it could've been a relatively easy fix and Cummins sales removed the head from the engine and found that the cylinder wall in the block itself was worn extremely bad. It was not able to be honed out or salvaged at that point which then pushed us into a different direction where we actually needed to get a remanufactured engine which is \$28,103.07. We have always used Cummins sales and service for warranty items, unfortunately this bus has exceeded its warranty. The biggest issue that we ran across is it is hard to have somebody just kind of throw all the pieces back into a bus and send it somewhere else, it is as I said a Cummins engine, it was manufactured by Cummins themselves, so it does make the most sense to use Cummins sales and service since it is one of their engines. So, we are in a catch 22 where you really cannot send it to somebody else and have them just decide to put the engine in, it was very challenging to find an engine, the first one they originally found was coming from overseas - Brussels? And that was about two months out, they did find one within the states here and that is about two weeks away. This was reviewed in finance and past with positive recommendation. The only other thing I will touch on is Chris Clark who is here with me right now, he did work with solicitor Nagy, they created an RFP which we did set out to Council for your review to see what we are putting out to the public in hopes that we could get some firm numbers on hourly rates to work on the buses as they do fall out of warranty. Naturally, we would want Cummins certified mechanics as well as Cummins parts directly. It makes the most sense to keep running with the OEM equipment on these buses, especially running CNG, you do not want to put an aftermarket part that could cause any type of issue, it is all is best to run with original equipment. So, once the RFP comes back to us on the seventh, we will bring that to counsel to award back to whoever the lowest hourly rate is. And as I said, it was reviewed by finance and passed on with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele: Yes it was and nothing too much to say here, Mr. Winder did say that this was not expected to be an issue with other buses that we have in the city's fleet. This is sort of a one off think that we would lose an engine. In such a short time into a vehicles useful life. And we did discuss the fact that one might think and a half million dollar plus that the engine would cost more than that, but unfortunately -- fortunately it is not, it is remanufactured, not new. But for a bus that has been in use for a while, it makes sense. Clearly it will be a good thing to establish a pattern in a company that we go to four out of warranty fixes on vehicles like this. So that we do not line up in a situation where we are sort of just having to take what we have here. But, that said, I think Mr. Winder, this did seem like a decent deal correct and get it installed? Mr. Winder answered yes., so Ms. Miele continued That said, we forwarded to the full body with positive recognition.

Mr. Pulizzi asked: What kind of warranty are we getting with this new reconditioned motor?

Chris Clark answered and said I can speak on that, we got a remanufactured three year, 300,000 mile warranty with this purchase. It was a special Cummins running. We did not pay any extra for it. It was just something that because they come with a block that they throw that in with that.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, & Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Mackey were absent.

Lot Consolidation - Joseph & Christy Cendoma

Mr. Knarr stated Lot 3 will contain 100,000 square feet, lot three will contain 3100 square feet and these two parcels will be added to Dale and JoAnn property for their use. See Mr. send him a will -- if there is currently two lots on shawl place that have been vacant for years, they have promoted and taking care of it and the heroine's property is what the name of it originally was and they just requested basically in order to do that, both the claim and Tony's and Sedoma came together and add more value to our parcel and obviously give them a little bit more room within easy properties. This was reviewed by both County and reviewed by our planning comments - the county comments that you do see before you have been corrected so the plants that you are looking at are the corrected plans. And again, it was reviewed by both Lycoming Panning as well as city planning and gave positive recommendation and I can answer any question that this time.

Mr. Allison . Okay, is there a motion and second from Council?

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

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

Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, & Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Mackey were absent.

Lot Consolidation & Land Development – Williamsport Ballpark Inc – 2 Rose Street

Mr. Allison stated that he was asked by the administration to have this item tabled because a representative.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to table this.

Mr. Banks made the motion to table and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

The land consolidation was tabled with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, & Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Mackey were absent.

Land Development - Lycoming College Shangraw Athletic Complex

Mr. Knarr stated With the plan is for locker rooms, coaches office as well as public restrooms, and a pressbox. The plan also basically is going to be replacing the capacity of 350 seating capacity bleachers. In addition to that, they're going to construct a concession stand and utility building. In addition, they are also going to expand the stormwater management plan in order to basically retain and keep everything within the facility from a previous land development plan. There are currently 84 existing parking spaces. With this landfilling, they are going to be adding 41 which will bring up a total of 121 parking spaces and this will alleviate a lot of the concern that has been happening over the years as far as the events that happen there at the field. And again, this was reviewed by both Lycoming Planning, you do have the comments in front of you, the plans that you do have in front of you are corrected copies to the county's comments, this was also reviewed by the Planning Commission on Monday, both past with a positive recommendation and I can answer any questions at this time.

Mr. Allison: Great, thank you Mr. Knarr. Other comments or questions from counsel this evening? Mr. Banks?

Mr. Banks: Just one, Mr. Knarr, you said - I thought you said you were going to be in trading all of the water on site?

Mr. Knarr: Some years ago they purchased three homes and demolishing those and had looked at doing a parking lot but if you are over there in front of it, it would be if you are going into the stadium, to the left you see the BMP which is the stormwater, this is enhancing that and controlling more of that within some of the development that they are incurring with this land development paired so, they're just going to be adding more stormwater which gives a credit to them as well as will help us out with our MS for permitting in the future.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any other questions, hearing and seeing none

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

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

Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, & Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Mackey were absent.

Accept for filing:

There were no minutes for filing.

Mr. Allison announced that there will be an executive session following this meeting in the matter of personnel and contracts.

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM, at Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, June 11	11:00 AM	ERC
	12:00 PM	Housing Needs
Thursday, June 17	3:00 PM	Accessibility Commission
Monday, June 21	12:00 PM	Planning Commission*
Tuesday, June 22	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	1:00 PM	Finance Meeting
	2:30 PM	Public Works Meeting
Thursday, June 24	7:00 PM	City Council meeting *

All meetings are held remotely unless indicated with an * asterisk, whereas will be held at Trade & Transit, II, 144 West Third St, 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA.

Mr. Allison asked if there were questions or comments from City Council.

There were none.

Mr. Allison asked if there were questions or comments from the Administration.

There were none.

Mr. Allison asked if there were questions or comments from the general public.

There were none.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Katz and a second by Mr. Yoder. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM with unanimous ayes.

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Frank
City Clerk**