

**Thursday, October 10, 2019
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilperson Bonnie Katz 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
Joel Henderson, Councilman
Gerry Fausnaught, Councilwoman*

Absent:

Also, Present:

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

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes dated September 26, 2019 were approved upon a motion from **Mrs. Fausnaught** and a second from **Mrs. Katz**. **All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Bruce Huffman, 1000 Cherry St

Regarding Item # 13: Ordinance Designating Lycoming College Boulevard.

Early History:

Franklin Street was an original street in the Lloyd and Undegraff addition to the Borough of Williamsport dating back to at least 1850. As it does now, Franklin Street originally began at East Fourth Street but only ran north to Washington. It likely was named for Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin Street is opposite the north end of Basin Street, a street which takes its name from a large water basin that once was adjacent to the West Branch of the Pennsylvania Canal. This nearly two-block long basin, where packet boats could dock and turn around, was in the area of Panera Bread and the Basin Street Plaza. The opening of the canal in 1834 brought increased economic prosperity to Williamsport. Throughout their history, Franklin, East Fourth, and Basin Streets have always been public thru streets. They are among 15 of the very first streets of Williamsport that still retain their original name.

Recent History:

In March of 2018, I opposed the renaming of Government Place on the grounds that it would erase a part of the City's history and obliterate a unique and very rare name. At the time, I also asked that the City create an ordinance that would lay out a thorough and transparent process for naming and renaming streets.

Two years ago, the proposed realignment of Franklin Street, coupled with the widening of Basin Street, was touted as a major improvement to the traffic patterns and vehicular safety in that area, especially at the intersection on East Fourth Street. In addition, the reconstruction would provide better access between Lycoming College and I-180.

Millions of dollars in mostly public grant money was secured.

In early September, Lycoming College asked to have the realigned part of Franklin Street renamed College Place, in order to keep its existing 700 College Place Address.

Due to an issue with the block address numbering compliance, as related to the new Krapf Gateway building, they have since asked for a private drive in front of that building to be named College Place.

The College has now asked for the one block long section of realigned Franklin Street to be renamed Lycoming College Boulevard.

Logic:

Just as there is a process to obtain a zoning variance or undertake land development, there should be a through process to name or rename a street, one that provides guidelines and involves an opportunity for a public hearing.

It has been said that since new construction was involved in creating the realigned part of Franklin Street, that it should be considered a new street without a name. Clearly, this is false thinking. You can simply look at Item #10, Accepting A Portion of Franklin Street and the accompanying Deed of Dedication, to see that the City and College both consider the realignment to be Franklin Street.

In regard to renaming this realigned portion of Franklin Street, the Lycoming County Department of Public Safety has stated: "It could also be confusing to have the same stretch of road change names."

The County's own Property Addressing Ordinance, 96-3, includes supplemental information on recommended road naming practices, one of which states: "If the road is continuous do not change names at a curve or some point other than a road intersection."

Most reasonable people would think that it is absurd to call a one block section of street, a Boulevard, especially when Williamsport's four existing boulevards range in length from 1/3 of a mile to nearly 1 and a half miles.

Truth: At the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, it was stated by a member of the administration that the College's ultimate goal is not only to rename this one block section of Franklin Street, but also to rename the entire length of Basin Street from East Fourth Street to the I-180 Beltway, and to petition PennDOT to change the exit name.

In addition to inconveniencing people and businesses with a Basin Street address, this will completely erase one of the last remaining vestiges of Williamsport's canal transportation heritage.

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Apparently, the College believes that because it has made a financial contribution to the project, and because it has land abutting on two sides of a public street, that it has the right to ask for street name changes that benefit it, but destroy the historical and cultural fabric of the City.

If you approve this Ordinance:

–You are saying that having a transparent naming process that involves criteria, review, and citizen input does not matter.

–You are erasing a part of Williamsport's history, which will make it easier to obliterate the history of Basin Street in the near future.

–You are saying that any of the dozen or so entities or people, that happen to own land on both sides of a public street in Williamsport, are now justified in asking for a similar street name change.

If you approve this Ordinance:

–You are saying that money, power, and politics are more important than history, logic, and truth.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 315 West Third St

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a certificate of appropriateness requests to remove a portion of the southeast corner of the structure and replace it with exterior metal siding. The collar will match the existing brick which is a brown. He has attached pictures of what is going to look like. A year ago he looked at the facility and condemned it because of the wall himself. He has pictures and if there are any questions there is a contractor here.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Henderson asked if this complies with our ordinance in which Mr. Gerardi stated yes you can use middle in 50% of the building, and this is way less than 50%. It does meet the requirements.

Mr. Allison stated the quarter has been bad for quite some time.

There were questions about the makeup of the building.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the certificate of appropriateness.

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Ordinance #6373

Ordinance Vacation of a Portion of Franklin St. in the 8th Ward for Lycoming College Gateway (final reading) (Bill #1739-19)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Benner stated there has been no changes to this ordinance since first reading.

Mr. Henderson stated obviously we need to do this, but is there any reason for us to put in a language in here that allows us the ability to access the property because of storm water or other utilities.

Mr. Lubin answered unfortunately you can't, the vacation has to be absolute. It is usually a requirement that the property owner add the utilities.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance in final reading.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Ordinance #6374

Ordinance Vacation of a Portion of Dubois Street (final reading) (Bill #1740-19)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Benner stated this has been reviewed a couple of times at public works and there was a concern, and he understands it has been resolved.

Mrs. Katz stated we did discuss this at Public Works and there was a citizen who had an objection about this, but they came to an understanding, we did not pass us with a positive recommendation because of that, but since the citizen chose not to reject this there's no problem with this anymore.

Mr. Henderson stated that we didn't actually vote on this, it was just a discussion.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance in final reading.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Ordinance #6375

Ordinance Amending the City Map to remove Dubois Street from Protected Brick St. (final reading) (Bill#1741-19)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Benner stated there was no further discussion or changes or updates to this.

Mr. Noviello stated so we are not affecting the remainder of Dubois St? The answer was no.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Bill#1743-19

Ordinance Accepting a Portion of Franklin St Located in the 8th Ward in the City of Williamsport (first reading)

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The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Fausnaught.

Mr. Benner stated this is an ordinance accepting the new portion of Franklin Street. This ordinance is necessary for the realignment of Franklin Street which will serve as a grand entrance to the new Lycoming multipurpose building. The portion of land being accepted was previously owned by Lycoming College. This was reviewed by public works, and by Mr. Lubin with minimal changes.

Mrs. Katz stated this came to Public Works and we sent it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. It is part of the Gateway and Mr. Lubin did check this so we he saw no problem with this whatsoever.

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

The ordinance was carried in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Bill #1744-19

Ordinance Renaming College Place to Warrior Way (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this ordinance renames the current College Place which is in the center of Lycoming College. It is a privately owned Street by Lycoming College, currently named College Place. It runs from Washington Boulevard southward to the cul-de-sac on their property. Lycoming College requested to have this renamed to Warrior Way. And in your packet you'll see a letter from the county in conjunction with the next ordinance. This did go to Public Works.

Mrs. Katz stated this did come to Public Works and we had a long discussion about these public streets being named. Mr. Winder did talk to the post office on the counter to make sure that the addresses would not be changed. These are privately owned by the college. We sent this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

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

The ordinance was carried in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Bill #1744-19

Ordinance Designating College Place (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated in front of the Krafte Center and is a private drive, Lycoming College is requesting to name that College Place. Lycoming County Department of Public Safety came up with the suggestion of naming that and Lycoming College would be able to use number one, they felt it was simplified that way.

Mrs. Katz stated Public Works did review this and send it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Henderson stated this is a perfect example of how people can work together, there were a lot of discussion, and we were able to accommodate the college's in this way.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was carried in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

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Ordinance Designating Lycoming College Boulevard (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this is the final ordinance for Lycoming College. It is designating the realign section the roadway between Franklin Street and Basin Street connecting at E. Fourth St. Once again the Department of Public Safety made the suggestion in a letter to accommodate the college in some fashion with an idea on how to name that section to be suitable for Lycoming College's dreams. Their overall goal is to rename the entire stretch of Basin Street from route 180 N. to connect to this. The reasoning was if you were able to come up Basin Street heading north right now, each side of the opening for that new section roadway has brick wall there which would give you the image that you were entering college property. This was sent to public works and forwarded with a negative recommendation.

Mrs. Katz stated this did come to Public Works and we had difficulty with this because when you are looking at the street you are really dealing with three different names. Basin St, College Place and Franklin ST. we really thought we should have a discussion with the full body of Council, because they want to really have the whole name changed with the river all the way up. She felt that we should have a discussion with the full body of Council on this.

Mrs. Fausnaught asked how many people are affected by the changes in that area?

Mr. Winder answered about a ½ dozen.

Mrs. Fausnaught asked why we are piece meal this?

Mr. Winder stated the realignment would have two different names coming together.

Mr. Henderson stated the original letter that we received from the college on September 6, expressing their interest to change that portion, originally to college place. When they approached the county about the address, the county said that is not going to work. Our streets and parks director and others got together and found a solution to meet the needs as voice in the letter. Since that time, the college has come to us with the desire to change that roadway again. The question is why? We understand because it would be nice and look great coming in and would be a grand entrance, but it doesn't match up with the original reason that they gave us. He felt that it is somewhat disingenuous. He wants to support the

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college and he is thankful for all they are doing, but he also wants to preserve the history of the city as well. He felt this decision should be vetted better. Right now in the historic committee, there is legislation put together in regards to naming public streets, it is 75% complete. That ordinance has a great process lined out so the city has a say in what their street is. There would be a process for public hearing, and it would be helpful in this case for something like that. It would also be helpful to the administration to have some guidelines to guide them through this process. So for that reason he would love to see us delay this until there's a better instructions laid out. This is a through Street, and it would be a big change. Perhaps what the best solution is what was originally recommended by the Lycoming County Public Safety, they suggested that that portion of Franklin Street have an alias, and honorary name. That way we won't lose the permanent name of Basin Street.

Mr. Slaughter stated maybe we can have a conversation with the college, that we don't piecemeal it, it doesn't make any sense to do just one little small section of Basin Street, it would make more sense either redo it or redo and name it an honorary name. I think we can work something out, and we need more conversation.

Mr. Allison stated were going to have a discussion with the college, but to deal with this right now.

Mrs. Katz stated she thought we should table it so we can have this discussion and we have to come up with some kind of solution. We want to acknowledge the college, and make sure they are front and center with what they're doing, but we also want to make the street itself available for everyone. Because it also is an entry to the city.

Mr. Allison stated what we are seeing as common problems when you're dealing with an older city, and newer developments are laid out, but were dealing with 200 years of older development that we are trying to accommodate new development.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated we should make it easy for people to find places of significance in the city.

Mr. Henderson stated there is a sign on the highway on the exit that says Lycoming College. And that is what we want, and I think an honorary designation would help with that.

There was more discussion about how the city wants to do everything correctly. Penn College Gateway does not go into city streets. But Lycoming College it will go through city streets. We do have to be careful not to confuse new people coming into the city.

Mr. Henderson stated the other option would be just a vote this down and allow the discussion and just come back with the new ordinance, that is one option too. We can set it on the table but would have to amend it before we could pick it up.

Mr. Allison stated his thought was some of Council have been deeply involved with this whole issue and some of us haven't, so it was important that we do have this discussion altogether.

Ms. Miele stated she understands where everyone is coming from and she would make a motion that we table it because she has discussed it with Dr. Trachte and the college is in need of a little bit of guidance from the city. So basically she stated that he would understand if we would have to table this. We do need a procedure for naming streets in the city. They are looking for a way to designate their entrance.

Ms. Miele made a motion to table this and Mr. Henderson seconded it.

Mayor Campana stated he concurs with what Ms. Miele is saying. He feels it would be a mistake if Council were actually to vote against it, his position would be to table it. This is been a fantastic project with so many partners and we would really be making a mistake by saying no. We would create a negative connotation on this project. So his recommendation would be to table it.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the tabling of this ordinance.

The ordinance was tabled with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Land Development Water Tower Square

Mr. Knarr stated this is located at 1000 Commerce Park Dr. It is currently in the ML zoning district, and it currently has a multi-a use facility now and they are looking at proposing a construction of a 5 foot warehouse in addition to 19 storage units. Both of these will be an accessory use to the permitted use that is there. It was reviewed by the Lycoming County Planning commission and the City Planning commission. We are requiring the developer to submit a new set of prints that will be done up for the actual one that we have recorded. The owner has agreed that we will require them to provide a one-way access in, and we will be providing a new drawing at final provided this is approved this evening. The other concern was the landscape, based off of where it is located at, there is a retaining wall, and you will not see that parking lot, it will make 10% difference. They are just going to extend that retaining wall down and they will meet the ordinance as far as landscaping. They were given positive recommendation spy both commissions. It was stated that the issues were addressed correctly by both commissions.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the land development.

The land development was approved with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Ordinance #6372

Ordinance Adopting a six year Capital Project Budget for City for fiscal years ending 6/30/20 to 6/30/25 Bill #1728-19 (final reading) Remove from Table

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to take this off the table.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Fausnaught.

Mr. Nichols stated this ordinance is to adopt the city six year capital program and it is on second reading. This serves as a planning tool for the city with the first two years serving as a structure for the action plan. We reviewed this program with the Williamsport planning commission which provided a positive recommendation to the full body of Council. We also talked about it at the finance committee this week. We are asking your approval on second reading for the \$7 million. Councilwoman Liz Miele has a few changes as it relates to IT

Mr. Nichols spoke a little bit about the Gateway project, but that item was tabled earlier.

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Ms. Miele spoke about making City Council more digital. Her suggestion was it did come from the general fund the suggestion was in this coming year prior to the next city Council election, we put in \$14,000 in fiscal year 2020, 2021, to purchase mobile work stations and develop a framework for managing packets. In 2021, 2022, we put \$5000 in to purchase an award station to put something mobile at the presenters desk and then in 2023, and 2024, we might want to get into the habit of replacing workstations with each new Council members. So that the worst-case scenario was 2023, and 2024 for a new set of workstations. As we all know this budget is a wish list, and I am requesting that city Council have this, it does not mean that we will have this and it depends very much on the city budget in November. She stated that we spent about \$50,000 on office supplies in City Hall, if we could reduce that number I think we could realize this sort of investment.

Ms. Miele made the motion to place in the budget from general fund, in fiscal year 2020, and 2021, \$14,000, in 2021 and 2022, \$5000, in 2023, 2024, \$8000, and that will take us to the end of the recommendations. That is a total of \$27,000.

Mrs. Fausnaught seconded it.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the final reading of this ordinance.

The ordinance was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Bill #1742-19

Ordinance – Issuance of General Obligation Note (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Nichols stated this is the proposal for two year line of credit and a subsequent term if needed and am very reliable fixed-rate of 2.978%. This line of credit replaces the financing which recently expired and needs to be renewed as required by the city's RCAP grants, for the city's East Third ST Gateway project and Bowman Field. Included in my memo is is the proposal from the bank as well as a recommendation from Delta Development for the finances needed for the city ongoing projects. Keep in mind, there is no prepayment penalty and also the line of credit can be used not only for current projects but for proposed projects. Such as the Memorial Park project that looks very favorable, stormwater management, etc. Jens Ungaurd, our Bond Council was that the finance meeting to review the documents and as a result of that meeting, you received an updated document reflecting the committee's recommended changes to improve the legislative intent. There is language related to the line of credit for the Bowman Field project stating that it is only for RCAP reimbursements, also any new RVT projects contemplated in this ordinance must have prior approval of Council, I think that is a good addition. We are pursuing things, but nothing is in place in this point in time. Also the language requiring Council approval if there is a desire to utilize some provision at the end of the financing provision. This is a fixed term and also flexibility in the document has flexibility for high priority projects, and Council can make decisions accordingly.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by the Finance Committee and we had a number of questions. We did make some recommendations, and to look at a couple of the basics, the items that are included in the title, anything that can be included or visualize under that wording is something that we could potentially utilize. It does not say exclusively reimbursable grant related expenditures, just to say that it is possible for us, we have multiple grants in the city that require us to spend the money and get reimbursed for it. The city does not have the \$2 million in cash flow to expense it and put it back in. So we need to have a line of credit to deal with those reimbursable costs. We are fortunate that some of the grants that we have received will permit us to pay a portion of the interests related to this particular loan. We are paying interest on having receive that money the entire time. That said, the little Pandora's box is we are not just borrowing money for exclusive reimbursement, we are potentially borrowing money, and the ability to utilize for things that are not reimbursable. That is to say to put the city more in debt, and if we were to do that, the lovely schedule that shows that we are paying back several hundred thousand dollars a year after the beginning of 2022, \$231,000 for the next 10 years, so if we do utilize the \$2 million in borrowing, we're going to be paying a total of about \$534,000 in interest. Clearly, we should think very hard whether we want to keep that money, is it necessary for us to be spending money for something that we won't be reimbursed for. She asked if it is possible to put that in here, because it does stated at least 30 days prior to the drawn down, the Council of the city shall advise the director of finance of the amount of the outstanding balance of the note that should be outstanding by the end of the drawn down. We not be able to retire at the entirety of the debt.

The finance committee made a handful of recommendations to try and limit our exposure to this debt for future Councils, and administration that we are committing ourselves to debt, that we don't intend to.

She asked for other ways that we can limit our exposure to make sure that we don't utilize funds without our knowledge. The finance committee did add any expenditures of no proceeds to finance infrastructure for River Valley Transit improvements or bus purchases shall be subject to Council of the city. We have had a couple of projects that we borrowed together, including the Bowman Field project, so we have definitely co-mingled borrowed from RVT. RVT as part of the city, but we have remained separate accounts. Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. She stated she wanted to be sure that we have more control of the debt to the city.

Mr. Nichols stated the line of credit, when interest rates kept dropping, we pursued the idea of making it a long-term financing for these priority projects that are out there. So the bank let us lock this low-grade and now, and it was a great opportunity that we did not want to pass up. He felt that the safeguards that are in there in terms of approval if long-term financing is needed or wanted for those the decision-makers at the time is the best of both worlds. It is a nice tool to have in your pocket.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated she felt it wasn't a question of whether we should or we shouldn't, we must if we want that money to be able to do the things that we want to do in the city. There is no prepayment penalty so we won't wait 30 years to pay this, but there's no penalty to that, and the rate is locked in.

Ms. Miele asked Mr. Lubin if there was anything that she could insert using proceeds to finance River Valley Transit infrastructure and bus purchases, could we potentially insert something else that says any

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expenditures of note proceeds that are not specifically reimbursable expenditures? She wanted a notification clause for utilizing proceeds from the note and will not be reimbursed from them. She stated the problem is were drawing it all immediately and then it goes into another bank account.

Mr. Nichols stated he could try to get a language for them.

Ms. Miele stated this particular note, we will at some point probably draw down the entire 2 million. It is not a revolving loan. We are putting it into another account and were holding it into another account until the two year., Until we decide them back into it. Her fear is to get to the end of the two-year drawdown. And the other count only has 1 million in it, not the 2 million, and it's no longer an option for us to keep it as a requirement. But she doesn't think that changing the language in the note is going to change that, because it'll be in a separate account.

Mr. Nichols stated when we get to the two-year period and if for some reason they were looking for the last reimbursement for \$300,000, that's why we were able to get the note prepayment penalty, so you could come to Council and say we only want to term for \$300,000 because this is still reimbursable. So now you're into the 10 year term, and counsel was only authorized what is reimbursable to keep going. So instead of having to renew a line of credit, gives us a chance to pay it off at any time with the same interest rate.

Ms. Miele stated she understood all that, but what she would like for this Council or future councils to know is if we are spending any portion of that funding that is not reimbursable.

Mr. Nichols stated yes you can put that in there.

Ms. Miele stated she would like to know when that happens.

Mr. Nichols stated I'm not sure what you are saying, but we can get it done. I want Council to approve every step of the way that you approve what we are doing. We don't want to have to borrow any more money. We really just want to have a line of credit, but we do have a lot of priority projects, and they're going to be some new decision-makers.

Ms. Slaughter stated couldn't we just amend it to say any expenditures., Shall be subject to specific prior approval of the Council of the city. We should know if it's reimbursable or not reimbursable.

Ms. Miele asked that a report be provided at the Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Slaughter ask if there's anything currently we are going to use this for?

Mr. Nichols answered the E. 3rd St. project, right now we have state grants for Basin Street which we need now to apply for reimbursements. Probably over the next two or three months will probably need three or four hundred thousand dollars to keep ahead of that reimbursement schedule. He didn't want to wait any longer because of the interest rates and we are into the project so he wanted to get it on. It takes two readings and then we have to go through the DCED, and it takes about two months.

Mr. Slaughter asked if the 200,000 or 300,000 is for the E. 3rd St.?

Mr. Nichols answered yes.

Mr. Henderson stated he agrees with Mr. Slaughter to say that any expenditure of the note be approved by Council and to keep the next Council informed. There was discussion about whether it should be approval of Council of a whole or just finance committee.

Ms. Miele stated the only reason why we said finances so we don't end up in additional long discussions.

Mr. Nichols stated that we can add that reimbursement, is upon notification to the finance committee and proper notification.

Mrs. Katz stated we are always trying to catch up with the grants, and what we are trying to say is that we don't know what grants are out there and where the money is going at times. Sometimes we don't get that information, so with the new administration in a new Council we have to be on top of what is going on.

Mr. Nichols stated it is only for E. 3rd St. and Bowman Field RCAP, the language should be that we would not use it for anything else without approval. It is just for the two existing grants. Well Memorial Park, we had to add that in there because with the grant approved that's going to be a reimbursable, depending on the timing, it may not be needed.

Mr. Slaughter ask if we currently have enough for Bowman Field?

Mr. Nichols stated we are okay now, and we have no need for it today.

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

Mr. Henderson did stated so you bring some changes on the next time we see this?

Mr. Nichols stated yes he will make it.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was carried in first reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Resolution #8934

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Municipal Services Agreement between City & Commonwealth of PA for Maintenance of Slopes along Miller's Run

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Fausnaught

Mr. Winder stated this resolution is a renewal, it is a three year agreement between the city of Williamsport and PennDOT or the maintenance of approximately 1500 lineal feet of embankment along Miller's run. The reimbursement would be a total of \$10,756.33. It basically involves the flood control department mowing the grass in that area and cleaning up the limbs debris. This was reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. The funding from the Commonwealth covers the employee time and depreciation of the equipment.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

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Resolution Authorizing the city contracts for City Hall elevator and ADA access ramp

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Mr. Allison asked for motion to take this off the table.
No motion was made.

Resolution #8935

Resolution Setting City Council Meetings for Year 2020

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Lubin stated this is an annual resolution setting forth the Council meetings for next year. Because there is a municipal election this year, we are required under the optional third class city charter law to have the reorganizational meeting on the first Monday in January. I believe there were copies of drafts sent to all members of Council.

Mr. Allison asked if everyone was good with these dates.

Ms. Miele stated she believes that Mr. Allison and Mrs. Katz had some input on these meeting dates, and she thanked her colleagues for some of the changes as well as Janice for putting it together.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Resolution #8936

Resolution to Approve Greenways, Trails, & Recreation Program Grant for Memorial Park
Playground Renovation Project

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Pawlak stated this resolution is for the grant approval of \$200,000. Earlier this year Council approves submitting a grant for \$250,000. The \$50,000 difference that we did not receive, what we are proposing is a fast track to this project, approving the grant at this meeting, and the next meeting approving equipment which will allow us to get a \$65,000 grant for the equipment which will cover the difference. We will still be able to do the original project that was proposed when the grant was submitted. Included in the cover memo is the timeline that we need to follow in order to get everything in place. This was reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Ms. Miele stated this was forwarded to the full body of Council with a very positive recommendation. The equipment looks like it will be exciting and at some new set of interesting things. The majority of our commentary related to how impressed we were with various members of the administration, and Mr. Slaughter was also a part of it. Fast tracking this so we can accept the grant, and get the equipment and have us \$65,000 savings to the city's quite impressive.

Everyone thanked all members involved.

Mr. Pawlak thanked Adam Winder, Shawn Washington, Stephanie Young, Penn Strategies and Jess Novinger.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was approved with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Resolution #8937

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Rural Ave – Parcel #74-004-200

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Knarr stated this is for an authorization to sell a parcel of land from the city and it is approximately 4800 ft.² grass space and it is at the intersection of world, Hollywood Circle and Fifth Avenue. It is a nonconforming use and it is too small for a development. It did go through Public Works and finance as part of a package deal. It is not feasible or cost effective to auction this off. The process would be to do an open bid to the highest bidder. Once the bids were opened up it would come back to Council for approving of the contract.

Mr. Noviello asked is this for a minimum bid, or how would that work?

Mr. Knarr answered when we discussed it, the appraised value is \$2500, so we can put a request as far as a minimum bid on that, it is not a development property, they can't build on it. There is a gentleman that is interested in it.

Mayor Campana stated his thinking right now in regards to a minimum bid would be about \$500, and he asked for feedback from Council. He feels there should be some type of minimum bid.

Mr. Winder stated take in consideration, it cost us more money to maintain it them what it is worth.

Mr. Henderson stated once it is on the tax rolls we will get taxes every year.

There is a discussion about the property and its worth. The process will be a closed bid on this.

Mrs. Fausnaught made a motion to place in the resolution that we have a minimum of \$500 and Mrs. Katz seconded it.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the amendment to the resolution.

The amendment to the resolution was approved with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution itself.

The resolution was approved with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

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Planning Commission Minutes 9/30/19

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept these for filing.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote to accept these minutes for filing.

The minutes were accepted for filing with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 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, October 14	12:00 PM Planning Commission 4:00 PM Recreation
Tuesday, October 15	10:00 AM Blighted Property 3:30 PM ERC 6:30 PM HARB
Thursday, October 17	10:30 AM Zoning Hearing Board 4:00 PM Board of Health
Tuesday, October 22	11:00 AM Historical Preservation 1:00 PM Finance Committee 2:30 PM Public Works 3:30 PM Public Safety
Wednesday, October 23	11:30 AM Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, October 24	7:30 PM City Council Meeting

[Meetings Held in Council Chambers Unless Otherwise Noted – [scr] = William Sechler Community

Room]

Adjournment

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

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

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

Mr. Ralph Keller, 203 Hughes St. He wanted to comment about the Franklin Street naming, because this is in his backyard. He thinks that Council did the correct thing to table this and take it back, and a hodgepodge which would be inappropriate, and if you take the short section of Franklin which is ½ block and give it a different name, he felt that it would be plain stupid. He feels Franklin Street should remain Franklin, and basin Street should remain Basin Street. He also likes Mr. Henderson's proposal to give it an honorary naming keep names as they were. Some of us should think back on heaven Street when that was redeveloped, between the genetic parking lot in the Plaza, it used to be a 2 Way St., they put a curb in their, and they did change the name what the curb is. That would be the same way here. As far as honorary names, we have done that for Mrs. Whaley, and also Dr. King. There are streets that have secondary honorary names. Those are things that should be looked at. Please get in your cars, drive west on the Beltway, and at the front of the hill, at basin Street you will find a big sign that says Lycoming College with an arrow. I think that will solve the problem, and it does solve the problem. I think that would be a lot more friendly and easier for people from out of town to find where the college is without changing a street name.

Mr. Bruce Huffman, 1000 Cherry St, stated I would like to thank you again for reconsidering the Franklin Street / Basin Street issues, and he would simply ask if there's going to be more discussion with the college and the city, that it be done at a public meeting.

Joanne Clemintino, Chestnut ST, she would like to think streets and parks for coming and fixing the potholes. They did a great job, and she hopes they stay that way until the Spring until the street can be fixed properly. But she really appreciates it. They did a great great job. Thank you.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Ms. Miele and seconded by Mrs. Katz.**
Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 9:28 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk