

**Thursday, October 22, 2020
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday October 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

Council members present:

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

Absent:

Also, Present:

*Derek Slaughter, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi,
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Gary Knarr,
Mark Killian, Fire Chief,
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Austin White, Sol.
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, RVT
Jon Sander, Engineer,*

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 10/08/20 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mrs. Katz. All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There were no requests.

Presentation – Lycoming United Way

Mr. Allison said next is a presentation from Ron Frick the president of United Way, he is going to give us a brief update and overview of the United Way, his remarks, we all know what the United Way has meant to our community and county and many people and many people and organizations that helps in this is normally a very big time of year for them but just like everything else they have had to change things and things have been altered and delayed because of the pandemic. I thought it was appropriate, we had had a conversation in another setting and we should all be updated about where the United way is about right now, we don't ever want to forget what they do and how vital they are to our community and county, having said that good evening Mr. Frick and you have the floor's are.

Mr. Frick addressed Council and said we wanted to give an update on the United Way, obviously being in person would be more valuable. I could use my hands more. But we are grateful for the opportunity. As Mr. Allison said at my name is Ron Frick and it is my privilege to be the president and CEO of the United Way for the last four years. We are an affiliate of United Way worldwide which is the largest privately funded nonprofit in the world and for almost 100 year we've been probably headquartered in Williamsburg Pennsylvania. The importance of being privately funded and local is something I really want to focus a few minutes on, while we certainly appreciate the axis to governmental grants like the homeless assistant program and the emergency food and shelter that we administrator we rely on our community investors to make a difference in a place where government can't or should not be operating. We are grateful for the opportunity we have any chance we have to speak to government leaders especially in our community which is so important to us. Just this afternoon as a matter fact, a major city organization in our community and a leader of that organization made a significant leadership that gift and I am humbled by that and grateful for the fact that we have leaders in our community that can make a difference. I'm going to try to share my screen and share some PowerPoint sides with you. You can let me know if you can see the screen that I'm sharing. Does everyone have the PowerPoint?

Let me just go through a couple of the slides with you, the theme for this year and last year is changed does not happen alone. We need our community to effectuate change and so very important for us to recognize the fact it makes a community to do the work that we do. So there are many ways to give, as you all know, but there's really only one United Way and despite changes come about from the COVID crisis in all of our communities we have been working with existing partners like UPMC, the chambers of commerce in the city of Williamsport on things like help health cars I was honored to sit on the mayor's COVID 19 task force and I work with the first community foundation partnership of Pennsylvania and standing up the COVID 19 United community funds which today have provided almost three quarters of \$1 million to 101 nonprofits and nine counties including of hundred thousand dollar investment from United Way here in Lycoming County. We know that change does not happen alone so this year our goal is to raise \$1.1 million after raising \$1 million last year.

Last year's campaign breakdown is pretty simple, the, county areas the load and five years ago we were honored to be able to participate with Sullivan and Tioga County and now we are multi County reaching of United Way so that has been a very importing change in our organization over the years. This is a representative list of the program partners that we support, there are 23 program or agencies that we support and that encompasses 36 programs in three different counties. In Addition to our community grants that we allocate every year the United Way also provides over \$236,000 in support to the Lycoming County emergency food and shelter program which is a federally funded program and the homeless assistance program which is a county funded program. We also support Pennsylvania 211 which is an organization that supports referral assistance to individuals who call 211 or who taxed their ZIP Code 298 ? 211 and was particularly active during the COVID 19 initially and has tripled the amount of calls it is taken in northeastern and central Pennsylvania and we are very proud of what the work that group does out of Williamsburg. New by supporting our United Way we are doing a lot of thing your preventing hunger and homelessness, you're putting people on the path to financial stability you are preparing children to succeed

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in school and enabling people with disabilities to maintain their independence. Lots of ways for you to help our particular organization and for almost 100 years we've been working to improve the situation of those in our community to make things better. Where your dollars go? 97 percent of the dollars that we raise say in the county that we raise them in, we do support United Way of Pennsylvania for advocacy and United Way worldwide, but it is a very small portion of our budget. All of the money that is raised in Lycoming County or in three County say in those individual counties to support the programs in those communities. What we need your support? The United Way invests in the health education and financial stability of every person and every community. We believe that a community really helps each other and we know the quality of life for all of us is stronger when we all work together so we are grateful for the community partnerships we have formed over the 98 years, including the partnership with the city, the county, Chamber of Commerce and as you can see in the picture on the screen our friends from UPMC that have been supportive of our efforts at the United Way. A couple of pictures of some of the things we have done including the mayor who was kind enough to sit in a dunk tank, we were hoping we would be able to do that again this year but COVID put a squish to our kids carnival on Pine Square. We have been supported unbelievably by city administration, the mayor has been very active in working with us to help the kids and supporting packing boxes and was instrumental in getting us connected with Parks and Recreation's this summer so we can support the feeding program with some books, the picture in the bottom corner is kids over at Shell Park getting book from the United Way and we had a ton of parents coming that afternoon to pick up books to pick up for their kids, that was all provided by a grant and cooperation with the United Way and Pennsylvania Here's a little summary of what one dollar buys, the purpose of this slide is to show you that every dollar really matters. By giving up a candy bar a week, if candy bars are still a dollar, I don't know anymore. You can supply 289 pounds of produce to family suffering from food insecurity through the program we fund at the American rosters workers a comprehensive emergency assistant program, and the numbers go from there our leadership giving level is \$1,000 a year and we are challenging people who can do that to do it because it basically equates to four dollars a day. Anyone who has seen me in town knows I probably spend that much at least the alabaster so it just means giving up one cup of coffee and set of drinking two or three. Anyone can help really support in a big way. A couple of ways to give, you can visit our website and there is a give button at the upper right-hand corner you can text if you are so inclined the word live United 250155, it will give you a link back and ask for credit card and contact information and we will process that here in the office or you can do it the old-fashioned way and have a paper pledge form. I know I have talked to both Mr. Allison and Mr. Saughter about the intention of gauging with city employees to support United Way from a workplace perspective and we will continue have dialogue to see if we can start the backup again after a few years of not really working to solicit the city for funding. We will talk more about that. And then finally the last slide, there are a number of ways you can support us and it is not just about supporting us financially. Our thing for many many years has been to give, advocate and to volunteer. You can give financially you can give your time, you can give your resources, you can give your advocacy on the behalf of the United Way, Mr. Allison was kind enough to do that at the beginning of the session. We believe we are vital organization to the community and we believe our programs and our partners depend on us and those that they serve. You can volunteer and it is a little bit tougher during COVID but we have done as you can see in the slide a lot of work even with COVID. We are in the process of working as you saw today on social media of groups that try to put an end to domestic violence and we support that option and the Wise Options program and we are working on a program in November for homeless awareness month which we are very excited about. We have done a lot really to support local downtown businesses, buying gift cards and using incentives for employees and campaign incentives that really support those who have supported us for many many years. With that I will turn it back to Mr. Allison and I'm happy to answer any questions anyone has tonight.

Mr. Allison said Thank you Ron I appreciate your overview there and I will open it up to members of Council, do have any questions or would like to Mr. Pulizzi ?

Mr. Pulizzi asked If one wanted to volunteer what is the best way to schedule a volunteer.

Mr. Frick said The best way to get a hold of us is to call us and you can email us at United Way, one word unitedway@lcw.org we keep an eye on that mailbox and generally what we've been doing now is connecting people with partners in the community that will be looking for help, I know on December 22 there is an opportunity for folks to help us with car parking and serving over at the American rescue workers for food distribution and there's lots of opportunities like that that are socially distance so I appreciate that question.

Mr. Pulizzi asked if there a schedule on your website that shows all of the upcoming events so that way if one did want to volunteer they can go through and make plans to volunteer at an event?

Mr. Frick answered In normal years I would say yes, unfortunately there are no real events scheduled for the United Way. Our biggest event as many of you know that participated last year was the United music and community art center, October 1 unfortunately came and went this year and that is a \$30,000 impact to our budget so we are looking for any way we can right now to support the community by raising money, not only the old-fashioned way through workplace campaigns but also some new ways and events where people can participate and raise money remotely. We are working with the artist that were here last year and some others in the community to try to do something that does not require us to be in facility. The best way to keep in touch with us really is to check us out on Facebook, social media and our social media presence is very active, we've been supported by the Sun Gazette and North Central PA.com and other media outlets but the greatest source of current information is Facebook or Instagram or twitter.

Mayor Slaughter said We talked about and folks don't really know the impact that United Way has and they might think that they could just donate directly to whatever nonprofit of their choice but really your daughterdollar goes way further if you donate that to the United Way and Ron does a great job of really detailing that and how five dollars given to a nonprofit goes further than five dollars going to the United Way

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goes a lot further. I support the United Way the work that they do and they are very vital to our community. Thank you Ron for the presentation and the work that you've done and their partners.

Mr. Allison Anyone else in the Council? Or administration? I just agree with everything Mayor Slaughter said and Vince and yourself, Ron when we are in times like this with the pandemic and everything that is upset the needs don't go away and I think that is something we all have to keep reminding ourselves that there are those very much less fortunate than all of us here tonight and we need to remember that does not disappear because of COVID 19 virus around and there are other things going on and we need to keep that in our hearts and the front of our actions because it is close to home. There are a lot of things that we get involved with or see that are important but I think we are neighbors and our brother's keepers and those of the people that are closest to us. I think that I know Mayor Slaughter and they are ready to cooperate in gear backup within the city and efforts to coordinate the giving to United Way to all of our employees and that will be an easy and immediate goal for us to move on in that respect.

Mr. Frick said Let me add Mr. Allison, we believe that the United Way is the organization that is prepared to really participate in the recovery. We have lots of great organizations in our community I mentioned a couple of them, the American Red Cross, the immediate disaster resource we have in our community are fantastic and this will be a long-term recovery. I have the privilege of sitting on the central Pennsylvania food bank board, this is a long-term thing and right now there is plenty of food but resources are going to be limited as we move forward and our partners right now are stressed to the max right now to try to support the increased demand on services and we are at a point where our revenues have been compromised by COVID 19. It is a double edged sword and it is very difficult right now to try to raise funds particular in workplace campaigns where many of them are out of work. We have been involved with the chamber, we stood up very quickly to work with our friends at child fact and career Lincoln Pennsylvania 2,112 try to support folks who may have in some cases never needed the services of the United Way ever before. And now they do. We are thrilled and honored to be here for almost 100 year we celebrated our 100 year in 2,022 and the city has been with us the entire time and we are grateful for all of your support in all of your leadership.

Mr. Allison said Thank you so much, for interacting with us and educating us and all of us in Williamsburg and we appreciate all that you do.

Mr. Frick said Thank you again for the invitation, I am grateful.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 25 West Third St

Mr. Gerardi What we have before you is certificate of appropriateness for the property located at 25 W. Third St. while LLC owns the property and what they wish to do is really replace what is there, there is one ground sign and one wall sign, I have attached a picture showing the location of the signs that are the same general area of the signs that are there and attached pictures of what the signs will look like once they are on the building. As I said I do have a representative here and myself if you have any questions for either one of us.

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments or questions. He asked for a motion on the certificate.

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

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

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

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

Resolution # 9080

Resolution to Approve the Installation of the Central Pennsylvania Gold Star Family Memorial Monument at the Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mrs. Katz stated I'm very honored to promote this resolution this will be an incredible monument that's coming on to the veterans Memorial Park, I would like to read the rest of the resolution because I think it says something. It says that Herschel Wooding's foundation is responsible for the founding of the Central Pennsylvania Goldstar families Memorial Monument, the foundation serves Central Pennsylvania Goldstar family members and relatives who have sacrificed a loved one for our freedom in the Armed Forces of the United States. The foundation's mission statement is to honor, recognize, and serve Goldstar families and the legacy of their loved ones that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The City Council and the City of Williamsport and the administration supports the installation of the Central Pennsylvania Goldstar monument at the trend to Memorial Park. The committee that is working on the Central Memorial Park with John Markley and Dennis Bennett, they have gone above and beyond as far as bringing so many features to the park. If people have not been up there it is incredible what they have done. One of the things that is going to be coming also and probably I think next year, right John? No October 28 is when the a 16 will be coming down from the airport onto Memorial Park, this will be October 28 and the movement of that plane will be at 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. in the morning so if anyone is interested in watching this plane coming down the Beltway I think it would be an incredible sight to see. John I would like to turn this over to you because I know you have a presentation with you and Dennis as far as what this monument has to say an offer. And I think the public will be very amazed.

Mr. Markley stated Thank you Bonnie and Randy, councilmembers and administration thank you for letting us be here tonight to speak about these Goldstar family monument. I received a call about a month

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ago from Connie Howard about a Goldstar, the committee that we set forth for the Mayor and the Council we have been talking about the Goldstar and the Blue Star. This came about and then about a week later Dennis Norman who sits here to my right also called. We had a meeting in our mission and we all approve this and what I am going to do I'm going to let Dennis Norman, he is a retired United States Marine Corps and also semiretired engineer and I am dropped him to come to our committee but he says he is full even though he is retired he is more to do that he wants. I will turn it over to Dennis.

Mr. Norman said Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you. I will ask John just kicked me just when I talk too much because I've a tendency to do that. I am an engineer and worked in the local area here for quite a few years and it was time for me to stop working a little bit. I thought everybody and pretty much everybody knew what a Goldstar family was and I was in a restaurant last night and we were talking about a particular beer that has names of people on there and for every four pack sold and then state of Pennsylvania and there was a dollar donated to the Goldstar Family Memorial and they asked me what the Goldstar Family was in part of our project includes a little bit of education and we done a couple interviews with online newspapers and online magazines. On the pulse, I think it is and we will also be talking about web weekly in the sun because that and it will be an education process and it turns out not everyone knows what a Goldstar family is. I came on and I was commissioned just before the end of the Vietnam War and I can tell you from experience that as a nation we lost our way and we did not treat our veterans very well and we did not treat our Goldstar families very well and I'm proud that that is no longer the case. I have met, since retired in 1,993 I've met way too many Goldstar families and it is still quite an experience for me when I get an opportunity to meet a Goldstar family. I was invited to the opening of a memorial in Virginia and I think we will have some pictures of what it looks like down there, I was invited to go to that opening on September 11 of this year. That is the love the Memorial that you see right there and I was honored to be invited to be down for the unveiling and Herschel, Woody Williams of the UnWilliams of the United States Marine Corps retired he was the only living medal of honor recipient from World War II and he was 97 years old and the medal of honor was his actions as euro team as a flamethrower and he was quite a remarkable man and I won't go into it too much and I will tell you he at some point in his life said we need to remember the Goldstar families and he created this monument and put one in his hometown in West Virginia. When he was done it was a grand effort and when he was done he said while we did a wonderful job and his grandson said We are not done, we need to have one of these in every state in this country. So they started this Goldstar family Herschel Woody Williams medal of honor foundation and they helped communities throughout the country establish these memorials in their community. It is a nonprofit and they assist, yes the money for the monument will come through them and they will pay for the actual monument but we are raising the money for them so our committee of five while I was in Virginia I met two pretty wonderful families. (NAME) From Williamsport and Martin County Howard, they are a gold star family and their son Abram is a United States Marine and was killed in Afghanistan and you have probably heard that name. I think there was about six thousand in attendance at his funeral. Our street bridge is named after Aiden. Anyhow as our motto is the cause is greater than I, so when we were down in (NAME) Virginia I met Goldstar families from all over the country, one lady had come in from San Diego and it was amazing thing to be around these people. And we as a group from right here in central Pennsylvania said we need one of these. And we decided that we need one of these at the Lycoming County County veterans Park and we presented it to the committee and I think it will fit in there beautifully and I am not quite retired yet but I am a civil site engineer and I worked in this area and I have already done plans of the park and the layout of it to make sure everything fits, so I have a site plan for this thing that shows the 86 intruder and where this memorial will go. The plan right now is as you come into the entrance the Goldstar memorial will be the first one on the right and the next one will be be A6 intruder followed by the tank. We as a committee of five will raise the money to pay for this memorial. Lock stock and barrel, everything complete sitting on the site. And we know when that is done, our job is not done. Because we have already talked about some things that we can do to raise additional funds to go to the veterans committee to help with some of the maintenance of the cutting of the grass and those kinds of things. We party talk to them about supporting the program with some gold star programs and some things, our budget is \$75,000 and we are whittling away at it. We are just shy, we've been doing this for to and half weeks and we are just shy of \$20,000 of actually cash donations at this point. Today, John does not know this, but today I received a commitment for all of the concrete and all of the stone required for this project, whatever you need it is yours and you tell me when and where it goes. That is a big expense and that is taking care of. We are well on our way, the park is beautiful up there and I think this will fit in really nicely. And I think the opportunity to talk with you and I hope you give us permission to put it there in your part.

Mr. Markley said I just want to say this is a great opportunity for the City of Williamsport. We will talk like I said the commission is talking about the Goldstar and we are also talking about the Blue Star, when we were approached with this it made my heart bleed this is the backside of this is absolutely gorgeous. There are absolutely a few things, that he and his committee have to stick to, they cannot change it they cannot alter it in any way. It has to be on the round circle, it has to have the plates on the back. But the plates on the back, there is only one that has to stay. There is four plates on the back of it that tell a story and we can choose three of those four plates and make it more community oriented ended, those plates. If you look at the silhouette in the middle there is a soldiers cutout standing there saluting you. So we are excited about this and we want to thank city Council for two weeks ago when you brought it up under councils comments that gave us a little head start so they can keep working on it and get approval. All we know now is the approval from City Council and we had a positive commitment from the public works the Bonnie Katz and the crew to bring it to the full body Council, and Bonnie you are right on October 28, if everything goes right that A6 is moving and we hope it goes right. Thank you counsel for letting us give our speech here. I did not mention this but our goal is to have an unveiling for this monument on Goldstar families day which is the last Sunday in September. I know there might be some things to work out with John for that letter A6

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intruder but hopefully we will have them both their up and ready by that time. That is our goal and that is our schedule. Each one of you councilmembers should have received the flyer that is being distributed be throughout the community and anyone who wants to help I am always looking for help and I have got to tell you, the contractors and the community and the material people that make the block, make concrete, Jersey shore block, lawn next, it's all unbelievable how they come out and help us and it is making our fund and our Park look beautiful. Penn College has done a great job up there and I cannot stop speaking and up ? that's enough about the students in the nice job that they have done if you look at the minutes that I spend you every month we spent \$92,000 already on what you see up there. If we would've had contractors help and pay for this and go to bed, we would have been at over \$300,000 for the work we had done. We are proud of that up there and your commission that you have, Mayor Slaughter and councilmembers that you have, we are hard at work up there and we are not stopping.

Mrs. Katz stated One of the things you have to talk about is you are selling bricks for the Goldstar families right?

Denny just mentioned that he is going to set that up for Goldstar families we will continue to sell the bricks and if it comes in as a Goldstar family we will sit down and talk about it and then maybe the bricks we can put over by from the A6 intruder, from the tank, we will continue our theme of the pavers and the red outline brick coming in from the A6 over to the Goldstar family monument and in that area we will put their bricks, yes, absolutely.

Mr. Markley stated we start working on that program, those contributions and every contribution we are getting now is going to Herschel Woody Williams foundation Pennsylvania monument but when we start on the brick program those donations we will work on going right to the Public Works committee. And Memorial Day Services next year I believe it is 23 May, not quite sure the date right now, we are in the process of working and the committee is working to put it together to the dedication of the north wall. We will not dedicate the airplane yet because it will not be ready, it should be close but we will hold that off for another time. If any councilmember would please come up to our Memorial Day services, it is heartwarming.

Mr. Allison said Thank you gentlemen, we appreciate your passion and dedication and your commitment and all of the work that you are doing and the organizing for the future. Are there any comments from other councilmembers? I don't see any but I know we are all 100 percent behind you and want to support whatever and whenever you do improvements to the park and it is going to be, it is a showpiece now but it will be quite something. Mr. Banks?

Mr. Banks stated It is nice to have this venture in part as a link to that I am a veteran and an Army vet so it is nice to have that linked to that culture and no matter how much time you spent in the military it is something that sticks with you so thank you for the work that you do. Appreciate it.

Mr. Markley You can follow along, Denny Bennett set up a Facebook page is called Lycoming County Memorial Park, we have a Facebook page and you would be surprised, just go on their we put all of the pictures and everything that is happening up there and who is doing what and as we move it along - you would be surprised how many people we have look at it, comment on it, and also downloaded the application to buy a brick on there also and send that into by a brick.

Mr. Allison asked Mayor Slaughter if he would like to say something.

Mayor Slaughter said I just wanted to thank the commission and everyone for all their hard work on this and their patience. The A6 intruder was quite a process back-and-forth because it was a combat plane it added additional layers to the process so I just wanted to thank John and all of the commission members for the patients during that and we are at the end, the A6 is all most here and that is really exciting and I thank you for all the work you have done at the park as well with everything has said and it is absolutely incredible and I know it is only going to get better, so thank you.

Mr. Markley said I would like to say thank you for your help and patience with us I know that we have a commission member who likes to do a lot of pushing so thank you mayor for being patient with us.

Mr. Allison commented: That is a wonderful Memorial dedication and we look forward to all of that. Is there any more comments ? He asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

Resolution #9079

Resolution Setting City Council Meetings for Year 2021

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Allison stated that we did will discuss this in depth at the last meeting so everyone has had a chance to look over the schedule and the time and everything are there any more comments or questions on that from councilmembers? As it stands now whether we meet in person or by zoom it will be 7:00 p.m. starting in 2021, and we will accommodate both in a hybrid matter for as long as needed. And maybe permanently if we think that fits out pretty well.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

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Resolution #9081

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Joint Funding Agreement between U.S. Geological Survey, Water Science Center, US Dept. of Interior & City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Winder stated Good evening the resolution before you is a joint agreement with the USS geological survey joint fund a and this agreement is to collect river data, it is a key element in monitoring the river levels and part of protection of the levy, the amount that we would contribute is \$1725, it is an annual agreement, and it is for October 1, 2,020 through September 30, 2,021. And I will take any questions now.

Mr. Allison said Thank you Mr. Winder this was reviewed in Public Works.

Mrs. Katz stated As Adam said this is a yearly resolution that comes to us and it also helps with the MS four, right Adam ? So this is important and I think Adam covered the bases with this and like I said it was passed onto the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

Resolution #9082

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2020 ODB 25 CU. YD Truck Mounted Debris Collector

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Winder stated In February 20 of 2020 Council approved the acceptance of a recycling grant, within that grant we were approved to purchase through with the money approved to purchase a leaf collection which is what this is for it is a 2,020 ODD 25 cubic yard truckmounted debris collector and it is on a Freightliner model M2106 chassis and it is definitely a key element for leaf collection which is a approaching us rapidly, this machine would take and add to our fleet of one-man operation machines. We currently have to and this would make the third one. Last year we did put out the traditional pull behind leaf machine which then requires three - for employees to be with that machine and this would deftly help with with collection faster. It would definitely free up some manpower to put some out on other things, filling potholes and things of that nature. The overall grant requires a 10 percent match so on this resolution as well as the next one we reference where the match will be part of the brush power, automated gate system, it will all be in accounting services, the streets and parks department is installing all of the conduit and has installed all of the count do it and all the wiring for the gate system and all of the man-hours and the material they will use in that process will invoice and generally an invoice and turn that in with our invoices with the purchase of this equipment to cover the match that is required. This purchase will be made through Stephenson equipment, Stephenson equipment is a costars dealer, the leaf truck did come in slightly lower than what we had anticipated when we applied for the grant which is definitely a good thing. As I said, it is a fabulous piece of equipment it does match the other leaf truck that we have in our goal is to have everything be the same so we have interchangeable parts, filters and things of that nature. This was reviewed in finance and public works and both passed it with a positive recommendation.

Mrs. Katz commented This did come to both finance and public works and it did pass with positive recommendation, thank goodness we did get this grant, it saved us a lot of money because we do need the equipment and it is helping with our brush pile and also with this grant I think we have to remind our citizens that this is a leaf pickup not brush and be careful what you put on the curb. Just really pleased that we are able to get this piece of equipment. Adam, when this passes how long will it take for this equipment to come in?

Mr. Winder answered They are telling me mid November we can have it. So it will be used this year.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

Resolution #9083

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 12" Disc Style Brush Bandit

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second

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

Mr. Winder stated This is also part of the recycling grant, this is a 12 in disc style brush banded model 250 XP. This will also be purchased from Stephenson equipment under the costar state contract, this piece of equipment will be replacing a 1997 model 250 with 2,265 hours on if they did give us a trade in of \$5,000 which is exceptional because we did only pay \$2,000 for the pride one which was used when we purchased it, the new tripper would be \$46,102, and this is a valued piece of equipment for our Forrester. As you all are aware of the hazards tree program, last year we took down roughly 120 trees with a hazardous tree program, street , excessive programs that may knock down trees this is a valued piece of equipment, the reason we went with the banded brand is because I allowed the Forrester which is experienced to choose exactly what machine he thought would exactly best suit our needs and he chose the bandit itself, and this also helps when we remove a street tree or fallen tree whatever, by grinding it up it definitely condenses the amount of space that we use in the brush pile and when the top grinder come is it definitely makes it cold a lot faster so the hourly time that we pay for that piece of equipment to be there to grind up the brush naturally will with the reduced. This was reviewed by finance and public works and passed on it positive

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recommendation.

Mrs. Katz stated Adam said it both came to finance and public works and passed this on with a positive recommendation and get this was on the grant and again, if we did not get the grant it would be very difficult to get these pieces of equipment so it will make everybody's job a little bit easier and I think Adam explained this thoroughly at this point.

Mr. Winder commented that if he could just say the grant opportunity opens up again sometime between now and January from what they have told me at the administration does plan to apply for it again because we did skip one year which is 2020, our grant was actually 2,019.

Mr. Allison replied Okay great. We will be right on top of that then. Hearing and seeing no more comments Mrs. Frank on the motion please?

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

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

Certificate of Appropriateness – 228 West Third St

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Gerardi stated: What you have before you is to erect to wall signs, wall-mounted business identification sound one is for Weber Haven and one is for the Asian market, the signs are approximately 30 inches by 44 inches wide and I have attached photos and sketches of what the signs will look like. Real quick brief history the Asian market used to be on government place which runs north and south, and they relocated to third Street, actually they relocated to the bait store that was there and they expanded and were growing and they needed more room. The vape store then turned around and there is a new one that when in place and it went in place where the Asian market was, so this is a request to put one sign which is already up what you see on the building, they relocated it and then put another sign down below for the vape cave, if you have any questions for me I'm happy to answer them. The signs meet zoning orient and they are meant to approve the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for Questions or comments from council this evening? On this particular. Mrs. Katz?

Mrs. Katz stated I am glad you carried clarify that because I was wondering why we were getting one for the Asian market, so they are moving to the front of the building on the third Street on the corner there right?

Mr. Gerardi answered this Is on the same building but when you walk in you have an attendant on the left and you have a tenant on the right and they are on the right-hand side and they had to enlarge because they outgrew their business on government place.

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

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

Accept for Filing:

- Financial Statement ending 9/10/20
- Veteran's Memorial Park Commission Minutes 09/14/20
- Finance Meeting Minutes 04/14/20
- Controller's Report July 2020
- Codes Report September 2020

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

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

The minutes were accepted for filing with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM, **per remote.**

Upcoming Meetings:

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| Friday, Oct. 23 | 11:00 AM | ERC |
| Tuesday, Oct. 27 | 11:00 AM | Historic Pres |
| Wednesday, Oct. 28 | 11:30 AM | Redevelopment Authority |
| Tuesday, Nov. 3 | 11:30 AM | Public Safety |
| | 1:00 PM | Finance Meeting |
| | 2:30 PM | Public Works Meeting |
| Thursday, Nov. 5 | 6:30 PM | City Council meeting |

[Meetings Held in Trade & Transit, Unless Otherwise Noted – [scr] = William Sechler Community Room]

There is an executive session following this meeting.

Mr. Allison asked for comments from City Council.

There were none.

Mr. Allison asked for comments from the Administration..

Mayor Slaughter stated East Third Street will be opening tomorrow for public travel, I know it seems like it has been forever and has been quite some time so I am very happy that that is opening, so tomorrow morning I believe at 7:30 a.m. it will be open for public access.

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Mr. Allison asked Is there going to be a ribbon-cutting?

Mayor Slaughter answered Actually Jon was working on that and they actually opened quickly then we asked anticipated, which is a good thing so John is working on and we will probably do something small here in the near future at some point. We wanted obviously to get it open first so, it all came back more quickly so that is a good thing. The ribbon-cutting.

Mr. Banks stated: So we will open it up and shut it back down for the ribbon-cutting?

Mayor Slaughter answered no we wouldn't do that, that's ultimate bad PR.

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

Council President Allison; I have attached a photograph that I took at City Hall on the 14th of October. The photograph shows the Williamsport Bureau of Police SRT vehicle parked in the only "accessible" parking place at City Hall. Not only is the vehicle illegally parked, it greatly interferes with access to the segregated accessible entrance. I emailed Chief Hagan for an explanation. The input from the C.O.P. was that he did not know how long the vehicle had been illegally parked. This is not the first time that I have emailed Chief Hagan, the Mayor and Council President Allison with photos of city employees violating the parking law.

RVT vehicles, Streets and Parks vehicles and Chief Hagan's cruiser have all been photographed utilizing the accessible parking location. The City is working to develop a Disability Advisory Commission to better understand the needs of the disability community. Perhaps a good start would be not permitting city employees to use the accessible parking place for their convenience. If a picture says a thousand words, this photo says that respect and value for citizens with disabilities is nonexistent at City Hall.

Karen Koch
24 East Third St.
City

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.** Meeting was adjourned with at **7:13 PM** with unanimous ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk