

Council President Randy Allison brought the meeting of the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Trade & Transit II Center, 144 West. Third St. Williamsport. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

Council members present:

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

Also, Present:

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

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 7/08/21 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Yoder and a second from Mr. Banks All were in favor. The vote was 7 to 0.**
Mr. Allison announced that Ms. Miele is present via phone and there is an executive session following the meeting tonight in the matter of iigation.

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There were no requests.

Resolution #9174

Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a (MTF) Grant Through the Commonwealth Financing Authority

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to approve the resolution.

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

Mr. Sander stated this grant will be with Delta Development in the amount of 1.48 million dollars to finish the Third St. Streets Installing new sidewalks and new lighting. This is a zero-match grant.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Delta is working on the application for us. She asked what our likelihood of receiving this grant.

Mr. Sander answered no, he could not answer that question, but having two separate areas would not be an issue.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9175

Resolution Fire Civil Service Changes

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to approve the resolution.

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

Chief Killian stated this is to approve changes that were made on June 23, 2021.

Mr. Jeff Reeder stated we having been working on updates for both Fire and Police, we are trying to bring this up to today's date. He noted all three changes that were made to the Fire Civil Service. All appliants must complete a medical examination. They also must pass a drug screening and urine test. We continue to work on these changes. We had 40 people take the test on Friday and only one failed.

Chief Killian stated this was reviewed by Public Safety.

Mrs. Katz stated we did review this and we sent it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We had one question on the marajunna issue and Chief Killian stated it was not available yet.

Mr. Mackey asked when the physical portion on the test is?

Mr. Reeder answered on Wednesday.

Mr. Mackey stated he would like to come to watch the physical part of the test.

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. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9176

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement of Sale between City of Williamsport & Lycoming County

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to approve the resolution.

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

Mayor Slaughter stated this agreement between the City and County is just a land swap, with no money involved. It is the land under Executive Plaza, the City owns the land under the Executive Plaza and the County owns the land under the Third St. garage. This is just trading land with no money involved. It was reviewed by Norman Lubin, the County's solicitor was Mike Wiley. It was reviewed in Finance.

Ms. Miele, this was reviewed in Finance and forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We did have questions as to how we required the land through HUD and now the requirements are no longer necessary

because of how long we have owned the land. This seems to be accurate and the parcels are close, it seems they should have equal value even though there was no appraisal. She asked Norm why?

Mr. Lubin stated the appraisal could be more costly and Mike Wiley did review this stating the land were of similar value. If the transaction doesn't go through it is still held to our 99 year lease with the County.

Mr. Banks asked after the transaction is put through is the lease voided?

Mr. Lubin answered yes, and if become a taxable entity, the City does benefit.

Mr. Allison asked if there were more questions.

Mrs. Katz asked if the Parking Deck is owned by the Parking Authority. She asked about the spaces for jury duty.

Mr. Lubin answered yes, that was part of the agreement between the Parking Authority and the County, they put a significant amount of money into the Parking Deck. It was almost a four party agreement between the City, County, Bank and the Parking Authority. We are swapping the real estate, not the leases.

Mr. Allison stated originally the City used the HUD money to demo after a fire and then the City had a developer build and they defaulted on the loan so the County acquired the building.

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. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9177

Resolution to Approve a CDBG-CV Welfare Public Service Project

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to approve the resolution.

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

Mr. Memmi stated this resolution is to approve a project. These funds are from the COVID – 19 CARES Act funds through Housing and Urban Development money. This is for the Central PA food bank, Firetree Place project for \$20,000. This has helped to feed many families for years, through this project there is access ...food became extremely difficult, this will help distribute food to low to middle income healthy foods. The project cost is \$58,000, the City is providing \$20,000. The rest of the money will be contributed by others, (\$38,600). This was sent to Finance.

Ms. Miele stated this was brought to Finance and forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. These funds are for the community and very worthwhile. She asked about the rest of funds we received.

Mr. Memmi stated we continue to look at organizations that are in need and we continue to help them, there have been about eight projects, we have about \$350,000 still available and we are looking for good projects in need.

Ms. Miele state this is a one year funding proposal and this program is exceptionally important to the City.

Mrs. Katz asked why only \$20,000.

Mr. Memmi stated that because that is the only money they requested.

Mr. Allison stated although there are many food banks, Central PA with the ability to source a lot of food to donors and they have quality foods and provide people healthy nutritious ways to feed their family. He thanked Mr. Memmi for the good work.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9178

Resolution for Agreement to Inventory, Access & Maintain Trees in Brandon Park Between the Student Conservation Association and the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to approve the resolution.

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

Mr. Winder stated this resolution is to authorize maintenance, this is a good opportunity for all. They will be inventory, accessing and creating a maintenance, for a 10-day period and it will start August 2 through the 13th. Our City Forester is Chad Eckerd. This was brought before Public Works.

Mrs. Katz stated this did come before Public Works and we are excited to have this done for us and they will get a lot accomplished in 10 days. It was sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele asked how they will do the inventory? She asked if there is a possibility we can do this again next year.

Mr. Winder stated they will check for trees that are dying and check what is needed and he will check with them for next year. These are student working on their Forestry degree.

Mr. Allison asked if they can give report to the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr Winder replied yes, they will.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9179

Resolution Authorizing a Contract Between City, RVT & Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP) for the Provision of ADA Complementary Paratransit Service

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to approve the resolution.

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

Mr. Wright stated this is for STEP to provide the service. They have been our provider, we contract with them. This is a one year agreement, with no increase for trip reimbursement this is part of our purchase transportation process in our annual budget and the revenues come from our State & Federal. This was reviewed in Finance.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

This is a discussion about our program in Clinton County.

Mrs. Katz stated we cut back on the ridership in Clinton County to two days, but we are looking to expand the day routes.

Mr. Wright stated there is a meeting next week about what they will want in the future, fixed route, hybrid, etc.

The ADA fare is \$25/trip in line with the FARE structure, anyone who would do a ride, STEP invoices us \$21.00 a trip. For this program it is for trips that are within 3 miles of our routes.

Mr. Allison asked how much does this contract involve?

Mr. Wright answered about \$118,000.00

Mr Allison asked for a vote.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Accept for filing:

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

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

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, July 23	11:00	AM	ERC *
Wednesday, July 28	11:30	AM	Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, July 29	3:00	PM	Accessibility Commission
Monday, August 2	12:00	PM	Planning Commission
Tuesday, August 10	11:30	AM	Public Safety *
	1:00	PM	Finance Meeting*
	2:30	PM	Public Works Meeting*
Wednesday, August 11	3:30	PM	O&E Pension
Thursday, August 12	7:00	PM	City Council meeting

The work session is scheduled for July 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Trade & Transit II. It is a public work session and we are working on a plan for the use of our funds received.

Meetings still held remote are indicated with an * asterisk.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

Mr. Ralph Keller, 203 Hughes St. He is very pleased to see the inventory of the trees, he lives next to the Park, and after all the storms, there are dead limbs, etc and he is happy to see that this is being done. There are a lot of trees in bad shape, it looks like a war zone out there sometimes.

Ms. Karen Koch, Trout Run

On Monday, July 26, 2021 the Americans with Disability will be celebrating 31 years and Roads to Freedom will be hosting. It will be from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at our building at 24 East Third St. We will have Eder's ice cream, hot dogs, lots of food and it is free to the public. She invited the public and told Mayor Slaughter to come down and bring his family and enjoy and have everyone learn a little bit more about our services.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Yoder and a second by Mr. Pulizzi. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM with unanimous ayes.

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Frank
City Clerk**