

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Trade & Transit Center II, 144 West Third St, Williamsport, PA.

Council members present:

Adam Yoder, President
Bonnie Katz, Vice President absent
Liz Miele, Councilwoman
Randy Allison, Councilman,
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman, absent
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
Eric Beiter Councilman

Absent:

Bonnie Katz
Vince Pulizzi

Also, Present:

Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. Joe Pawlak
August Memmi
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,
Justin Snyder, Police Chief
Solicitor Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, RVT
Scott Livermore, S&P
Sean, S&P

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 04/14/22 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mr. Allison All were in favor. The vote was 4 to 0. Mr. Pulizzi was absent. Mrs. Katz was absent. Ms. Miele was absent for this vote**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There were none.

Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.

Demolition 101 Union Ave – Lycoming College

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the demolition.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Good evening

President Yoder for you with the demolition request -- property located at 101 Union Avenue. The structure is presently located in our 01B zoning district, the structure was used as a single-family dwelling and it is currently vacant at this time, and I do have representative here if you have any questions of him or myself.

Mr. Beiter asked a few questions and asked who owned this and it was the college.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the demolition.

The demolition was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Demolition 119 Washington Blvd Lycoming College

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the demolition.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

The demolition was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Demolition 969 Second St. Pennsylvania College of Technology

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the demolition

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mr. Beiter stated "I appreciate development in the city but also want to be cautious. Not all development is good for our citizens if it is continuously taking away from our tax base. I asked how long these properties were owned by these nonprofits to have a better understanding as to what their plans maybe for a particular parcel or group of parcels adjacent to one another."

The demolition was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9298

. Resolution Agreement with McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

Mr. Grimes . This resolution is for an agreement with McNerney, page, Ventolin and Hall. This has been accused as a privilege tax. This is really same contract and scope, it is just a contract with a new firm that Mr. Holland is with and this was reviewed by finance and Solicitor White.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution # 9299

Resolution to Approve Addendum to the Master Services Agreement with Business Information Group, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mr. Grimes stated this agreement is the same we always used with a small increase of \$10.

Mr. Allison stated this was reviewed in Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. It is a small fee so there were not any problems.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Mrs. Katz and Mr. Pulizzi were absent.

Resolution #9300
Resolution Real Estate Exoneration

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Mackey made the motion and Mr. Beiter seconded it.

Mr. Grimes This is for two real estate exoneration, one is for the property 1001 Beach Street, that is for a disabled veteran exoneration. And then the second is actually for a tax office in the trading transit two building since it was previously rented to a for-profit that was a taxable parcel and since then it has been taken off the tax roll to exonerate them from our collections.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Grimes, was this reviewed in finance?

Mr. Grimes No, these did not go to finance. Are there any comments from members of Council and Liz, we should get to hear you.

Ms. Miele: I am here whenever you're looking for me. I have no questions on this item.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Liz. Any other comments or questions for other members of Council? Hearing is seen on, Mrs. Frank on the motion please.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Mrs. Katz and Mr. Pulizzi were absent

Resolution #9301
Resolution Real Estate Reduction

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

Mr. Grimes Thank you again, these are for the properties, these are also partial exoneration of tax bills, these come to Council every year and this is a part of the (NAME) that was passed by city Council entities are the three properties currently in the program and this is the exoneration based on the year that we are in for those.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Grimes, I don't believe this what to finance so, are there any comments or questions from other members of Council on us? >>

I would like to point out that this is next last resolution that you will ever be presenting to us. I don't know if that is congratulations or not

Mr. Grimes Well, thank you. And I will leave you some good news, I know this is a reduction, but as of today I think we have collected and as Mr. Allison said, we are only about 1/3 of the way through the year, but I think as of today we have collected enough business privilege taxes to hit what we anticipated for our entire year budget this year.

Mr. Yoder: That is amazing news.

Mr. Grimes That is excellent news. It has kept us very busy, but it is very helpful.

Mr. Yoder : Well, we appreciate your efforts and again, that is amazing news, so thank you very much.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Mrs. Katz and Mr. Pulizzi were absent

Resolution #9296
Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Treasurer Nicholas Grimes

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mr. Yoder: So, what you have before you is a resolution -- resolution accepting resignation of Treasurer Nicholas Grimes for the record. Norm, should I read - the letter is attached to the resolution, should I read that into the record as well? : Okay, the resolution reads whereas Nicholas Grimes City Treasurer submitted a letter of resignation on Friday, April 15, 2022 after serving the City of Williamsport Pennsylvania for 6 and a half years. Whereas the attached copy of the letter submitted by Nick Grimes will provide the City of Williamsport with an accurate record. And therefore it be hereby resolved that the Williamsport City Council accepts the resignation of Treasurer, Nicholas Grimes I effective May 1, 2022. I will save a lot of my comments for the next one, but unfortunately opening, but none the less, he is accepting employment outside of the city and I certainly understand and wish you well enough. Are there any comments or questions on the resignation and I know none of us want to vote for this. (CHUCKLE)

Mr. Allison stated I am still waiting it out right now. Are you stuck if we vote no?

Mr. Grimes You are stuck paying me - so, I don't know that that would benefit the city, but -

Mr. Yoder: I asked that question to the solicitor specifically and I'm pretty sure he can - we can do whatever you want, but I don't know if the taxpayers will be very happy with that. Any other comments on the resignation two hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion please.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Mrs. Katz and Mr. Pulizzi were absent

Resolution #9297
Resolution Honoring Nicholas Grimes

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mr. Yoder: I will read this into the record as well, s a resolution honoring Nicholas Grimes. Whereas Nicholas Grimes chosen by the Williamsport City Council on January 22, 2015 to fill the open Treasurer's position and proceeded to be elected during the following two municipal elections, and whereas Nicholas Grimes has served the City Council, Administration, it's various departments and the citizens of Williamsport with dedication, integrity and a consistent level of excellence and ,whereas Nicholas Grimes has directly enhanced the financial situation of the city through brilliant execution of the duties of office of Treasurer notably through excellent constituent services of which are also a model for other city offices to follow and whereas Nicholas Grimes has informally served as the city's economic expert and authority championing the growth of the city vitality proper use of third class city tax law and incentive programs, now therefore let it be known that it is with rate appreciation and admiration at the Williamsport city Council the administration and its various departments and the citizens of Williamsport we thank Nicholas Grimes for his service to the city and wish him well and success in all of his future endeavors.

Mr. Yoder So, I will open the floor for comments from members of Council. I will go first. (CHUCKLE) Nick, we have not known each other very long, I think we got her know each other in the 2019 cycle and I think one of the best things serving on city Council is the friendship we have been able to develop in I will cherish that for a very long time moving forward and I know we will stay in touch even though we are not working together now on a weekly basis, but I have always been impressed by your diligence with every issue that your office encounters and that you get involved and just how quick you are able to just figure things out. I think that is a really big reason why the Treasurer's office scope has expanded to benefit the city. The level of initiative you have is nearly unmatched and a lot of the people that I have come across in my career and certainly in the city and as the resolution reads, the level of customer service and constituent services that you bring is something unmatched in the city but I argue in the county and in the region. You have told me this a handful of times, nobody likes paying taxes, but you are the person that they see when they do that and you make it easier. You explain why and even the other people that you get looking from departments, you are able to lend a helping hand and I think it just makes our city and our city government look that much better and so thank you very much for everything you have done and you leave very big shoes to fill for your successor, but Edward we get to that part of the meeting next, we have two great candidates and hopefully with they can pick up where you left off and will help make us proud. Thank you for everything Nicholas, it has been a pleasure.

Mr. Grimes Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: Any other comments or questions etc. for members of Council? Mr. Allison?

Mr. Allison: Yes, it is really hard to articulate everything, but you have done a very good job of opening that up. Mr. Yoder. It has been transformational in your office due to your diligence beyond the normal scope of your office traditionally and that has been literally it has saved the city's hundreds of thousands of dollars. And brought us into areas that we were not able to educate ourselves in and you had the initiative and the drive and the intelligence to do all of those things. But, I think more important than all of that is what Adam pointed to. It is your demeanor and you have that demeanor because of your character. That is what I have been most impressed with over the years. I never had to wonder anything about anything that you taught me personally about, I never had to doubt what I was hearing, for the unvarnished truth that you had uncovered or proposed. And that means everything, especially in the deposition of Treasurer. I'm sure I could go on, but you have set a very high bar and that is good. Aim high, and miss high and you have set apart in the office that will benefit the city for years to come and through all of that there is really no way to express the appreciation of thanks for all of that, but thank you for being a great guy it has been wonderful to get to know you. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: Well said Mr. Allison. Any other, Mr. Mackey?

Mr. Mackey: Yes, just again, thank you for your service to the city. I really always appreciated - that not very long after the election when I got elected, he reached out to myself and actually all of the new elected officials and invited us into the office and explained exactly how everything worked and even bought us lunch. But, I always appreciated that. I appreciate you always answering my questions and explaining things to me like I was 1/3 grader. But, I wish you all of the best and thank you very much for your service to this city.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Mackey, Mr. Miele, I know you're out there, we will-year-old -- yield the floor

Ms. Miele: I am out here and I just want to chime in and say that Randy and I were both around when we appointed Nick to the city Council quite a while ago now. And I remember at the time thinking she is so young and I was kind of young myself back then. But thinking he is so young, what are we doing? And he has really been one of the most impressive people I have met and worked with in a city government. And next, I count myself as so fortunate that this city got to have you as a treasurer for so long. Because, you really have your unerring honesty and chest and I for not only what is right, but what needs to be done in a given situation is remarkable. I'm sorry - I have some interference here. But, Keystone Central is lucky to be getting you but the city is poor for losing you and we thank you so much for your service to Williamsport. And I hope that you will let us call you up and pick your brain from time to time even now. Thank you.

Mr. Grimes answered yes Thank you.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Miele, Mr. Beiter, anything you want to add?

Mr. Beiter: Exactly what was said, the answers that you explain so thoroughly for somebody to understand that is new to things like this and as helpful as you were in the 2019 cycle just as adamant to myself again, I greatly appreciate that. And it is every sentiment echoed again and again into the ether so that way we can only say thank you again and again.

Mr. Grimes stated If I could say something, I know we have a long agenda and I don't want to have everybody wait for me. But, much like Liz thought when I first came to the city I remember sitting in Janice's office and having coffee with John Grado and Janice and at the time and thinking what am I doing? A lot has changed since then, we have very different administration and Council and about everything into the city has change, but everybody has been so helpful to our office, it has truly been a pleasure to serve the city. The current administration and past administration and current Council, past council and, Janice, solicitors, also helpful in trusting and has really allowed us to grow. I came in and had a plan on what I wanted to do and I have accomplished a lot of those things and I think it is time for me to step away now and let somebody else come in and an active plan, so I am just grateful for all of you in your support. Thank

you.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Grimes, we wish you well in all of your future endeavors and we know that you will be successful. Mrs. Frank on the motion please.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Nominations and vote for City Treasurer

Mr. Yoder Okay, we moved to item 6, nominations and a vote for city treasurer. Let me take a minute here and just outline the process. We did this Monday when we interviewed, so as mentioned when we accepted Treasurer Grimes resignation, April 15 he submitted a letter of resignation to city Council for the optional third class charter law upon the data that the resignation is effective and city Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy and that would be the same if it was the controller and other member of city Council, the Mayor's office, any other elected office. So, when we receive the letter of resignation, we posted the job online, through a various numbers of mechanism, indeed, in the city website, the city newspaper, we did that for about 10 days and pulled those down, we received a total of four applications, one application did not meet the residency requirements to hold the office of Treasurer and so that candidate was not able to be interviewed paid we had another candidate that accepted work elsewhere in another firm and so we ended up interviewing two candidates on Monday and both had very good interviews. We have checked references for both between Monday and now and now we are in a position where we can fill the vacancy. So, with a process outline and what kind of led us up to here, I will open the floor for nominations for the vacant city treasurer for the upcoming city treasurer post. Mr. Mackey?

Mr. Mackey I would like to nominate Mrs. Shawn Arroyo to fill the position. As you said Council President Yoder we had two people that we interviewed on Monday - as now former Treasurer Grimes explained to me, there is not a lot of people who know the intricacies of the tax that we collect, but that can be learned and I am confident that both candidates would have learned that. And will be able to learn that rather easily. And while there is a financial side of this job for me the other side of this job is the public aspect, the public facing aspect, the customer service aspect and for me I just felt like Miss Arroyo is going to meet those qualifications just a little bit better.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Mackey, is there a second to that nomination?

Mr. Allison seconded it.

Mr. Allison: I think Mr. Mackey covered it well. I agree with the same.

Mr. Yoder: Excellent, we have a nomination of one candidate, are there other nominations from other members of council? Okay, I'm not hearing any so we will close the floor for nominations. Are there any - did I miss something?

Mrs. Frank stated : Mr. Lubin said that you should have stated the interview was in a public meeting.

Mr. Yoder: It was a public meeting on Monday and also live streamed as this meeting is also, it was advertised properly per the requirements, so thank you for the clarification Mr. Lubin. Are there any other comments related to the nomination in front of us from other members of Council? Okay. With no other comments or questions, let's have a vote on the nomination of Miss Arroyo.

The nomination of Miss Shawn Arroyo for City Treasurer passes 5 to 0. Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi and Mrs. Katz were absent.

Mr. Yoder stated The Nomination of Miss Arroyo for the city treasurer position passes five to 0. . Miss Arroyo, congratulations, we are looking forward to working with you and I know you will need a couple of weeks to go through the resignation process with your current employer etc., we are here to work with you and are anxious for you to start I assume sometime in the month of May whenever it is convenient for you. So, Norm is there anything that we should - do as far as like announcing a date or anything? I don't think there is. Sorry.

We will have a date set up with the city clerk to swear you in and we are looking forward to working with you so congratulations!

(APPLAUSE)

Appointment

RVTA Authority Board

Noah Bower, 372 Union Ave. is appointed to a 5 year term commencing 4/28/22 & ending 12/21/26

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second for this appointment.

Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mayor stated this is an appointment to the River Valley Transit Authority Board with Noah Bower as he said for a five-year term. This would round out the board and Noah has experience in transportation and current job employment and so he has worked with PennDOT and so we feel as though Noah is a good candidate to round out this board and he was interviewed in transit and I just want to thank Noah for his willingness to serve the city.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mayor Slaughter. He was interviewed in oversight, councilmember Beiter and I were able to have a conversation, as he said Mr. Mayor, Mr. Bower is a outstanding candidate, as he mentioned he has PennDOT experience and some transit experience at the school district level and I think he has a good head on his shoulders and a good sense of I think where the authority needs to go, and we are hoping what transpires between both Council and administration, and he is an outstanding candidate. So, that was the bulk of the conversation in transit oversight, I'll turn it over to Mr. Beiter if there is anything you wish to add from the discussion entrance oversight?

Mr. Beiter: Nothing I wish to add about the discussion just about Noah personally, I have known him for a very long time and I was very happy that he reached out to step up for this authority and I hope that the other members and he hit the ground running next month when they have their first board meeting and understand the gravity of the situation we are in, because it is an awesome responsibility and we are so grateful that the five of them were so willing to step up as they were. So, thank you.

The appointment was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Yoder stated Congratulations, Mr. Bower, we look forward to the work you are going to do for the board, so, thank you for stepping up.

Bill #1802-22

Ordinance Creating the Position of Police Chaplain within the Williamsport Bureau of Police (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance in first reading.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second for the ordinance.

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.

Chief Snyder stated Thank you, ordinance for the creation of police chaplain within the Williamsport Bureau of police. I thought I would touch on some of the highlights of this new position, the position will be a volunteer position with no salary and/or benefits. Disposition of a chaplain should be under the control of myself or a designee, any person shall have gone a background investigation, included but not limited to a criminal history background check in child abuse history check. They will receive police chaplain training certification and shall receive a certified police chaplain credentials in accordance with the rules and regulations. Set forth by the Williamsport Bureau of police. Some of the duties would be as follows, consisting of assisting the Williamsport police with death notifications, traumatic instances, give confidential counsel to Police Department personnel, provide a moral, ethical foundation of police personnel provided referral and resource assistance as needed. Provide pastoral duties as requested, they -- serve as a liaison with other local clergy, a liaison with police families in the event of a line of duty injury or death. And the duties that may be assigned or any other duties that may be assigned by myself. The term of office shall be for a period of one year from the date of employment and shall continue to serve in that capacity until he or she is either terminated or reappointed. The appointment of the position of chaplain shall be reviewed by the chief of police to determine his or her qualifications in accordance with the ordinance and shall make recommendations to the mayor regarding their employment. As chaplain. It is out of establishment of religion so the police chaplain is in no way a recognition establishment or promotion by the city of Williamsport of any particular religion or religious sects. No officer or employee of the police department or member of the public will be mandated or required to participate in the chaplain program or to avail themselves of the police chaplain services as the same will operate on a shrewdly voluntary basis. So - I open up the floor for any questions.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you chief Snyder. This was reviewed of Public Safety, I turn it over to Mr. Mackey. If there is anything to add.

Mr. Mackey: No, the chief covered it pretty well. A few other things that we discussed - when the chaplain is on duty, they will be in uniform. And they will also be provided with body armor and correct me if I'm wrong, that is coming out of the uniform budget.

Chief: That will come out of initial issue, yes.

Mr. Mackey Aside from that chief one thing that we did not cover into the committee meeting that is kind of popped into my head - when we talk about the non-establishment of religion, I am assuming that whoever applies and is appointed to this position will have some sort of religious background. Will it be made clear to this individual that they should remain neutral when it comes to matters of religion -

Chief: Yes, absolutely, that is a part of the program. This is not to push any religion on anybody. It is strictly volunteer, it will be a ride along basis where the chaplain would be able to read along with the officers were looking at maybe 2 to 4, maybe even up to six days out of the month the chaplain would come and do a ride along, nobody's obligated, industry voluntary so, nobody is forced to do anything. That they don't want to do.

Mr. Mackey: Okay, aside from that, this was passed with the full recommendation of the Public Safety committee.

Chief: It was also reviewed by our solicitor.

Mr. Yoder: Okay, thank you both very much. Any other comments or questions from other members of counsel? Mr. Allison?

Mr. Allison: Either going to be requirements for them to have some level of special training or anything in counseling.

Chief: Yes, as I said it is a part of the police chaplain training certification that they will have a certified police chaplain credentials.

Mr. Allison: Okay, so this is already an established kind of thing -

Chief: It has been around for a long time, it was actually brought to my attention by Scranton PD who has a program in place for about nine years right now. So, it is an established program in a very good one.

It is also just a thought in there as well is a conduit that we're looking for our officers to help somebody to go talk to, we're looking for ways for officer wellness being a stressful job edges having somebody to rely on and knowing that they will talk to that person and it is a privilege conversation and hopefully can help facilitate a relationship where we provide a better environment for our officers.

Mr. Allison : Thank you for this initiative.

Mr. Yoder: Any other comments or questions? I would echo that, thank you for the initiative, I think it is a great idea and looking forward to seeing it enacted. Mrs. Frank on the motion please.

The Ordinance was carried in first reading with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, & Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz, Ms. Miele and Mr. Pulizzi were absent

Bill #1803-22

Ordinance Article 1713 International Property Maintenance Code (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance in first reading.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second for the ordinance.

Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.

Mr. Gerardi What we have before you is an ordinance revising the International property maintenance code, 2015, this is the code that we use for all existing structures as far as residential commercial, anything that is what comes out of this book, if you remember back in October, November of last year, we adopted all of the building codes, plumbing codes, property maintenance goes and when it was done we reorganized the whole entire article, because it really was not put together right, we have some of the building codes in a different section and so forth and they were all are put together, so we not only change the code but relocated it. And this comes into article 1713, but when they were put together when it got sent back for the codification of the ordinance and went through it we find out that some of the things were left out that should have remained in the code. From previous adoptions. So, what I did was I put the codes that we adopted in November along with the ones that were originally in the code, put them into one and really put one into everything that we want. Industry liquid, the things that we are missing were section 101.1 which is a title, all of the inserts, section 103.5 and one of the biggest ones was section 106.4 violations and penalties was not put into

the new code, so we went to the magistrate and the new magistrate was to cite the individual and put a fine on him and cannot because it was not in the code. So I am proud to put this together the fastest I can to get back together. Pretty simple, we did go through on public works, Mr. Allison came before this body with recommendation and Mr. Allison if you want, you can take over.

Mr. Allison: Yes. Not a lot to say on this one, it is basically housecleaning and restructuring of things that were already there. So, just putting things in order. Don't have much to say about that.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Allison, any other comments or questions from other members of council on this ordinance?

The Ordinance was carried in first reading with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, & Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz, Ms. Miele and Mr. Pulizzi were absent

Resolution #9302

Resolution Authorizing the Williamsport Bureau of Police to Hire one Police Officer

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.

Chief Snyder I am respectfully can -- asking for your consideration Jacob Huling to the Williamsport Bureau police. He is standing with me on my right, he has completed all requirements for Williamsport police and scheduled to commence on May 16, 2022. Again he is always certified as a police officer in Pennsylvania to the municipal police officers training commission. Candidate Huling is 25 years old and currently resides in a Jersey shore PA. He is the son of Jodi and Michael Huling, both of the Jersey shore PA area, candidate Huling is a 2015 graduate Jersey shore high school added 2020 graduate of Wilkes University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminology. He attended Mansell police Academy where he received his act 120 certification in 2021. He is currently employed with the Police Department of the UPMC hospital here, you MPC hospital here in Williamsport. Candidate Huling would be assigned badge number six. So, I open up to four for any questions.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you chief Snyder, this was reviewed in public safety? And I'll turn it over to Mr. Mackey.

Mr. Mackey: Yes, the chief pretty much said it all, it is just good that we should point out that we do have a retirement coming and that this hire will get us back to the 48 that we currently set, is that correct? A

Chief That is correct. We have a retirement that will be tomorrow, effective tomorrow. And then he would start and he would be our 48th that we budgeted for.

Mr. Mackey: Aside from that we are excited to have Mr. Huling come on board and this was possibly for recommendation.

>>ADAM YODER: Thank you Mr. Mackey. Are there any other comments or questions for Council, Mr. Allison?

Mr. Allison: Two comments, welcome officer to the force, another one of our younger faces added as well. And to the chief, I like this transition. One in and one going out, there is no gap in there. This is the best way to do it I think. So, thank you for being so diligent on that.

Chief: Thank you sir.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Allison, any other comments or questions from Mr. Beiter, it looks like you have one.

Mr. Beiter: I do, thank you. How much of the police force is currently under 10 years of tenure within the agency?

Chief: It is pretty high, I would have to get the numbers for you, but we have a very young Police Department.

Mr. Beiter: So my question leading into that is going to be what are we doing to make sure that these officers are getting the proper training so we have leaders that are going to step up amongst -

Chief: I would love to sit down with you and have a strategic plan and with the training that were trying to put forward for all of our officers. So we have some plans in place.

Mr. Beiter: Thank you.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Snyder, welcome, it is exciting to see another cadet coming through I should not say cadet, but you understand what I'm saying. Coming through and joining the force. It is great to see. I would circle back on part of the discussions and deliberations that we had at the end of last year when we did increase the police force from 47 in 2021 to the budget of 40 in 2022. When we went through that discussion we are receiving a cost savings when you look at the retirements that we have going out and we are really increasing the force by one and still saving money, because of the youth that we are bringing into the police Department, right? But that savings is only for a short time like three or 3 and a half years, I would have to go back and look at my notes. When we get to that point, we will be - we will be beyond the point of savings and the cost increase will compound a lot faster then what we had whenever we had 46, 47 officers. And we have issues in public safety, we all certainly get that. We need good qualified people in the street and we are getting there which is great. But, the whole reason for bringing this up is we are seeing a savings short term, but we need to continue to look at how we maximize the Police Department and we had a good dialogue last year and how do we do that, what can we learn from other city police departments across the state that are operating on different cost models and I know that you are working through that and your strategic plan. I am really looking forward and hoping to see the fruits of similar in of this upcoming budget season once we go into 2023. We are making progress. We need to continue that and see how we continue to do more with less, it is hard, absently hard, but given the fiscal constraints that we are under, it is necessary.

Chief: I extend the same invitation to you as well sir. Come up and look at our ideas and what we are looking at. Like you just mentioned, we are looking at the others. There are 10/3 class cities that are very strong. Police departments in Pennsylvania and we are looking at all of them in comparison. In seeing how we can do it better here.

Mr. Yoder: That is good to hear and I look forward to seeing what we can apply to this false budget, so thank you very much. Any other comments or questions? Hearing and none....

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

(APPLAUSE)

Resolution #9303

Resolution Authorizing First Renewal of a Consultant Agreement Between the City of Williamsport & Keller Partners & Co. LLC

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mayor - so, what you have before you is a resolution authorizing the first renewal of consultant agreement between the city Williamsport and Keller partners and this agreement was the original one was entered into last year and so this is the first renewal of a three-year term each year was subject to an annual renewal. Copy which is attached to this resolution and there are no changes to any of the financials or any terms of the agreement, this is simply the first renewal for the second year of the term which is the three-year term as I mentioned previously, representatives from Keller partners are on the call and they also are prepared to present their quarterly report as well. After this resolution if you so desire.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you mayor Slaughter, we can lump that altogether and have their I think quarterly report and then go into the specifics with their contracts, so if that is okay with everybody else? So, I alternate over to Mr. Keller, redeeming sir.

Mr. Keller Thank you very much, greetings from the nation's capital here in Washington DC. Thank you president Yoder, members of counsel and Mr. Mayor. We very much appreciate this time, unfortunately we were not able to be there in person today, we are in meetings all day long on Capitol Hill, but our intention is to be there in person with you next time. So, I would like if it is okay and I know you have a copy of our quarterly report, if we could just briefly walk through that, some of the highlights. And please feel free to interrupt if you have questions. I want to make sure that you know we also have members of my team in Washington here, Andrew Garfinkel and also Doctor Lucas Adair and this makes up the core team for the city of Williamsport. And I would like to thank also mayor Slaughter and I would like to also thank John Sander and the mayor's team as well as members of the Council for working with Keller partners. Over this past year. We appreciate the partnership and I think we are making some good momentum at the federal level and in multiple areas and I think it will result in some good things. It takes a little time to build that momentum and to start getting some wins, but I feel confident that that is going to happen. Let me just walk you through some of the highlights over this past year. Some of you may recall that back in October 2021 we arranged a large community meeting that included the US Army Corps of Engineers, Congressman Keller, FEMA, the city and the Council and the idea behind this meeting was to get everybody in the same room to talk about the community's number one priority. Which is making sure the levy is up to standard. With the ultimate goal of course of getting it certified and accredited. And so the result of this meeting was a risk assessment that was initiated by the US Army Corps of Engineers and that is in process as we speak right now. As I understand it they are preparing the team right now and will be following back up with the city soon about the next steps. We also worked on submitting a congressional spending request also known as an earmark and you might notice over the last decade that Congress decided not to do earmarking and earmarking is when a member of Congress puts in a specific dollar amount, actually a grant into an appropriations bill and this dollar amount is designated for a specific organization. And so this Congress did away with this over the last 10 years, but last year they brought it back. And we felt like we needed to make a request to Senator Casey's office and Senator Casey is the only member of the Williamsport federal representatives that participated in the earmarking request last year and we made this request for funding for the levy. And the Senator actually included that request as a priority to the Senate appropriations committee, but ultimately it ended up not getting in the final bill. But, this process is coming up again and we'll talk more about that in a few minutes. The next item is we worked with identifying a grant through USDOJ for the Williamsport Police Department and I wonder if Andy McAuley could talk just briefly but we did over this past year on that grant. Any need to take yourself off of mute -

Mr. Garfinkel: Thank you Tom, good evening council members, yes, we worked with the Williamsport Bureau of police on a competitive grant application called the connect and protect program which is a law enforcement and behavioral health response program. So, the concept behind the program is to train law enforcement to work cross jurisdictionally with behavioral health professionals to improve outcomes for individuals with mental illness and co-occurring mental illness and substance use and so when those individuals come in contact with the justice system, we want to improve how law enforcement is able to manage those cases and try to reduce the number of individuals who are going to jail and into the justice system as a result of their mental illness. So, we are working to resubmit that proposal now and that exactly due at the end of May, so we are working with WPP on his application and chief Snyder and chief Bolton in particular. Thank you Tom.

Mr. Keller Thank you Andy. We have also worked to assist the city with the application for a brick grant which I understand was awarded at 600,000. This is an annual grant and we will want to continue to pursue this next year. We were also pleased to work with the city Council and the mayor on providing some guidance for the American rescue plan and part of our role is for you to use this as a resource on federal funding and we look forward to continuing to provide the kind of guidance in the future. Finally, relationships matter when it comes to funding and when it comes to getting a leg up in a certain things going on at the federal level whether we are talking about federal grants or legislation or whatever. Relationships matter. And I feel like we have been able to build and strengthen important relationships whether it is with the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, the leadership of the US Army Corps of Engineers, the leadership of FEMA and also of Pima and others. It is critically important to keep in front of them, it is a very competitive process as I said. So I feel like we have made momentum in that area. And we just want to review some of the highlights that we are planning for 2022/2023 and in the first one is we are very much engaged right now because deadlines are fast approaching. And submitting another congressionally directed spending request for the city both in the Senate and the house and again, the number one priority for the community is rehabilitation of the levy, making sure that we can bring that up to standard so we can get that certified eventually and we made a request both on the Senate side and in the house side for the levy and we also made a request for some streets scaping and beautification of Newberry Road in Williamsport. And based on the discussions that we have had based on just today, we feel very positive about the direction of these requests. And we will know more very soon on where that is headed. And I will certainly keep the city updated on that. Speaking of relationships, it is very important to get the mayor as the representative of the city in front of these key federal decision-makers. And so we have arranged what I think is a great schedule for the mayor on May 10 to come down to Washington and participate in meetings with the congressional delegation and others to talk about the priorities for the city. Obviously a part of that discussion will be pushing for strong support for earmark funding as well as his support for any competitive grants that we are planning to submit on behalf of the city for over this next period of time as well as the importance of making sure that the federal delegation is aware of their responsibilities and roles as it relates to the levy rehabilitation . As I mentioned earlier, over this next

period of time, we are going to build on the work that we did Nina gathering the community together for this discussion on the levy. And the Army Corps is going to launch this risk assessment of the levy and we are going to be able to identify the weaknesses that need to be addressed in a more I guess strategic way let's say based on what the Army Corps is saying. It is going to require a participation agreement and I understand that the Army Corps is working on that right now. So, that will go before the mayor and likely the Council on how that would work. As this work begins, there is an expectation that the city would need to provide a 50 percent match for the risk assessment work. While there is no clear dollar amount, we have been told that it would - the total risk assessment cost may be around the \$500,000 mark. And we will get more information on that as we continue to work with the Army Corps to make sure that they are aligned with our interests there. And finally, we have identified a number of grants through the Department of Justice homeland security, transportation particularly coming down from the big info structure bill that was passed, those grants are beginning to roll out and we are expecting more grants to rollout at the end of this fiscal year and so we have got our eyes on these, we are working with the city on making sure that we are addressing those different funding needs and we will keep you posted on that in our next report. Andy, do you have anything else to add onto the grants piece?

Mr. Garfinkel: Yes, thank you Tom. The only thing we need to add is only bipartisan info structure law, the funding that just came out and we are keeping an eye on that as Tom mentioned. There are some competitive opportunities so it is about staying ahead of the curve and being ready to go and working on these competitive applications because there is a lot of money out there, we just need to identify those priorities and we have been working with the mayor and council to identify those opportunities so we appreciate your work with us.

Mr. Keller And you know members of Council, it is very important to try and get ahead of some of these grants that may be coming out when we are talking about infrastructure and so on as being prepared with certain projects and I again want to thank the mayor and John Sander for working with us on that. And being able to identify these needs of the city. And with that we really appreciate the time and if you have any questions, we would be happy to answer them.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Keller for the update and overview of your quarterly report. Are there any questions or comments from members of Council on the quarterly report offered by Mr. Keller? Mr. Allison?

Mr. Allison The meeting that you referred to last year at Penn College, is not the one you're talking about?

Mr. Keller: That is correct, in October.

Mr. Allison: It seems to me that the representative from FEMA said they may have grants available. Am I recalling that right?

Mr. Keller: That is correct. There are some pre-mitigation grants that are available and we are actually working with them right now. We have been in discussions with PEMA over the last week on them. So, you are exactly right.

Mr. Allison: Okay. I just wanted to touch base on that. And of course you are well aware that we have been put in a different - most almost all of the city has been put in a different congressional district, is there going to be some transition bringing Congressman (NAME) into the fault so to speak?

Mr. Keller: Yes sir. Yes sir. There is a great question and the way that this has worked is that there has been a every 10 years is a redistricting that takes place and the way that Pennsylvania has worked there is a seat that is going to be removed and unfortunately that came down to Congressman Keller's seat and he made the decision not to run against another Republican, but the way the lines will be drawn or have been drawn I should say, this will not take effect until January 2023. The way the lines have been drawn is Williamsport will potentially benefit now from two different members of Congress. And not only Congressman (NAME) who will represent a large portion of Williamsport, but also Congressman Thompson. And so we are in it the process of having meetings for the mayor on May 10 to begin working those relationships and I have already had a conversation with Congressman (NAME) about this and he is very much looking forward to seeing the mayor on the 10th. And if I may just add to that, this is exciting because both of these members, also participate in the community project funding also known as earmarking and so there may be opportunities for these new members beginning next year to help the city. Financially.

Mr. Mackey I am well. I guess just a comment first as far as the levy goes, I don't think - it is no secret how important that process is. There is a statistic that floats around author in management world that states for every dollar spent on mitigation you save somewhere between six and eight dollars on recovery costs. And when you think about the assets of that that levy protects, you just realize how important that really is and when you talk about this risk assessment, did you say that there is a start date for that?

Mr. Keller: They have not established an actual date yet. The mayor and I are in Colonel (NAME) office who is the commander of the Baltimore District in Baltimore in January talking about this and urging her team to speed this up as quickly as possible. And the mayor made the commitment that we want to work with them and make sure that this mitigation takes place as quickly as possible. And we had assurances from her that that would happen. And I think what it comes down to is after the pandemic, they are hit with a number of different things, but we are working those things out so we can get on a schedule and I am - we are going to be having a call actually tomorrow about this very topic.

Mr. Mackey: Okay, great. And I did have a question about the connect and protect - we were not awarded with that grant and are you able to speak to any of the comments that were given as to why we were not awarded the grant and what steps we are taking to make sure we get that grant in the next round, because I personally feel having some sort of crisis intervention team as part of our police department is extremely important.

Mr. Garfinkel: Sure, I can speak of that.. There are really only two primary critiques of the initial application. One is an issue related to how the project will be managed internally within the police department and so they made it pretty clear that they would like to see additional - that some of the funds go towards a contractor to assist with some of the project management aspects and so there is a total of a \$550,000 grant application and so we can certainly put more resources towards somebody to help oversee the grant. They do not want to see the chief sort of directly having to manage the grant which is where we put a lot of resources. And the second part is really about having a behavioral health specialist dedicated to the project team and again, that is about making sure we have the appropriate amount of resources. So, these were the two primary critiques and we feel like those can both be overcome by reallocating those resources into the appropriate places.

Mr. Beiter I wanted to follow up with the risk assessment study, obviously risk assessment is the goal, but this is another study that we are looking at doing and what I have found in my time on counsel being the new guy as we like

to study things. Again and again. So, if you could please enlighten me as to why we have to go through this study being done by the Army Corps of Engineers when the Army Corps of Engineers is the organization telling us that this levy is not certifiable because of the issues that we have with the various parts whether it be cross pipes etc.

Mr. Keller It is a great question. Thank you Councilman. One of the comments that we made during our meeting in October was US Army Corps of Engineers, the levy has been studied to death. Please do not make us go through this again. And we work to get legislative language into the water resources development act to compel the Army Corps to assist the city in addressing some of these issues. They are saying that they cannot do that unless they have some sort of and this is not a study by the way, this is an assessment, so it is a much less arduous activity by the Army Corps and it is supposed to be able to be done fairly quickly, within a 6 to 8 month period of time as I understand it and within that, they identify those certain areas that need to be addressed. In addition to that it is possible that the requirements that we had for the levy some time ago may be able to be minimized through simple types of activities that are not costly. And this is one of the things that happened when we took the tour with the Army core team around the levy and the Congressman was there as well and mayor and everyone else. They were assessing this just visually. And so it is their process and how they deal with this. Meantime Councilman we are not waiting for the Army Corps. We are working with the members of Congress to help with funding and again I think we are going to be successful in that effort to address some of these needs that will get right to the heart of the certification issue. And that will take some time, but we worked with the Department of Commerce where we identified funding through the economic development initiative to address the Memorial Avenue high wall which is lower than it should be according to the modern regulations and we were able to win a \$5.6 million grant to address that issue. And that is in progress. So, we are not going to wait for the Army Corps, but we do need them to weigh in. I hope that answers your question. I beg your pardon?

Mr. Beiter: \$5.6 Million, that is an EDA grant, correct?

Mr. Keller: That is correct.

Mr. Beiter: FMA pivot just quickly, because I want to make sure mayor if I could ask you, the work that we're doing and we voted on for the cross pipes and things like that, that is okay to go ahead and is not going to interfere with the risk assessment?

Mayor When we with the colonel in the Army core team that Mr. Kelly was referencing, we brought that up and Colonel did say that we can go ahead and work on a deficiency that has always been identified simultaneously to them during the risk assessment with the ultimate goal being at the end of it - where the risk assessment and we are fixing the deficiencies that we know about that everything will be great and we can get recertified and accredited. So, of course we will not know that until the Army Corps does their risk assessment which they have to do as a part of this, but we were able and Colonel gave us the blessing to work on the deficiencies that have already been identified.

Mr. Beiter : Will they then assign the work in progress so it is done correctly and we will not have to go back in two or three years when they come out with their final ruling SAO, by the way, this was actually done this way -

Mayor: Yes, once we do this, the Army Corps will be here and they will actually be here simultaneously because they will be doing their work and it will be a simultaneous progress.

Mr. Beiter: Thank you. The last question I had been for Mr. Keller if I may ask - this is an issue that is not just affect the city of Williamsport, it affects Loyalock) Township and South Williamsport, so we have a lot of adjacent Minister Palace and you are also doing work for Lycoming County are you doing this in conjunction with the city of Williamsport?

Mr. Keller: That is correct. We believe that numbers matter, so partnering with the county to tackle this is very, very important. We have had the city, the county calming all of Lycoming as well as the water authority in Washington, we have been to the Pentagon, we have been to the West Wing of the White House. We have had the meetings that resulted I believe in that Department of Commerce grant and we want to keep that team together. There is power in numbers like this. And in fact Councilman we have been told it is unusual to see this kind of coordination with these different municipal entities for something like this. And we looked at that as that is a good thing. That it is happening here. At least the community is being recognized as all coming together for this one very important thing. I mean the levy, if it breaks, this is something we talk about all the time. It is going to be a disaster. And we are talking three to \$5 billion in assets that are protected by this flood control project. And so we are coordinating in fact one of the congressional directed spending requests is a joint request between the city and the county. And we were advised that it would be - it would have greater impact if we did it that way.

Mr. Beiter: While you're doing the work for all three of those entities, are you splitting her bill up into thirds between us, or are we paying for the full rate while you're working for all three of us? I don't mean to sound bad in any particular way, but I appreciate and I understand that we have to be working together with those entities, but are you able to shed any light on that?

Mr. Keller: There is no conflict of interest whatsoever. We coordinate on the levy. We are working on various projects for the County, the county is a big area that extends outside of Williamsport and then of course the water authority has a number of water and sewer infrastructure as well as a dam, in fact two dam's and so that is something we are very cautious about and that said, we have been able to establish very important relationships with people in Washington because of this relationship with these different entities. So that way we can all benefit. One of the things we have done over the past I would say the past couple of years is we have tried to hold meetings between the three entities so that maybe we can coordinate in such a way even though there are completely different funding needs for each entity, but to coordinate to see if we can maximize the federal level support that the community is getting for these different entities. And I think we have had some good interaction on that front. So, for example the county is now working with the water authority ongoing after a grant that is actually going to help both the county and the authority as well as the city by the way. So, there is a lot of interconnecting opportunities here, but of course there are separate needs for each entity. And we are under contract separately for each entity as it should be.

Mr. Beiter: Thank you for the education, I do appreciate that.

Mayor May I add one thing about the levy, John Sander, our city engineer, to your point Councilman Beiter, each year there is an inspection done by the Army Corps of Engineers every single year and every five years there is a very in-depth study done, so on the yearly inspection, they will see the work that we are completing right now which is why the Colonel also said go ahead and do it, because they will see it during the yearly inspection, so I just want to mention

that and thank John for reminding me of that. Because that is a key point.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Councilman Beiter, any other questions on the quarterly report from Keller partners? I do have one, just to shift gears a little bit, I did not see any reference to, but I figured I would ask because we are in the midst of essentially offloading our trans arm that is housed within the city currently. Are you doing any work related to transit grants or anything on behalf of RVT currently or anything in process in that regard Mr. Keller?

Mr. Keller: Councilman good question, unfortunately we have not been working on any grants currently. However, and we should have mentioned this in the report, we did work on making a congressionally directed spending request on behalf of the transit authority and that did not get funded. But, there are a number of grants that are coming out, one involving transit facilities, one involving low emission buses, and those are great opportunities that we should be targeting for them and we would be happy to continue to interact with them if the city would like us to do that.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you for the clarification and the only reason I ask, as of right now the goal is July 1, that is no longer going to be a part of the city. So, I would actually think that we probably would not want to that, that we would want them to take care of that on their own whether it is internally or contracting with somebody like Keller, going through a RP process, but it seems like you are on at the same page in agreement Mr. Mayor which is good. Thank you very much Mr. Keller for the quarterly report. We can go into the resolution in front of us and I guess I'll turn it over to Mr. Allison because this was reviewed in finance. If you would be so kind sir.

Mr. Allison : Yes. We did review in finance. As the mayor stated, it is the first renewal of the contract, a three-year contract that was signed and nothing has changed, we talked about the continuity that will be provided with staying with Keller since they are in on so many things that are in transition right now that hopefully are going to bear fruit and we will get this wrapped up in the next couple of years. That is aggressive, but I think we need to look at it that way. So, we had some discussion about and the cost is the same, so there are not any - there is not much more to speak about as far as his contract I am concerned. The request is made for a report to go along with it and perhaps Councilman Beiter - okay. Again, that was about it then paired so, we passed it with full body recommendation.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Allison, any other comments or questions related to the resolution any contract renewal?

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9304

Resolution Authorizing First Renewal of Consultant Agreement Between the City of Williamsport & Delta Development Group, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mayor , what you have before you is basically an identical resolution as well which is previously presented related to Keller, this was is a resolution authorizing the first rule of a consultant agreement between the city of Williamsport and Delta development group. Again this was approved last year, this is the first renewal for the second year of a three-year term. Again, nothing has changed within the terms of the agreement and this is simply the first renewal with Delta development group and they were planning to do their quarterly report today as well and unfortunately the representative fell ill today so she will present the quarterly report in two weeks to city Council.

Mr. Allison stated pretty much the same conversation we had with Keller other than and so we did pass it with positive recommendation to renew.

Mr. Yoder: Excellent. Any comments or questions from members of counsel?

Mayor: If I may add I am not aware of Delta working on any RVT projects either. So again I would echo the same thing as before that was mentioned.

Mr. Yoder: That was going to be my only question as well, so thank you for that answer in advance, I appreciate it. Any other comments or questions from members?

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9305

Resolution Authorizing First Renewal of an Agreement for Legal Services with the City Solicitor

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mayor Slaughter, what you have before you is a resolution authorizing a first renewal of an agreement for legal services within the city solicitor. Again, last year we entered into agreement, the city with McCormick law firm, it was a five year subject to annual renewals and this is the first renewal of that five-year term. And the city of Williamsport does desire to renew this agreement and there is a slight difference in this one related to the rates which were attached in your packet and I will read those into the record. There is - it is limited to an additional five dollars per hour for each type of service. The rates are presently \$120 per hour for partners, \$100 per hour for associates and \$60 per hour for paralegals. The new proposed rates will be \$125 per hour for partners, \$105 per hour for associates and \$65 per hour for paralegals and per the letter from solicitor white. The increase is to keep pace with inflation. Other than that, nothing with an agreement has changed. All of the rest of the terms from the original agreement remain the same. It was reviewed in finance and passed with a full body of council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison Yes, we did review this in finance. It is the renewal of an agreement that we had that was already in place but as the mayor outlined a five dollar increase and we knew that legal services were going to cost more when we RFP everything, but we need to periodically do that and so in general we talk that it is a good thing and it is not just so we are going to continue always the same thing but we have to measure against what is out there. But for this, yes we recommended the full body of Council with a recommendation.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Allison, any other comments or questions related to this? So, I know there was a discussion Mr. Allison on the hourly versus flat fee that we had previously worked under. Was there any discussion, because I don't recall right when I joined Council early 2020 we went through the RFP process and I don't recall what the previous contract values were and I don't know if Joe or Mayor slaughter, but are we actually saving versus what we were paying before or are we spending more under this arrangement? Was that brought up or discussed?

Mayor answered That was not brought up. These contracts in each of the agreements there is a Top, there is still a dollar top, if you go over there, then we have to go back to Council for approval.

Mr. Yoder: I remember that. So, so far the idea of trying to save a little bit of money by managing it versus just bombarding our solicitors as we have done before, so far it is working.

Mayor: Yes, we did have a little bit of a conversation I believe Councilman Allison I believe Joe Pawlak broke down each of the law firms and they did come in as solicitor Lubin just mentioned that they did come in slightly under what we had budgeted. So, there is a cost savings in this mechanism.

Mr. Yoder: I know there was a lot going on the past couple of years on the legal end of things with the city and we would still save a little bit of money if we continue to practice good management as we have been, hopefully we can continue to drive that out, so that is good to see.

Mayor: And I think Councilwoman Miele brought up comprehensively we are saving with these contracts compared to the market value of what attorneys are receiving of course solicitor Lubin could that more than me, but generally speaking what we are getting in these contracts compared to what the market rate might be is a cost savings to the city so I believe Councilman Miele did bring that up in finance committee.

Mr. Yoder: Excellent, I do appreciate that. That is my only question and I appreciate the clarification, any other comments or questions?

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9306

Resolution Authorizing First Renewal of An Agreement for Legal Services with the Asst. Solicitor

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

Mrs. Frank stated per Mr. Lubin, this needs to be amended to state the full attorney's firm.

Mayor what you before you is authorizing the personal of agreement for legal services with the assistant city solicitor. Again very similar to the first one, as was just mentioned we had an agreement with and I apologize I don't know the full name of the firm, that was Casale & Bonner this is the first renewal of that term, nothing has changed into this agreement other than the name which was read into the record and all of the other terms within agreement remain the same. This is simply the first renewal for the second year and it was reviewed in finance and forwarded with a full-body recommendation.

Mr. Allison Not much, it was kind of an all-in-one discussion of these two. So, I will leave it at that.

Mr. Yoder: Any comments from members of Council on this one? I was want to say we can amend this quick. If we so desire. And actually, wrong one. Okay, I guess we just have to formally, where is it out here? We would just need to amend the contract to include the updated names so I motion to make an amendment to change the name in the resolution in contract from Casale and Bonner PC to Bonner, Hillman and Southern PC **Mr. Yoder made the motion to amend and Mr. Allison seconded it.**

The amendment to the resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Yoder then asked for a motion and second to pass the resolution.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9308

Resolution Authorizing First Renewal of an Agreement for Legal Services with the City Transit Solicitor

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.

Mayor Slaughter before you again is authorizing the first offer legal services with the city transit solicitor and again this original payment was entered last year it had a term of five years subject to the second renewal of the term, nothing has changed within this agreement and it remains the same, there were a number of questions related to the transition authority during the finance committee which therefore they pass along with the full body of counsel with recommendation pending answer to that question. So Jill Nagy is on with us this evening and I did make her aware of some of the questions out of the finance committee for this evening and so she is on Zoom tonight and so as I said a Path with full recommendation pending answer to those questions.

Ms. Nagy, No problem. I did get a couple questions from the mayor and basically what would happen is pretty much once the transition, once we get to the July 1 deadline and the bank accounts are open, and the federal funds are moving towards RVTA, the transit portion of my contract would simply transition to them at their discretion if they so choose. There may be a couple lingering things that are very specific with regard to the transition of course, I would be advising the mayor and the transportation committee of anything like that and the only thing I could see is a joint petition between the city and RVT to change the unions and personnel structure, but based upon discussions with Mr. Winder that is a part of the operating cost of RVT, so unless there is something very specific, all of those charges would be passed along to RVT, even if I am representing the city jointly in transferring union obligations to the union authority. So, that aspect of my contract would all be transitioned and any of the contract work with the city, insurance work with the city would be in the normal course and I did check and by doing the insurance as an hourly rate, there would be a substantial savings as opposed to the flat fee and after I heard your question on that, there would be savings especially because we are done with the broker scenario for this particular year that renewal is ongoing. So, I would advise if I foresee any odd issues involving insurance consulting, everything else will remain the same. But, the transit worked to remain confidentiality with the city would still be in place even if it is a documentation only and the

fees would be paid by RVT, there could be some confidentiality I would like to have with the city but again those fees would be charged as a part of the new transition process.

Mayor: And if I may, there are two minor areas that she did but not in the agreement solicitor Nagy if I can read those in, the minor things she just touched on and I'll read that to the record and this was due to a few items that we had over the last year or so due to some litigation of insurance of things, so she did but not that language into this contract and it says continuing the role of insurance consultant to represent the city in matters litigation -- pertaining to insurance coverage disputes, advise the city as requested by the mayor or city Council on matters of a particular specialty as the case may arise that falls within an expertise that is not customarily handled by the solicitor or assisted solicitor and then finally as she just mentioned it is anticipated that conflict services will be limited and will not involve such matters as for example litigation and those conflict services will normally incur less than \$525 in legal fees in the event that her law firm leaves it will incur more than \$525 in legal fees, she will inform the city Council and provide a budget for proposed legal services entity law firm and the city will agree to the anticipated budget prior to commencing legal services. So, she did but not that language a little bit to address some of those questions that were in the finance committee so my apologies on that at the beginning.

Ms. Nagy: And by example, one of the things that we talked about in the past with some very specific pension issues only because of my background in pension, it was a lot easier than him doing multiple hours of research, that is just the only example I can think of at this moment, but just to give counsel that example.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you for the clarification's Jill, that is very appreciated, Mr. Allison, anything additional in finance?

Mr. Allison stated Finance passed this to the full body of Council with no recommendation.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9307

An Amended Resolution of the City of Williamsport, County of Lycoming, Commonwealth of PA Approving the Transfer of PLCB Licensee No R48016 into Williamsport City from Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, PA

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mr. Lubin This is the amended resolution that had been approved by city Council approving the transfer of the license. This is actually the same resolution that had been used in the past and had been improved by the control board and on this one the investigator wanted a couple of minor changes and so we have made the changes that have been requested. Specifically what they wanted was a statement that the hearing was in fact in a couple of places she wanted the addresses to be repeated and that was done again. The solicitor of the new company did sound a copy of this down to her and she said this would be fine. So, hopefully they will get their license soon and get open for business.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Lubin, this is not reviewed - are there any comments or questions on this resolution from anyone? Hearing it seemed uncommon Mrs. Frank on the motion - to amend this resolution please.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9309

Resolution Awarding the Construction Contractor for the Shaw Park Splash Pad to Landserv, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Mr. Sander, what you have before you is the motion to reward construction to Landserv, Inc up with a certified splash installer out of Georgia and so Landserv will be the contractor and perform excavation and aqua underground will install all of the vortex products and then Landserv is going to essentially top it off with 10 inches of aggregate and reinforced concrete and button up the site. This cost of 320,000 is all-inclusive and includes splash pad itself, for construction and all of the related electricity and plumbing. This was reviewed in public works and given a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison stated . Yes, just a continuance of the whole process that we have already approved. So, usually the people that come in and know that that is what we need to be able to have the splash pad and what we talked about. So, the total cost then of the whole project is -

Mr. Sander: We have a contract right now with vortex past month and and a half ago somewhere in there for \$206,000 just for the parts, they have not shifted them yet. I think they ship a couple anchors. This is for the construction so we're talking total project cost we are talking about \$530,000.

Mr. Allison stated We passed it through with a full recommendation.

Mr. Beiter asked So, the bid that they made in the cost of the material is the same for the vortex?

Mr. Sander: So, a month and a half ago we executed -

Mr. Beiter The construction part of it, but the grand total was -

Mr. Sander: I think it was at that time a little over 500,000, five or six, but we had to ask that contract because we had to build up to construction. Also, I included electrical connections to the north and water connections to the east. It was quoted somewhere I think it was 40 total, somewhere in there, I cannot remember off the top of my head.

Mr. Yoder Give me one second year, I am trying to compare - so, what you said John, 530, I just want to compare it to what we had budgeted. This was our ARPA funding, correct? And I cannot remember if the remaining 34,000 need to pull from contingency or somewhere else. Has there been any discussions from the administrations perspective if there is a preference one way or the other?

Mr. Sander: Not to my knowledge, I don't believe so at all.

Mr. Yoder: Okay. We all want this project, it would be good to do, I don't see a reason to hold it up, but I would suggest thinking through if there is other sources of outside of ARPA that we would rather use that we could figure that out before any kind of first transfer ordinance so whenever it comes forward you can move the money accordingly and when we continue to track this accordingly and make sure that we have an updated record.

Mr. Sander: Okay. We have grant opportunities in the park, but to go after a specific item, to shifted to another one is very difficult, again, can be done and we have done in the past and on a couple other jobs, but it is tricky from what I'm

told.

Mr. Yoder: And the other thing, I don't know what conversations you have had with our ARPA consultant, but I don't really want to say if, when - on future projects when we start to mix rescue plan funding with other sources of funding, we really need to be careful on what standards we are using whether it is a wage wall or all that sort of stuff and so I just urge the administration to think through those ahead of time so that way we are putting out documentation that has the correct stuff in it. So, this is all correct and a job well done Jon, but if we want to mix money, we might need to - this would look different. So, a friendly reminder that we are thinking through that please. And I appreciate that. So, any other comments, sorry I got a little off topic there. Hearing and see none

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9310

Resolution Awarding the Construction Services for the Lose Park Improvements Project to Landserv, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

Mr. Memmi, the presentation tonight awarding the construction services for the loose park to Trinity Inc., these were publicly opened on April 11, the proposals were reviewed by Matthew and Larson design group for completeness and by solicitor Lubin. The certified bid tabulation wasn't supplied as a part of the Council packet. The low bid was presented by Landserv in the amount of \$384,374.70. The other bidders were John Claire excavating in the amount of \$391,499 and Columbia excavating in the amount of \$409,393.70. The projected project costs are totaled out to be \$437,426.50 with the funding coming from a DC NR grant of \$150,000 and CDBG funding of the amount of \$300,000 totaling 444,000 which should be sufficient to complete the project as designed. This was reviewed by public works committee and passed with a positive recommendation. I'm here to answer any questions.

Mr. Allison: We did review this in public works and it is pretty straightforward given there was an RFP and a low bidder, we took the low bidder and the funding was spelled out pretty clearly. It was nice that there is a \$20,000 contingency in there. So, everything is in order and we passed on with a positive recommendation.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9311

Resolution Awarding the City's Life & Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Coverage to Carrier Services to the Hartford

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

Ms. Steele-Shrimp, as we move towards transitioning RVT to an authority part of that is separating out the employee benefits. Removing the approximately 80 employees of RVT from the insurance groups of the city. So, we are starting with the life insurance, I'm looking at all the different components and Triben was one of the groups looking into this for us. We were looking at others as well. Triben insurance solutions brought this forward from the Hartford insurance committee that would save the city \$17,000 per year for this coverage over a three-year contract it would be saving the city over \$50,000. In addition to those savings, we would have value added benefits at no cost to the city of an employee assistance program which the city currently does not have. Travel assistant services and identity theft protection services. You have in your pockets a proposal from the Hartford that was reviewed by solicitor Jill Nagy and I do have Mr. Joe Alfonsi and Kevin and this was forwarded with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison Yes, we did review this in finance and passed with a full-body recommendation as a part of transitioning RVT out of the city. So, it is one of those good things that we have been seeing come to fruition that saves us money. And it keeps everything clean and separate. So, we passed it with a full-body of counsel with a positive recommendation.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9312

Resolution Awarding the City's Life Insurance & Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Brokerage Services to Triben Insurance Solutions, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.

Ms. Steele-Schrimp, as mentioned I asked several workers to come forward with different proposals and Triben brought four different quotes so my recommendation is to replace our current brokerage services of life insurance with Triben insurance solutions. They specialize in life insurance coverage and so I hope that you will approve this again Mr. Joe Alfonsi and Kevin Sidella on the call if you have questions for them.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Miss Schrimp. This was reviewed in finance as well, Mr. Allison?

Mr. Allison: It was, this is a specific benefit relating to life insurance death and accidental dismemberment. It is not always a big ticket item, but it is an important one. So it came in with Molly and we passed it with a full recommendation.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9313

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement Between WBF & Higher Information Group

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

Chief Aungst . What you have before you is a resolution authorizing the Bureau of fire to enter a five year professional services agreement for copier, scanner printer services not to exceed \$4101.60. The total lease payments for five years. I send you guys all and monthly comparison chart on what we currently, our current units used a what we pay for versus the proposed canon. The Canon printer would be replacing three different machines into the chief's office and the copier is a 2003 and it was transferred from the city clerk's office in 2009. You cannot even get parts for it now. So, there is a cost savings and upgrade to our services, so this was reviewed by Public Safety.

Mr. Mackey stated this was reviewed in Public Safety and forwarded with a positive recommendation.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Certificates of Appropriateness – HARB

Item 1. 1075 W 4th St - Rehab/Replace Exterior Wood and Paint – Richard and Terri Mutchler – Dj’s Painting Williamsport LLC (Paul Arndt)

Item 2. 942 W 3rd St – Paint all Exterior and Wood Railing Install – Rehab/Replace Exterior Wood and Paint – Richard and Terri Mutchler – Dj’s Painting Williamsport LLC

Item 3. 771 W 3rd St – Paint Entire Exterior – Victorian Holdings LLC – Nassberg

Item 4. 338 Campbell St – Replace Roof and Repair Fire Escape – Mirabito Properties Inc. – Steckel Construction

Item 5. 924 W 3rd St – Replace Roof with Shingles – Mirabito Properties Inc.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second to accept these for filing.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

The certificates of appropriateness were carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Accept for filing::

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Controller’s Report 01’21’22

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to accept these for filing.

Mr. Allison made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

The minutes was accepted for filing with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, May 2	12:00 PM	Planning Commission*
Monday, May 9	4:00 PM	Recreation Commission*
Tuesday, May 10	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works
	4:00 PM	Transit Oversight Committee
Wednesday, May 11	3:30 PM	O& E Pension*
Thursday, April 28	7::00 PM	City Council Meeting*

MEETINGS MARKED WITH * are in person at Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA

Comments:

a. City Council

I all like to take a moment to thank all of you for the quick work that we did to fill the treasurers vacancy I applaud everybody. We kind of moved fast and got some good candidates, but nonetheless responded pretty quickly and I am proud of that and I think all of you for your help in the process. So, a job well done. Are the comments from the administration?

b. Administration

Mayor Slaughter Just one brief one, we are getting calls about the debris pickup, we will be doing not through May 20, so crews are out there from public works and that will be ongoing through May 20. So, if you're getting any phone calls related to that, we will be doing multiple sweeps between now and May 20, thank you.

c. Members of the Public

Michael Roan Thank you, it has been a long night a long day for me as well, so I'll make this brief. My name is Michael T Roan, I am owner of Michael T Roan real estate in Williamsport and I am a real estate auctioneer and real estate broker and I have been doing this since 1980. Tonight had an action of a property in Watson town that is similar to the City Hall, I put a submission in to sell City Hall if you so desire to. So, I put my bid in when you requested and I had not heard from you so I thought I would stop by and say hi. But, I saw properties and sell properties like City Hall all day long, I have sold 11 schools, I have sold 11 churches and I have sold public buildings and tonight I had an option down in Watson tonw and I sold this property, we had a reserve price of 750 in a brought 955,000 plus the 10 percent buyers premium for a total of the million 5500. We had a dozen bidders

there and I was on WNEP news at 5 o'clock with an interview with them and I was on the front page of the daily item in Lewisburg paper. And these are the types of things you can do when you sell a public building such as you might be selling. And so I know how to do that, I've done a long time and I have been downtown since 1990, I bought the whole (NAME) block in 1990 and sold it to the bullfrog and other people. And I have been downtown with the store for eight years and I met forth - I have the mad Potter and (NAME) so, I just want to let you know that I'm here, if you do so decide to sell the City Hall I would like very much your consideration of that. Okay? e Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you sir and the administration had your response to the RFP request, I am sure they'll take that into consideration if that is the route that the administration proposes and I suspect we will have clarity on that hopefully for our next meeting, I think you're working through a couple final things Mayor Slaughter, which is good, thank you very much. Any other comments from members of the public? Hearing and seeing none.

d. News Media

Mr. Todd Bartley in the city of News talk Williamsport.com. The reason for my being here this evening is to address the indisputable facts of the injustices being perpetuated on this committee by Mayor Slaughter and his administration. . The following is based on just one case that Mayor Slaughter and the Bureau police is keenly aware of. The innocent readable facts are as follows. Mayor Derek Slaughter is black. He is a husband and father, he is an elected official and a former employee of the Williamsport school district. Williamsport police chief Jason Bolt is black. He is a husband, father, and in his current position he is a protocol point of Mayor Derek Slaughter. He is also previously served as a school resource officer in Williamsport Area School District. In 2018 during the school district baseball team trip to Myrtle Beach, a baseball player who is black was the victim of an indecent sexual assault. I will refer to him as John Doe one, his attacker is white and from a financial means family. The in his middle facts of the assault are known to the video that was taken of the incident and subsequently shared all over the Internet and social media. On January 9, 2020, the in dispute or fact is the Williamsport school district issued a statement which read in part " in addition to the own investigation, the matter was investigated by outside agencies including the Lycoming District Attorney office, Myrtle Beach authorities, the high school or for them to the District Attorney office and the officers who served at the Williamsport Bureau police. Former chief Hagan debunked this myth in answers to write to request previous e-file setting the Williamsport Bureau police has no records from this case" the indisputable fact is that school resource officer Jodi Miller was not involved in the investigation of the case. It said as much in a phone interview to Myrtle Beach police to permit detectives. The image below for fact is immunity -- Williamsport never called the Myrtle Beach police department to make them aware of this case are the same can be said about the Williamsport Bureau of police. The attacker in this case was subsequently criminally charged in South Carolina in 2021. Mayor Derek Slaughter who attended a peaceful protest in the aftermath of George Floyd whom the mayor had ever met or had any connection to told the protesters I hear you ". The mother of John Doe one has called the mayor several times to discuss the indignities that her son has faced and to see if the mayor could advocate for justice for John Doe number one. She has not heard from Mayor Slaughter or assistant chief Jason Bolt regarding this case. Rather at the same time the peaceful protest Mayor Slaughter posed with the sign with then Chief Hagan and agent Paul read racism has no home here. The photo is plastered all over social media and the signs are displayed in yards and other places all over the city to this day. By not advocating for justice for John Doe one as a leader, but specifically as black community leaders, argue Mayor Slaughter and assistant chief Bolt both demonstrate racism is in fact having a home here. Your lack of speaking about this case is indefensible. I only have one on the record question if what happened to John Doe one in Myrtle Beach in 2018 happened to any of your children, would that change your actions and cause you to raise your voice for justice? So, we all understand each other. I will not rest until every single person in the agency that failed John Doe number one in this case faces criminal and civil penalties to the fourth section of the law.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Bartley. Any other comments or ports of clarifications from the news media? Okay - motion for adjournment?

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Allison** and a second by **Mr. Beiter**. **Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk