

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM. at Trade & Transit Center II, 144 West Third St, Williamsport, PA. This meeting was duly advertised in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

**Council members present:**

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

**Also, Present:**

Derek Slaughter, Mayor,  
August Memmi  
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,  
Justin Snyder, Police Chief  
Solicitor Norman Lubin  
Janice Frank, City Clerk  
Jon Sander, Engineer  
Scott Livermore, S&P  
Kris Black

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 2/16/23 were approved upon a motion by **Mr. Pulizzi** and a second from **Mr. Beiter**. **All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Ms. Miele had not arrived yet.**

**Limited Courtesy of the Floor**

There were none.

**Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.**

**Resolution #9628**

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Elm Park Lease Agreement.**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mayor what you have before you is a resolution authorize the execution of Elm Park Lease agreement. This came about due to the health of the current folks who have the lease agreement with us. Fortunately we've had Mr. and Mrs. Clark step up to the plate. They've been very active at elm park over the last few years. They're very familiar with it. They would like to continue to take care of the park and do a new lease agreement with us. I should thank Mr. Tedesco and Mr. Noviello who has done a great job over the last few years making improvements at Elm Park, bringing different events there beyond just softball. He has done a great job. I want to thank him and Mr. Noviello and I look forward to the Clarks taking it to the next level from here. They are here tonight if you do have questions for them. There is no changes in this lease agreement. Same as the previous one we had, other than I think we did a 30-day out clause. And this was reviewed in public works.

Mrs. Katz Yes it was. Thank you for everything that you do with elm park. It is an incredible piece of property. Would you like to come up to the podium? . And thank you for being here. As the mayor said, this really hasn't changed much. The only thing we want to make sure is that we get a financial report at the end of the year. Okay. Which we haven't received in the past. That is the only thing that is in the lease that we -- that hasn't been accomplished in the past. Other than that, thank you very much for everything that you're doing. We do -- the other thing is the signage that goes around the park to make sure that that is approved by the city. Okay.

Mr. Allison : Yeah. We certainly appreciate all of the volunteer work that goes in to keeping the park the jewel that it is. It is a great facility. There was some bumps in the road a few years ago and it kind of fell into some disrepair. But it is an excellent place and a real asset to our city. Just giving thanks to everyone who works on the team to keep it together like that. It is a great thing. Thanks.

Mr. Yoder: What everybody else said. Just thanks for the work that you're doing. And it is a great partnership. We're thankful to have it.

Mr. Clark Thank you. Joe has done a great job. And I have learned a lot with him over the last year dealing with the schools and, you know, the travel ball and hopefully can keep it just where it is at and even take it to the next level. I would like to bring in some showcases, some college clinics to help the girls fulfill their dreams and goals and get to where they want to get to with the sport of softball. I thank you for your time.

Mr. Yoder Thanks for your effort. We appreciate it. He asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived at the time of this vote.**

Appointments

**RVTA BOARD**

Marshall D. Welch, II, 970 Rakestraw Road, Montoursville, PA is appointed to a 5 year term commencing 3/2/23 & ending 12/31/27

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mayor this appointment to the River Valley Transit Authority. . Marshal Welch for consideration. His resume is quite extensive. I obviously will not go through that all tonight. But you do have that which well prepares him for this board. And just want to thank him again for his willingness to step up and serve in this capacity. I think he would definitely be an asset to the RVTA board and marshal was unable to make it tonight but he was in public works on Tuesday where this was required.

Mrs. Katz Yes, he was. Like you said, mayor, his resume is really extensive and I think he will be a great asset to the board. And anybody that volunteers their time we're really thankful for. And he really was -- it was good that he spoke to us in public works. I don't have any other statement.

Mr. Pulizzi If I may. I would like to request everybody's thoughts and sentiments regard us being lucky enough to have Mr. Welch join the board. I feel so much more confident knowing with people like this that are helping to steer the new authority that it certainly is in good hands. So.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Pulizzi. I did look back at the ordinance as well. We briefly talked about this. So Mr. Welch lives in Montoursville, the way the ordinance is written, if they have live or have an interest or work in the city they can serve on the board. Mr. Welch meets that. He has an office in Firestone building. He has a business downtown. Yeah. Absolutely. So any other comments or questions?

Mr. Beiter The comment I would like to make in regards to the ordinance itself. Not that it needs to be done tonight but it would be newer or the and RBTV's best interest if we look at that language and possibly work that to residents of the service area. RVTA is providing service to. So if someone's situation changes, their business moves or their employer moves out of the city for whatever particular reason, they're able to be a valued asset to the community.

Mr. Yoder: That's not a terrible idea. When we went through it last year we talked about getting the county involved to some degree and expanding the board. It might be a good time to revisit doing that at this point.

Mr. Beiter Expand the board and give them more support, whether it is the county or changing -- yeah. I would agree with that. Mayor Slaughter, so the next appointment or the next -- if I remember correctly the next term will end the end of year.

Mayor Correct. And then there will be five years.

Mr. Beiter For the public, I mean it is a long way off. It is a solid ten months. Realistically. For anybody in the future who would be interested in potentially serving on the RBTA board, what should they supply you, et cetera. Assuming that the current person doesn't want to -- wants to serve again and assuming that you would like them -- you would bring them on board.

Mayor They could reach out to my office or members of the city council, whatever the case might be. Submit a short resume, bio. Nothing extreme. And obviously we will make contact and gauge their interest.

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

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

#### **An Ordinance Approving the Editing & Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Williamsport, Pennsylvania (first reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mr. Lubin. Before you is an annual ordinance a place into our codified ordinances. The ordinances adopted last year. However, as you notice the transfer ordinances, budget ordinances are not included in our codified ordinances. And then the CO section refers to the codified ordinance section on the right-hand side. And I don't know -- I don't believe this was sent to any council committee.

Mr. Yoder It was not. It was not. Any comments or questions from members? Okay. Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion first reading, please.

**The Ordinance was carried in first reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor**

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

#### **Ordinance ARPA Transfer #5 (final reading) Project Edge Bill#1817-23**

. The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mayor what you have in front of you is the final reading of ordinance ARPA transfer 5 that has a number of things on the final reading here. I'm not going to rehash it all. If there are any questions I'm happy to answer.

We passed this in first reading for the investment in project edge. Passed unanimously last week or two weeks ago.

Mr. Yoder Excuse me. There are a couple of additional changes we should make in second reading here. There is the codes vehicles that we approved two weeks ago. I believe. And then there is the court resurfacing that we approved two weeks ago as well. And the -- I don't recall if the -- well -- never mind. The proposed changes for the cars are in drop box. Mayor Slaughter put that together. If we could just amend as noted. Does anybody have any questions on that? Okay. So I'll make a motion to reduce the following line items in the ARPA budget by the following amounts. Reduce Covid-related expenses by \$43,850. Reduce public works future projects by \$28,200. And reduce public works contingency by \$40,750. Is there a second. Ms. Miele seconded it.

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

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

**Mr. Yoder I'll make a second motion related to this to create under public safety a line item for codes vehicles and allocate \$112,800 towards that line item. Is there a second. Ms. Miele seconded it.**

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

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

Mr. Yoder. We will take care of the court resurfacing. I believe we were going to take that out of recreation future projects reserved. So I'll make a motion to reduce the future projects reserved line item of recreation by \$759,000. Mr. Beiter seconded it.

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

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

Mr. Yoder stated I'll make a motion to create a new line item in recreation for court resurfacing, sports court resurfacing and allocate \$750,000 to that. Ms. Miele seconded it. The amendment was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes  
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the main ordinance. The Ordinance was carried in final reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor  
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes

**An Ordinance Amending Article 111 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Williamsport setting the Compensation of City Council (final reading) Bill#1819-23**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.  
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.  
**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**  
Mr. Yoder. So here we are with some really good discussion last week regarding the compensation structure. We openly I think voted on and agreed to the idea of shifting it to where it is salary and not taking health insurance. We had some discussion about maybe when that would take effect, whether it be staggered by terms switching over or all happening at once when the next cycle happened. Solicitor Lubin sent out language what it should look like if it all happened together when council members terms are up and reset, everything would switch together for all seven seats. Does anybody have any questions on that? It seemed to me that is where the consensus was to go with that. But if I'm mistaken, by all means please let me know.  
Ms. Miele I'm in agreement with that consensus. And I think it looks like it represents more or less what we discussed. The one question that I would ask is I don't believe we discussed the -- I believe all of us are currently under the pension program with the city. Do we want to address that in the ordinance as well?  
Do we want to drop ourselves from the pension? Do we want -- Will that negatively impact the pension is the question that we had asked. I don't know if it will or won't. You are going to look into that, right, whether it or not it would be a bad thing for the pension plan if we dropped out of it for some reason.  
Mayor We did and I don't remember off the top of my head what Tracey said. My apologies. I can try to get her on the phone.  
Ms. Miele It would be handy to do it all at one time. We are talking two years out. Most of the modifications theoretically the pension thing -- I guess we would --  
Mr. Yoder So Norm, if we would to write language in here removing ourselves from the pension plan and then after the fact find out that it actually would negatively impact the pension plan for us to actually pull out, can we go out and take that out after the fact? If we were to add different language into this, could we go after the ordinance is passed and remove that language if we don't touch the salary.  
Mr. Lubin If you're touching the salary [Indiscernible]. Put language in there about [Indiscernible] to the pension plan subject to the -- because [Indiscernible] part of that ordinance. >> Subject to the approval.  
Mr. Yoder Right. We could do that.  
Mr. Lubin And then we can essentially -- if we find out that it would not hurt anything, we can write to the pension board and please take a vote to remove us. Document it that way and boom. Okay.  
Mrs. Katz I can remember Dr. Hipple was one of the longest members of city council and his pension when he required was \$8. Yeah. I can't imagine it being a negative impact but you never know.  
Mr. Lubin There is some sort of bargaining power if it relates to the number of individuals involved instead of the actual money involved then maybe.  
Mr. Yoder Okay. Okay. We can come up with something here quick on the fly. So to enact what norm had put together we have to amend this anyway. So we can add something into this. That's no problem. Any other comments or questions related to -- Liz.  
Ms. Miele > It seems that we should perhaps amend section C. It says the city shall not provide health insurance to members of council. It seems to me that better verbiage might be the city shall not pay for. Because we say in the next -- council members may elect to continue coverage. Right. So the city would be -- could theoretically continue to cover council members but at their own expense, right. The city shall not pay for health insurance for members of city council [Indiscernible] 2026? Would than a more accurate -- I'm just trying to avoid any confusion about it.  
Mr. Lubin I didn't see any confusion. If want to change it, it really doesn't matter.  
Ms. Miele I don't know. I don't want there to be a question whether council members are allowed to get coverage or whether or not -- yeah. It is pretty clear. It doesn't matter to me.  
Mr. Lubin If you think that is clear enough and there is no insinuation that council members wouldn't be allowed to have coverage.  
Mayor stated > She wasn't that specific but she can get to you by e-mail. She said it would be nominal. She was like it would be very -- >> If there is an impact, it is minimal. > Extremely minimal. 5% of whatever it is. You figure majority wouldn't ever get to the vested piece, let alone the 20 year piece. She can get actual -- she can e-mail that out.  
Mr. Yoder > When we get that final clarification, we -- I would even say we pass a resolution stating that that sends it to the O and E board so to be overturned they would [Indiscernible] for transparency's sake that is a better approach anyway.  
Mr. Yoder . I mean we can -- we will -- yeah. I'll do something here on the fly. All right. **I'm going to make a motion to amend the ordinance. And motion to amend that section 1 reads as follows.** I'm going to try to read it off of my phone because I can't get it on my computer. **Section 111.03 of the codified ordinances the city amended as follows. Section A the salary of city council members commencing on January 2024 as follows: President city council vice president other members of council 2024 president \$3,500. 2025 president \$3,500. 2026, \$10,500. 2027, 10,763. 2024, vice president \$3,250. 2025, 3250. 2026, 10250. 2027, 10,506. Other members of council, 2024, 3,000. 2025, \$3,000. 2026, \$10,000. 2027, 10,250. The city shall make available group health insurance through a PPO which is consistent to what is provided to employees effective January 31st, 2020. Council**

members whose current office will pay 5% of the premium for individual and 10% of the difference between the -- the city shall not provide health insurance to council members or dependents as of 2026. Any member that elects to continue coverage after that date shall pay to the city the cost of said coverage section D the city shall not enlist members of city council to the O and E pension plan as of January 31st, 2026. Such action shall take effect after a vote by the O and E pension board. Is there a second?

Ms. Miele seconded it.

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

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

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

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

**An Ordinance Amending Article 123 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Williamsport Setting the Compensation of the Mayor (final reading) Bill#1820-23**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter**

Mr. Yoder Setting the compensation of the mayor. Nothing has changed since the last reading. We didn't change anything and we didn't talk about changing anything. Any comments or questions? Okay. Hearing and seeing none,

**The Ordinance was carried in final reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor**

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

**Ordinance Amending Article 129 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Williamsport Setting the Salary of the City Treasurer & Tax Collector (final reading) Bill#1818-23**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mr. Yoder We talked about the changes to this one in the first reading. This passed unanimously. We did not talk about changing anything aside from what was written. Any comments or questions on this ordinance?

**The Ordinance was carried in final reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor**

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

**Ordinance Amending Article 131 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Williamsport Setting the Salary of the City Controller (final reading) Bill#1821-2**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mr. Yoder Nothing was changed. We didn't talk about changing anything in this as all. Second reading. Any comments or questions? Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion for second reading.

**The Ordinance was carried in final reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor**

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

**Resolution #9629**

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Bowman Field Usage Requirements**

The City Clerk read the resolution.,

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter**

Mayor. We have a resolution to execution of Bowman Field usage agreement. This came about the college having a baseball team this year. College always had one. They were preparing to use the chamber fields to play. As we know that project has not come to fruition as of yet. And therefore, they are in need of a location for their home games. We reached out to MLP, they graciously granted a significant amount of additional games to be played to accommodate pain college and (name?) college. This agreement was reviewed by MLB, basically drafted by MLB and bright view who they coordinate with for the grounds crew at Bowman Field. Both will be able to use the field. I believe it is an additional 30 games. And a few practices going at times. So very grateful as I said to MLB for allowing this. It really could have been an issue for the college if they did not have a location. So there is a slight increase to cover the additional grounds crew requirements for this, for these additional games. MLB and the colleges have reviewed it. Everybody is in agreement to move forward with it. It was reviewed in public works.

Mayor Slaughter. It was reviewed in public works.

Mrs. Katz Yes. One of the things that was really discussed was the field usage was the tarp. The tarp was the big thing. And the colleges are responsible at this point if there's going to be a chance of rain, they have to have at least 15 people there to put a tarp down on the field. And then to take the tarp off. And they have to be ready. This is one of the things that we don't have with high school at this point. Because they are not capable of having the time limitations to get to the field to do something like that. The other thing that was discussed was the cost that is going to be shared by the colleges. They will split evenly the additional cost of \$13,364. Which each will be paying \$6,682 a year for this. But other than that, like I said the biggest thing that was discussed was the field usage is the tarp.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

**Resolution #9630**  
**Resolution Awarding Construction Services for the 2023 Street Paving Project (calendar year 2023) to Hawbaker**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter**

Mr. Sander. This is for the paving project this year. I put this out fall. And we had five bidders, excuse me. \$1,048,318 was the low bid. I don't have much to talk about on this. This was discussed two weeks ago. You have some of the contractual document in front of you and also a list of streets that Hawbaker will be paving this year. So --

This was reviewed in public works two weeks ago.

Mrs. Katz Two weeks ago. This is what comes to us every year as far as the bids going out and who is going to do the construction. The only thing that we discussed was to make sure that we are in compliance -- not compliance but working in conjunction with the water authority and the gas company, making sure that we're not going to cross over anything that we're doing. That was the only thing that was discussed with this.

Mr. Sander Yes, ma'am. And reached out to me with some areas that will come into play this year. I reached out to them recently with three years' worth of street. To give them many years worth of information so they can be prepared - if there are any problem areas ahead of time and working well with the water authority and UGI as well.

Ms. Miele What -- and I apologize for not remembering what do we have budgeted for streets in 2022.

Mr. Sander I don't have that in front of me. I can go off of our template which is 1 million -- 1,026,000. That's from -- I don't have the exact one based on this year's budget in front of me. No.

Ms. Miele Okay. So we don't know whether or not we're within the budgeted amount in 2022 for streets?

Mr. Sander Standing here right now, no, I don't know. However, I will work with the contractor during the year to keep us on budget.

Ms. Miele Considering the contract is for \$1,048,000 we don't have that much in the 2022 budget for those streets. How are you going to work with them to keep it in budget.

Mr. Sander Because we have the ability to reduce the contract by 25% within the contract language.

Ms. Miele Okay. And that would not -- that wouldn't screw anything up in terms of other people who were planning to do work in these streets congruent with our reconstruction of them?

Ms. Miele Okay. And I mean in the past we have used [Indiscernible] as a mechanism for that. Why do we not prefer to do that anymore.

Mr. Sander I just don't do it. With 25% -- what I utilized was Jon's contract and I put it out electronically. There was no other add alternatives. You may be right. I just haven't seen them.

Ms. Miele That definitely historically is what he used to do. I don't know if add alternates were kind of a way of controlling our costs if we came in over budget on this item. Yeah. I guess sorry. I thought that question had been -- would have been asked previously. But if you could figure out for me how much we have budgeted in 2022 and whether or not we're within that budget, that to me is a question that we should have had answered previous to try to approve the agreement. I don't know how you feel about that. But I'm a little uncomfortable approving an agreement that we're not sure is within the budgeted amount in 2022.

Mr. Sander In previous years, if we start going over the budget, then the streets are cracked and not done. This is what has happened in previous years. That's why so many times streets have been put back on the list for the next coming year. And this is what has happened. You watch as the budget as far as where the money is being spent. And if it does get where it is over the budget, that's when cuts are made.

That's correct. It is a million dollar contract. \$80,000 of it is concrete work at ways garden. I put in for ways garden commission just to let you know.

It is not that we go up to the budget. We go up to a point of no return.

And that is how it has been done in the past.

Ms. Miele I understand. My question is so how would the contract -- are you saying that they might increase the contract amount over the course of the year.

Mr. Sander I'm not going to increase the contract amount. If anything I will decrease it. This is the contract that I use for street paving. 297,000 in state local fuels. 24,000 grand in [Indiscernible] 125 in general funds. 155 in act 13 and [Indiscernible] which I'm not going to do.

Ms. Miele You're not doing brick street repaving.

Mr. Sander No. I'm not.

Ms. Miele Why not.

Mr. Sander Because it is very -- it is a bunch of money for not much benefit.

Even though we put it on the budget. About specifically said that was something that we were committing to. I'll have to do brick street repaving.

Yeah. We put 50 in there. Okay. Well, you know --

Ms. Miele I'm glad none of this information is important to you, Jon.

Mr. Sander It is important to me. That's why I brought it actually. It is 1,226,000.

Ms. Miele Yeah. 1,000,026.

Mr. Sander 1 million -- Scott, you're waiting back there. Something that you want to say? Okay. But yeah. I guess all I'm asking is for a little bit of an idea -- you're telling me this is the cost to pave the streets that we are consenting to pave on this document. If we know that that cost is over what we have budgeted, then it would make sense to me to look at that information prior to us reviewing it in this meeting and say these are the streets we will be removing from this agreement because we are over the budget that we have allotted for 2022. Unless for some reason you have reason to think that it will be cheaper than the quote that they have given us. Or that it is going to go over the quote that they have given us. This is not a flexible number, right. This is what it will cost for them to do it.

It is what it will cost.

>> Okay.



Ms. Miele So to your point realistically by quick math in my head we're \$22,000 over budget.

Mr. Sander Well, we don't know because we don't actually know what the numbers were for 2022.

Ms. Miele And I guess my point is it seems like though the wiser approach to this might have been to figure out whether or not we were over the budget for 2022 and reduce the streets prior to us voting on the document. But since that hasn't happened, if you could let us know tomorrow morning where we're at with the budget, that would be excellent.

Mr. Yoder Do you want to table this until then or what?

Ms. Miele Personally that would be my preference just because I would like to know. That seems like important information. If nobody else is concerned I don't really care.

Mr. Yoder Make the motion.

Ms. Miele I mean obviously we're not necessarily going more money. To me the conversation becomes if we're over the budget for 2022, are there funds that we can transfer? Do we want to pave all of these streets or would we prefer to remove streets from the document because we don't have the, you know, additional funding allotted. But we can't have that conversation if we don't flow where we're at funding wise. We don't flow where we're at with this bid in comparison to the funding that we have. Right. So I mean I don't know. It is not a huge issue to me. Sorry. I'm just a little surprised.

Mr. Sander We have a million dollars in the act 13 fund just letting you know. Directly applicable to the street paving.

Ms. Miele So I guess -- that's kind of the point to me. If you knew that we were over budget in this quote, then you could have come to us and the resolution could say, let it be here by resolved the additional funds to meet this bid are - - will be transferred from act 13, you know, overages or something like that. But we don't know that. So we don't know how much money we had. So we can't -- we can't move forward with that. Which just seems sloppy to me.

Ms. Miele I understand that. But we do know very clearly how much we allocated in 2022 for streets. That is not really up for debate. We just don't have the number right now.

Mr. Sander I will have that tomorrow morning.

Ms. Miele Okay. Good. Then **I'm guessing this will fail but I'll make a motion to table.**

**Mr. Yoder seconded it.**

Mr. Allison asked > Does this affect the future of the contract at all.

Mr. Sander Does it affect the contract, no. It affects the start date for one item that I was going to pave this year which is our splash pad area for ADA accessibility. That is a serious issue. Two weeks. Other than that, it won't affect anything, no. Live bid on the table.

Mr. Mackey Sorry. I just want to be clear Mr. Sander. You said we would have the money to cover an overage.

Mr. Sander Absolutely. Yes.

Mr. Mackey But we're tabling this tonight because that language isn't in the resolution?

Ms. Miele My suggestion was that we could make the decision about whether or not we were going to cover the overage if we knew if there was one. And we could authorize it in the resolution so it didn't have to come back before us necessarily. Although it may come before us. It just depends on amount of money. It would simpler to know hopefully we had 1.1 million in there. But, you know, downside maybe we had 900,000 for some reason. You know. And those are, you know -- and that's a big difference. So -- and we don't necessarily know. I don't remember us particularly shorting streets in 2022. There have been years that we cut streets substantially. I don't remember doing that in 2022.

Mr. Sander We cut street last year because we were over just to keep us at budget.

This contract is structured in a way that I can cut 25% right off the bat. It go to slightly under \$750,000 which we do have.

Ms. Miele I'm well aware, Jon. Honestly the tabling thing I don't particularly care about. It seems like that is information that we should have before coming to a meeting where we're discussing the document. I would appreciate if you're doing bids come to us and say this is what we allotted for and this is what -- this is what it actually came in at. We know that things are coming in crazy high right now. That is fine. But that's knowing whether or not we have the money to do the project than to plan when we get to next year, you know what I mean. Last year you cut a street. Next year we say since we can't amplify the amount of money we put into streets, we won't get the number of streets paved that we want. We can't make those decisions if we're not aware of that happening when it happens.

It is a question of verifying if we're going to be over or not when we vote to spend the money.

This is a question informing us and the administration when we're looking at paving in the 2024 budget whether or not we need to be budgeting 20% more if we're hoping to accomplish paving. And those decisions are partly informed by these discussions. And then being accurate. Yeah. Sorry, Scott.

So as far as last year's budget we will have to look into that. [Indiscernible]

But this is not using 2023's funds. And we probably don't want to use 2023's funds because we also want to pave in 2024 for 2023. Right. Or are we hoping to get a contract in 2023.

>> [Indiscernible] make sure that I get all of -- [Indiscernible]

Ms. Miele Yeah. I know, Jon. I just kind of assumed in the past when we've had these discussions, the city engineer comes and says this is what we had in 2022 for street paving. The contract came in over. This is what we're looking to do about it. That didn't occur to me that that isn't information that you would have had. I wouldn't have asked you if I didn't think you would know. And so I guess in future know that I will ask. And ideally now or I will try to ask you ahead of time. But yeah. I think it is important to keep an eye because costs are all over the place right now and we're getting less for our money, it is important to keep an eye on what we're getting. You know. And know when we think about -- like you just told me you had three years of streets planned out. If you to knock two streets off because we can't afford them. That puts them in the next year plan that means next year we're knocking two streets out to put more in the budget for next year. And the effect goes on and on. What we hear about is how much people want their streets and alleys fixed and their bridge streets fixed. You know. And in order for us to be accurately answering questions about when we're going to get to that stuff, it is important to know how far our dollar is going, you know, and whether or not we need to be trying to find moneys that don't exist to pave streets for 2024. So, you know, I guess to me anything like this is not just a conversation about like okay here is the -- here is the RFP, here is the bid. This is what it is worth. It is a conversation of how we're budgeting for that over the next couple of years, right, and how we plan to make certain that we continue paving streets at least at the rate we're going to and what that is going to cost us. Sorry for the

lecture. That wasn't my intention. All I really wanted to know is whether or not it was within our budget. But anyway. And the answer is. >> We don't know. >> But we will figure it out.

I don't care about tabling it. All I'm saying is I think -- what I'm hoping to understand is the larger question of how -- how far is our money going, how are we going to afford to pave a proper number of streets moving forward. And what does that look like in our budget. We know that the budget will be real hard next year when we try to pull the ARPA funds out of it.

Mrs. Katz For all of the years that we've been doing street repairs, why is this making so much noise? What is going on. He said it is the board. We only have a few more items. Let's work through it.

Even when John Grado was the engineer, every year our streets were done and pushed back when we didn't have the money. Something would come up, an emergency where we didn't have the funding. And every year we go through this. So therefore the money is there to begin with as it is presented to us as of right now. But say an emergency comes up where there is -- instead of doing a half a street we have to do a whole street from curb to curb or whatever. And so the money is there. Like I said today. But it may not be there ten months from now when we're doing the streets. So therefore, you know, there may be a problem. And that's when you start cutting streets. And this is why I can remember Scotti Miller sitting -- standing up there going, you cut streets from last year, why wasn't that done? It wasn't done because the money wasn't there because of things that came to us that we had to shift the money around. So this is -- this is something that comes like I said every year.

Mr. Sander A hundred percent agree with you. I think we're good to go on it. But I don't vote.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on tabling this item...

**The motion to table failed with a vote of 4 to 3.**

**Mr. Allison voted no, Mr. Mackey voted no, Mr. Pulizzi voted no, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted Yes, Mrs. Katz voted no, and Mr. Yoder voted yes..**

Mr. Allison Just one comment going forward. I think most of us are aware of this but just to refresh our memories going forward, I spoke to a couple supervisors from UGI. And confirmed with them again that they are not going to have any more big projects in the city for the foreseeable future. They're done with their major main replacements and all of that. Just see we can begin to prepare ourselves not just mentally but economically for the future, it was nice when we had the gas company and the water company. Who is still going to be doing major projects. But when we had them both going full board, we got a lot of paving done that didn't come out of taxpayer money directly. We're going to be back to the model where we're crunching numbers to get streets done. Fortunately a lot had been done so we have a little cushion. They're going to hold up for a while. But at some point the city needs a plan going forward if we want to keep up with the paving. It would be good to have a discussion about that, probably public works at some point. And see what we can realistically do three, four, five years down the road.

Mr. Sander actually looked at that. Ten year life cycle of the -- if I could only pave 40% of the streets in our city.

Mr. Allison Great. Yeah. Maybe we can talk about that some time. Discussion item in public works. We can become informed about what that means exactly. Thanks, Jon.

Mr. Mackey > Just for my own curiosity on the list here, why are there some streets designated with hashtags.

> Internal -- internal funding source codes.

Ms. Miele A point of clarification. You had mentioned there were no plans for brick street work this year. Is that something that you can look into.

Mr. Sander I pull off some sections of streets and do some brick work if it is warranted and desired. No problem whatsoever.

Ms. Miele Considering we allocated money for it I would appreciate knowing.

Mr. Sander The last couple of years it gets pulled off.

Ms. Miele Understood.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

#### Resolution #9631

#### Resolution Awarding Fourth St Design Services to Larson Design Group

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Sander. This is a resolution to hire Larson Design services for [Indiscernible] mulberry. I received nine proposals actually for this design work. Have a screenshot in front of you of the proposals I received and they ranged 100,000, 200,000, 300,000. There was one that came in at \$28,925. That's what I'm proposing today from Larson Design Group. The design services will be the resolution to hire them for \$28,925 for streetscape work along mulberry and also to replace the signal at mulberry to kind of round out the whole common college mixed use facility there. Worked with two state grants \$906,000 MTM grant from 2022 and \$126,000 grant. \$1.2 million for this block. Also a section when Theresa and I were going after the MTF grant there's a section of Campbell street we were going to add safety lighting on. Old but before I came here with the pathway to health. It never got done. We will have safety lighting along that corridor. Let me know if you have any questions.

Mr. Mackey I mean Jon said it all. Probably ongoing project that we have going on down there is going to be paid for by the grants. And because it came through public safety there will some really safe streets.

Mr. Sander One block. Because of all of the projects beforehand, the bids that came in were so much higher and we were lucky that Larson Design worked on so many different areas that they already had the blueprints ready to go and this is why the cost is so minimal in this area.

> A ton of design work at a time over the last ten years for the previous administration. That's why they came in so low. I even called to see if there is a typo on the proposal. It is legit.

Ms. Miele If the entire project comes in under budget, do we get to keep the money? You said we had something like better than a million.

Mr. Sander 906,000 on MTF and green light go.

So given the design is \$28,000 which frankly is probably a little more -- I'm assuming we're not going to manage to spend a million bucks on that block and change for Fourth Street, right. It seems like that would be an awful lot of money to reconstruct about a block and a little more of Fourth Street, right.

Ms. Miele So the remaining funds will be returned to the state.

Mr. Sander Yeah. If it is not spent, we don't get to keep it.

There will be a new signal on mulberry. This block was discussed for years with PENN-DOT but it is not a PENN-DOT. We are looking to go two way. We have meetings with stakeholders, pine ridge, sons of Italy, anyone else on that block to talk about the fallout or, you know, likes and dislikes of going two way on that block with the pine ridge's phase two of their development there with the parking deck it will work out pretty well actually.

> Yeah. I mean I think our goal was to go two way on market from all of those streets but we failed with that with PENN-DOT. PENN-DOT seems to be okay with two way.

They don't have an opinion on this road. They don't have an issue with it. If we use state route they do have a lot of state. The two --

Mrs. Katz I remember we did a lot of [Indiscernible] traffic studies to wind up with the conclusion that PENN-DOT had zero interest in letting us do that. Okay. All right. Anyway it is great to see that Larson can do it so cheaply. That's exciting even though we can't get the rest of the money.

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

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

#### Resolution #9632

#### Resolution to Approve Change Order #1 Between the Williamsport Bureau of Fire & Lundy Construction Co.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

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

Chief Aungst The overall cost now is [Indiscernible] that's a difference of [Indiscernible]

Mr. Mackey stated this was reviewed in public safety Yes, it was. Chief, again, just to be clear we're 2,000 over, not 2,000 under, correct?

Yeah. Budgeted [Indiscernible] overall.

Mr. Mackey Okay. Yeah. I just wanted to make that clear for the public. Yeah this was discussed in public safety. Again, really not a lot to talk about here. If you spent any time at the kitchen at the fire department, you know it is in desperate need of some work. I'll refer -- defer to any other people in public safety that want to mention anything.

Mrs. Katz. > One of the things that we discussed is there is nothing to be salvaged that can be given away to someone else to use. The cabinets like you said is 30 years old and everything is starting to fall apart. And what you have come up with the quartz countertops which is much better than what was first with the corian. That is not sustainable. And I found out what the epoxy paint back splash was which I thought was really fascinating. And good job, you know, with what is going on here. I think everybody is -- in the fire department is going to appreciate this.

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

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

#### Resolution #9633

#### Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of ORF Fusion Anti-Spam Solution from Cleverbridge, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mr. Black What we have before you is a resolution for the purchase of ORF fusion software. It is software that we use to block as much spam e-mails that we have coming in. And we're purchasing this through a company called Cleverbridge out of Chicago. When I first went on and got the numbers for this for budget purposes, I found \$1,375. Actual price is coming in now at \$576. But on April 1st, it will go up to \$800 if we don't purchase before then.

Mr. Mackey Yeah. I mean Kris said it all. Bottom line is it came in way less than we thought it was going to be. If we don't purchase it now, which seems to be a recurring theme with a lot of stuff that is going to go up.

>Mr. Pulizzi The world we live in right now. The world we live in right now. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder Yeah. Anybody else from public safety.

Mrs. Katz On the resolution Kris it says \$576. But on the invoice it is 610,000.

Mr. Black Yeah. They haven't received our tax exempt.

Yeah. It will be the 576.

Mrs. Katz That's what I wanted to clarify.

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

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

Accept for filing:

Finance Committee minutes 11/01/22

Controller 's Report 12/31/22

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

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

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

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

Announcements

. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday March 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA



Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, March 6	12:00 PM	Planning Commission
	4:30 PM	Veteran/s Memorial Park
Wednesday, March 9	3:30 PM	O&E Pension
Tuesday, March 14	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	1:00 PM	Finance
	2:30 PM	Public Works
Wednesday March 15	9:00 AM	ERC
	10:00 AM	Blighted Property
Thursday, March 16	10:30 AM	Zoning Hearing Board
	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Comments:

- a. City Council
- b. Administration
- c. Members of the Public
- d. News Media

Mr. Yoder I would commend our public safety personnel, our police and fire last week with the response to the hospital, getting out of power. They did a commendable job. Thank you all very much for what you do. We're grateful and appreciate it. Norm.

Mr. Lubin Yeah. I would like to request a schedule police pension board meeting after next -- after the next city council meeting on March the 16th.

Also to have a police executive session before the meeting.

Mr. Yoder Okay. Sounds good. We do that executive session like -- like not -- can we do it like next week instead of before the meeting if we wanted to?

Mr. Lubin We can do it that way too.

Mr. Yoder Okay. Sounds good. Thank you, Norm. Any other comments from members of council. Mr. Beiter.

Mr. Beiter asked Is Mr. Livermore still here? >> No. >> Did he share any information with you, mayor?

My curiosity question I asked him before the meeting that I think the public is probably getting ready to start with outdoor projects. And when spring cleanup was going to be. I believe it was the end of the month he had said. I wanted to be sure on that as the weather gets nicer. I'm sure streets will be inundated with all of the things that have fallen over the winter.

Mayor I believe. But I will clarify and we can say in two weeks. I think it is the end of the month. Thank you.

And then I was going to say what you said about UPMC. I will echo the sentiments there.

They did a great job.

Chief Snyder I want to give notification that police is now outfitted with body cam. We initiated the program yesterday. That is out there starting and so when you have an encounter with a police officer they will be outfitted with body cam. As I said before when we talked about this, we are going to put a policy out on crime watch, hopefully tomorrow. So anybody can see it and see what the policy is. There were a lot of questions for some. This will help with that. I can answer any questions. I did want to say thank you to council and thank you to the administration for the allocation of ARPA funding which helped us procure the body cams and get this program initiated. If you have any questions, try to answer them for you. Thank you though.

Mr. Yoder Thank you, chief. It is good to see them up and running and excited to see how that helps us improve the department, improve our services, et cetera. Well done.

Chief Aungust just wanted to thank Mackey for the assistance on Thursday at the hospital. [Indiscernible]

Adjournment:

**Meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pulizzi and a second by Ms. Miele Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Frank  
City Clerk**