Thursday, January 18, 2024
7:00 PM
Williamsport, PA

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, January 18, 2024 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
Eric Beiter, Vice President
Liz Miele, Councilwoman
Randy Allison, Councilman,
Vincent Pulizzi, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Absent:

Also, Present:
Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
August Memmi
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,
Justin Snyder, Police Chief absent
Solicitor Austin White
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Scott Livermore
Kris Black
Heather Jacoby absent
Cynthia Hart, HR
Members of the public

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 01/02/24 & 01/04/24 were approved upon a motion **by Mr. Pulizzi and a** second from **Mr. Beiter All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor
There were none.

Appointment/Reappointment
Veteran's Memorial Commission
Charles Stutzman is reappointed to a 5-year term commencing 01/18/24 & ending 01/01/29.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Mayor what you have before you and for your consideration is a reappointment to the veterans Park Memorial commission for Charles Stutzman as you noted it is a five-year term. It is beginning now and ending January 29. The veterans Park folks do a tremendous job and even the ones who want to stay on and we appreciate the commitment that commission.
Mr. Yoder stated. I do not believe we interviewed him, he is a reappointment. And I don't know that he is here and that is okay. Any comments or questions on the reappointment? I would second your sentiments Mayor Slaughter. They do an amazing job. They are a great group of volunteers and we are lucky to have them and that park in our city. I am grateful for him stepping up and wanting him to continue to serve us and looking forward to continue what he is going to continue to do. Before Adam? I --
Mrs. Katz : I would like to remind everybody that they are still selling bricks if anybody would like to purchase a brick at the park. This is a certain way that they find themselves to bring all the incredible monuments that they bring up there and if anybody has not seen it yet, it is absolutely incredible and they d for this park. And so if anybody would like to purchase a break, please either get in touch with the Veterans Memorial commission or I think you can even call City Hall for more information. Thank you.
Mr. Yoder: Thank you, Bonnie. Any other comments or questions? Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion for item 5, please?
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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.

Resolution #9724
Resolution Appointment Director of Human Resources
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 before you is for your consideration as the director appointment for director of human resources, Cynthia Ward, we have - I'm sorry - Cynthia Hart apologize for that, Cynthia Ward is in the other department! Cynthia has been in the finance department for the past six months and so she is familiar with the city and has been with us and has got her feet wet down there. And upon Molly's departure we got to speaking with her and got to realize that we had a gym sitting right down in our finance office and they are with the Attorney General's office for the state of Texas where she oversaw about 150 employees in the Dallas/Fort Worth region and so very well-qualified to take over here for us in the human resources department. And we are very fortunate that she already has experience with the city, as well. And so of course Cynthia is here with us this evening and if there are any questions for her?
Mr. Yoder. I know there was a conversation about her candidacy and finance and you are welcome to introduce yourself to all of counsel, I know you got to talk to a couple of people on Tuesday, but you are welcome to at this point, as well if you would like to.
Mrs. Hart,: If I can answer any questions for you, I am Cynthia Hart from Texas and I have been back and forth a little bit as you can tell on my resume, but I have been enjoying myself here at the city in the finance department doing part-

time and just helping them try to get things under control, I don't know that it ever will be come up anyway, it is a joke! You can laugh!
Ms. Miele: I said during the finance meeting, she already knows what she is getting into!
Mr. Yoder: I applaud your willingness to joke about a subject that is pretty sore, so well played!
Ms. Hart: When I first got there, there were stacks of paper on the floor, but there is no more stacks and now I am excited about that, so, I am happy to help!
Mr. Yoder: Thank you, very much. Ms. Miele, you had a conversation in finance?
Ms. Miele: We did, it was brief and Derek mentioned the qualifications and we discussed how excited we were that we found some but is so qualified so quickly for this position and as you know it has been a really tough market for a really long time just in general I think hiring has been really hard and so to figure out that we had somebody on our staff who is qualified is excellent. And my one question for you that occurred to me is are you originally from Texas or Williamsport?
Ms. Hart: I am originally from Texas.
Ms. Miele: Is your husband here or no? I noticed that you had a caregiver position on your thing for a while and so I was thinking that was up here and I was like -
Ms. Hart: My husband Ashley transferred here and so I am actually here with him.
Ms. Miele: Well, welcome, we appreciate you putting up with the weather!
Ms. Hart: Texas has been cold, too, so it is okay!
Ms. Miele: That is true, it is a bit of a different climate in Texas, I used to live there. Anyway, thank you.
Mr. Yoder: Any comments or questions for Mrs. Hart.
: I told you earlier, when I said that I'm awful with names - you just saw that!
Ms. Hart: Just remember, heart!
Mayor: I did not know initially, but she does have contract experience on her resume and we talked in finance briefly that we have contracts coming up and so she has annexed as a background and contracting and overseeing contracts and negotiating contracts and so that is really beneficial.
Mr. Yoder: Absolutely. Any other comments or questions for Mrs. Hart? I would just welcome you and excited to work with you and if there is anything from city councils' perspective that we can help you with, do not be afraid to reach out to any of us, certainly we all lead busy lives in her own way here, but as we are able we will lend a helping hand and sizer gal committed in the role, we are here to be a resource for you however we can.
Ms. Hart: Thank you, very much, I appreciate that.
The resolution 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Ordinance ARPA Transfer Ordinance #11 (final reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second to accept the ordinance.
Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Mayor this is the final reading and this is from the changes that were made during the budget and this is just putting those through via the ordinance that was changed and making it official.
Mr. Yoder: Any comments or questions on this? We had a little bit of discussion and budget two weeks ago on this. All right, hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion?
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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Resolution #9725
Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Professional Consulting Services with Seda Cog

The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second
Mr. Memmi : We are bringing forward a resolution to approve the contract with Seda-Cog for the CDBG program for the 2024 fiscal year and as you can see in the contract that was provided, the dollar amount remains the same as last year which I believe is $141,500. And the contract basically did not change and if you have any questions for me, I'll be glad to answer them and also Jamie Schroeder from Seda-CoG is here via Zoom to answer any specific questions that you may have.
Mr. Memmi It was reviewed by Austin White and reviewed in finance.
Ms. Miele: It was reviewed and there was not a whole lot of discussion. As Skip said, it does not change from one year to the next, we have had a positive experience and we will administer the details and CDBG works in two ways. We have the ability to spend and the other items within this contract that are in reference, the set fees for certain elements if we decide to take advantage of them are all program specific which means that they are charged to specific programs within community development those programs in turn have their own caps within them. And so this comes out of a different pool of community development funding and reassess I believe about safety $2000 in community development for our administrative costs, salaries etc. etc. within community development. And any program specific work - can also be charged to specific programs and their caps. But, just a part of understanding how the community development budget works on there and when we ask about the amount of money we are taking up in the city budget, that is part of the reason.
Mr. Yoder: Thank you Ms. Miele. Any additional comments or questions from members? Okay. Mrs. Frank, on item 14?
The resolution 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Ordinance Transfer Ordinance #10 (final reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second to accept the ordinance.

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Mr. Livermore. What you have before you is ordinance number 10 and this was reviewed last meeting and really nothing has changed since then. I don't know if there is any questions going forward?
Ms. Miele: Sorry, I missed last meeting and so if I'm treading over sacred ground I apologize. Why are we increasing the budget for the street resurfacing rehab?
Mr. Livermore : Due to the fact that every year we go after the budget and there is liquid fuels involved and general fund and normally CDBG and CDBG did not get captured last year because we did not get the ER done on the roads. So, what I did was I split the difference between act 13 and liquid fuels and usually it is around 354 liquid fields and 354 act 13 and normally around 200,000 and I have a little bit more liquid fuels and I did not want to take the road off the pavement in theory, we cannot take anything under 20% anyway because of the contract and so I left them on and decided to add a little bit of liquid fuel money and add 200,002 act 13.
Ms. Miele: Got it. And you said CDBG did not get captured because sorry -
Mr. Livermore: You need environmental reviews done beforehand. And that was a slip up from last year. This year we are on top of the and we got ourselves in line.
Ms. Miele: And I is a community develop -- development specific thing? Okay, got it. And you know how much this leaves us in reappropriated surplus in act 13? Or in non-reappropriated surplus, I guess?
Mr. Livermore: I do not.
Ms. Miele : I guess by any chance if you could email, I am curious, let me know. I feel like I have asked that question enough that I should know because I should be keeping track at this point, but I'm not for some reason, so I am sorry. Anyway, that is all I have. Thank you.
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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Ordinance #
Ordinance ARPA Transfer Ordinance #12 (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second to accept the ordinance.
Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Mr. Livermore What I want to do in public works is to continue this in future projects is to move hem in one line item and two dump trucks. Right now, the reason for this, what I want to do is the two trucks on trying to replace right now are 19 years old. They have lived their life and it is time to get those purchased. A total cost of these trucks is 408,000 dollars and I know this will probably be right around 300 thousand left and that is if there is no price increase. And right now there is minimal, maybe a couple hundred dollars up to a thousand right now and so what I want to do right now is run this through and see if we can get these trucks out of service and move them on. This went through finance, I believe on Tuesday.
Ms. Miele This did go to the finance department - sorry - but, not while I was watching! So, yes - this came to us, the discussion was fairly minor. These trucks as a rule would be budgeted through liquid fuels and Scott says that they will be worked into what you may call capital projects for the liquid fuels planning going forward. And so I mean 19 years is a good number to get out of a truck and I presume not grossly too much?
Mr. Livermore: There is over 100,000 miles on these trucks in my idea going forward is 15 years, Max. And so the it's a little bit of money into the trucks and these are probably not going to get too much of anything out of them, because the frames are rusted and a lot of salt over the last 20 years, but yes, they will be worked through by liquid fuels and capital projects and we will run that through and rotate them out through either funding from that or finance from liquid fuels.
Ms. Miele : Okay, so anyway I guess my concern was given over the last couple of years we have been coming up with more money through the capital budget and consequently I think that whatever it is, 700 or $800,000 turns out to be not sufficient to capture some of our costs, so I'm tried to make sure that once we bought these out of ARPA we have a place to put them moving forward. And it sounds like that is a part of the plan and with that said, you know it had as much of a blessing from finance as it could get.
Mrs. Katz Adam? Adam, I have a question. Scott, just for information for the public, how many trucks are out there with snowplows on?
Mr. Livermore: Five big trucks and we have four for the lower sections.
Mrs. Katz Fantastic. And one other question. Since you are doing two new dump trucks, I really would like to see if you could do an analysis on all the vehicles of what is going to be needed in the near future and how much mileage so we can be prepared and we do have some money left in ARPA, maybe we can you know, accommodate something in that respect? Because, if we mentally know where we are headed and what we will have to spend, I think we can go and look for the prices there. Does that make sense?
Mr. Yoder And so Mrs. Katz 's point, I think that is two fold. I think it would be very reliable for us to have a good handle and I think the department wide of just our vehicle assets. Public works whether it is snowplows, whatever it may be, police cars, fire department, codes and I don't know who the appropriate person would be to lead that, I guess I would maybe ask you to start that?
Mr. Livermore: Each department -
Mr. Yoder: I think it would be helpful for us to understand where everything is at an I know that each department has kind of been dipping into this to kind of it ahead which is a good thing, but I do not have a good grasp on what is left out there department wise and so I think that would be very helpful. And then I would tweet now and in two weeks both councils and administration, I encourage us to think through future expense. And so based on the last budget that we got that includes the budget and transfer 11 that we just finalized, we have 1.427 million dollars left and based on approving this, we will have 800-4000 left.
Ms. Miele: Technically - those funds are in the not obligated: On the ARPA budget.
Mr. Yoder Okay, so never mind.
Ms. Miele: Just looking at it, because that is in the column, but those other ones are not.
Mr. Yoder: Thank you, for clarifying that. But, my point is still taken. We have $1.2 million not obligated and I know that we want to get it accounted for. We have had a number of open conversations over the past I would say six weeks

about our interest in understanding what other parks equipment for example do we need and what are the areas and departmentwide do we need to look at? We have a couple of external funding requests, also that we need to work through that may impact the city, as well, okay? Unless something changes with one of these other projects like the redevelopment Authority or something that we have planned on doing and it does not come to fruition, we are probably not at a point where we can do everything. And so while I think this is a good place to be so we do not lose this money, we are going to have to make some choices and so I would encourage everybody to think about it whether it is in two weeks or even in February when we have to more of these conversations. Ms. Miele?
Ms. Miele: Okay, does anybody on counsel know for sure, I know that we have project edge and fan Fest and a handful of other project under economic development, as well as a land bank - are we sure that all of those funds are being expended?
>>ADAM YODER: Before the meeting, Derekand I were talking about that specifically. And so when we talked about this last week, part of our ask Ms. Miele, where are we up budget wise? And then they delivered that to us which is excellent. Well, with some of these bigger ticket items, what is the deal with them? Are they going to spend it all? I mean I think that the mayor is still working on that and so I think sooner than later we should have some clarity on all of those. And we will see how that will impact the bottom line.
Ms. Miele: I mean we have some time and as I said I would love to purchase close to $1 million apart equipping, but I don't think that will happen at this point, but you know what I mean, right? And I think that we could still spend it before year-end.
Mr. Yoder: Now is the time that we are going to figure out what to do with it.
Ms. Miele: And I just notice that the future projects and public works did not appear in the column and I was just wondering if in the future projects did not register, but that is probably the thought process.
Mr. Mackey I know this was briefly mentioned a few weeks ago, but can you take a serious look at new bleachers?
Mr. Livermore: You know with the weather going on, that is still my mind to see what else could be done.
Mr. Mackey: The bleachers are in brand-new condition-- terrible condition to have brand-new baseball fields but to have bleachers and that are rusty is illogical and I don't much bleachers cost, but a couple new sets for each field would be well warranted.
Mr. Livermore :And there was still 80,000 left -
Mr. Mackey: Somewhere in that neck of the woods.
Ms. Miele: The city has a couple sets of bleachers, too, don't we?
Mr. Livermore: There is actually some -
Ms. Miele: Or are those fixed bleachers, John?
Mr. Livermore: They are portable, but not. We move them around and we actually have some at CAFTA (SP?), but they usually go back but we do not have a just sitting waiting for home.
Ms. Miele: I was just thinking that the best course of action would be to put those in a more fixed location where they could retire and then purchase something for us to move around if we were doing that.
Mr. Livermore : I will take a look at them and that is a potential to seek what the damages and everything like that.
Mr. Yoder: Any other comments or questions? Okay. Hearing and seeing on, Mrs. Frank on item number eight?
The resolution 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Resolution #9726
Resolution Real Estate Exonerating the City Treasurer from Collection of 2023 Real Estate Taxes

The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Pulizzi made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Mr. Kevin Mackey Blood sugar at 300 and temperature of 100 make for a great afternoon! This is exonerating the city treasurer for 1,065,000 $314,000. This represents about 6.93 percent of what we collected for that year. This is a growth of what we had collected since last year and so this will over to the tax Bureau for collections over next year.
Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Mackey, this did not go to any committee, same thing. We will open the floor to any comments or questions. Okay - Mr. Mackey?
Mr. Kevin Mackey: I actually have a few add-ons, this represents a few increases in the past three years and last ime we had a growth was s in 2020 a belief. And so as we are going on and increasing the tax revenue, we may e collecting as much and so I want to be sure that I'm asking in the e future ure if I could look into something where we could allow installment payments on the city pills. Currently we accept and install payments on the school bills and some people really appreciate that, because they? Payments over time rather than being forced to pay the penalty or not being up to pay at all. So, if we break it up into installments, we may be able to collect a little bit more.
Ms. Miele : That is such a standard agreement that I have not been tracking the amount of the liquid -- delinquent taxes has been increasing. It is also a percentage of the total collection's?
Mr. Mackey: In 2020 it was 7.09 and then dropped to 6.45 and before that it was 6.16, 6.13 and then it jumped dramatically, 6.93 and so we are looking up .8% -
Ms. Miele: We are still under 2020, but not dramatically and we can safely assume 2020 with a lot of income disruption for a lot of people is a pretty rough year for making -
Mr. Mackey: I am still concerned about that.
Ms. Miele: No, no. I guess I was just tried to make sure that it has not been steadily increasing for the entire time and had been dropped back and then climbing again to that is all. Thank you.
: When I just wanted your opinions on bringing or at least looking into the installment payments for the city bills.
Ms. Miele If you think that will increase our collections, I don't think anybody would be opposed to and also if it would make things easier for our citizens as we expect in some ways more of them, I think that would also be a good idea. That seems like a win-win to me.
Mr. Yoder: I don't know if there is a legal mechanism that we have to go to -
Mr. White : You would not be able to - whether or not it requires Council action is the first question, but if it did, you would not be able to do it because it is not on the agenda, but as far as Mr. Mackey 's request, it would be open for

consideration and it would be something that he and I can look at and see whether or not there are any particular legal issues that we would have to work through. But, the consensus that it is something that counsel is at least interested in and the administration looking into, I think that is really all we are saying. And certainly if there is Council action as required, then we can bring it back.
Mr. Allision The idea of putting in a payment, that is a good idea, obviously we would need some guarantees that people that could've paid haven't put it off and so I'm not sure how that would be structured.
Mr. Yoder: Yes, and then like administration like is a -I mean we don't know what the demands of that service will look like until you really do it, but is it going to be something that we create something like -
Ms. Miele: Financial difficulties? : We have to count on some of that revenue.
Mr. Mackey: That is something that I would look into with finance.
Mr. Yoder: We need additional staffing and does our software align with her, all of that kind of stuff.
Mr. Mackey When we already do installment payments for the school payments and so the infrastructure is there, it just makes sure that we can accept it financially and that is something that finance and I can look into. And again, we would structure it so it would look like with the school payments are and after the first t would go into something much the ay the school operates and rates and the idea is to create much less financial hardships on the taxpayers, not to have any abuse of the system, because it would be set up to help them out.
Mr. Allison : And that is much needed. Especially in this current climate. Okay, thank you.
Mrs. Katz : Having, what percentage would you say would be using this as a time payment?
Mr. Mackey: I have to look into how many installment payments are for the school, but this is such a meniscal number and this is just to make it easier on the taxpayers and my office would have a little bit of extra work to do, but I think we can handle it with the extra staff that we got last year. So -
Mrs. Katz I think it is a good idea, but unlike everybody else you just don't want to start too soon either, because you want to build to cover the expenses for the first two months of the year and that depends on what you are looking at financially. And so I'm interested to know if you could project anything in that as far as numbers go.
Mrs. Katz : Yes, what is the percentage with the school taxes? I think you could go on that possibility as far as what it would be for the city.
Mr. Mackey If you want to know what we collected in the first couple months, I can give you that right now. And the majority of our funds were collected between March and May which represents him a $10 million and we would just be spacing some of that money out Through July and we would be putting some money out a few months.
Mrs. Katz : It is a great idea because we are in a climate here where it is difficult and especially for people who are on fixed incomes, it is difficult. So, good thoughts, Kevin, thank you.
The resolution 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Resolution #9727
Resolution Uncollected City Real Estate Taxes for 2023

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. K. Mackey: This is just turning it over to the county, I think we had words about this last time and this just ensures that the city does not have past-due taxes and turns them over to the county for collection.
I do want to mention that I was expected to bring this up in finance, but s not able to during the tax revenue discussion, this was in regards to our past stuff that we had collected over the past year and so do you mind if I talk about me of this here?
Ms. Miele: No, unless you want to come to finance in a couple weeks or more, that is fine, because nobody else cares.
Mr. K. Mackey: So, we would actually be at a net loss for revenue this year and the EIT had an increase and the MPP had a 26.3% increase and that allowed us to have a 2.7% increase in tax revenue. If we do not have that revenue coming in, we would have been short about $100,000. Instead of being over and so I just want to remind everybody that we should be investing our futures with economic programs and trying to encourage or business to come in, because those are the guys that will really help us out and ensure that we have both property taxes coming in and business taxes.
Mr. Yoder : Here here. Any comments or questions for Mr. Mackey on item 10? Okay. Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion for item 10?
The resolution 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Resolution #9728
Resolution Memorandum of Understanding between City & Central Area Fire Chiefs Assoc.

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.
Chief Aungst: I have been off the past three days with a scientists-- with a sinus infection. Before you is just a memorandum for understanding and we just recently purchased new AV's and our old AEDs are no longer compatible with the hospital and so we are using the old AED 's and we are looking at donating one two CAFTA (SP?), the fire training center up there. And I think we had done this before and so this is just one of the newer ones. That is really all it is.
Mr. Yoder: Thank you, chief. This did not go to committee, it seemed pretty straightforward, as well. Any comments or questions along this? Good to see - I appreciate you doing this - I think this training center and partnership is awesome and so any little thing you can do to support is great. I appreciate it. Mrs. Frank on the motion -
The resolution 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Resolution #9729

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the Williamsport Bureau of Fire & Lexipol

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second

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

Chief Before you is an agreement that we are trying to enter into. Lexipol also works with the police department, but they have something specialized for the fire service, as well. And this is for a lot of continuing education on the fire side of things which is the way the state is moving. They are looking at having some requirements for the fire service and there is also training for emergency metal technicians and paramedics and then also for inspectors and fire investigators. And so it is a program that is very highly regarded, so we put it in the budget. That is where we are at. This did not go before a committee, either.

Mr. Yoder: No, it did not, it was fairly straightforward, as well. So we can try to take a stab at it tonight. Any comments or questions from members? Ms. Miele?

Ms. Miele: Just to be clear, there are some requirements in place for continuing education for firefighters that have not been in the past or we are trying to get ahead of something like that?

Chief : It is a combination of a few things, we are required to ENTs and the state does require that we have continuing education within the EMS.

Ms. Miele: And this will also add some fire continuing education?

Chief: Correct.

Ms. Miele: And how many - we obviously have manpower and time to complete this training, how much training is a per year are we estimating?

Chief : Over the course of three years, I believe it is 24 hours or 24 credits for the EMS portion of an Pennsylvania is not to the point where they are mandating continuing education for the fire service, yet. So, I cannot even venture with a number of credit hours would be for that.

Mr. Yoder: Just to be clear, this is truly continuing education, right? Because I look on the website and they do a bunch of other stuff like accreditation and wellness and policy procedures.

Chief: Correct. And so what we are entering into is a component of Lexipol which is called fire rescue one Academy and that is the training portion of it. Pennsylvania right now does not have as I spoke last meeting with regard to a central person, Pennsylvania does not have the same thing as with police where they have mandatory - I should not say mandatory, but. Yes, exactly. I don't even - I apologize - my brain is like toasted. The state has requirements that a pleased barman has to meet and with the fire service there are some minor ones, but they are not all the way across the state. The requirements are pretty much the permit by department. Whereas with the police department - they are standard across the state, standardized. We do not have that. Sorry -

Mr. Yoder: No worries. I appreciate that. Any other comments or questions? All right, Mrs. Frank on the motion for item 13?

The resolution 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Accept for filing

Public Safety Meeting Minutes 09/12, 09/26, 10/12 & 11/07/23

Public Works Meeting 2/28/23

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

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

Announcements

. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday February 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, January 26	11:30 AM	Redevelopment Authority
Tuesday, January 30	11:30 AM	Public Safety Committee
	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works Committee
Wednesday, Jan. 31	9:00 AM	DRC
Thursday, Feb. 1	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting

Comments:

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Beiter and a second by Mr. Pulizzi. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM with unanimous ayes.

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank City Clerk