Thursday, March 15, 2018
Williamsport, PA

Council Vice President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Council Vice President Randy Allison and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Council members present:
Jonathan Williamson, President absent
Randy Allison, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Derek Slaughter
Don Noviello, Councilman
Elizabeth Miele, Councilwoman
Joel Henderson, Councilman

Absent:
Jonathan Williamson

Also, Present:
Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor
Rebecca Haladay, City Engineer absent
Mr. William Nichols, Jr. absent
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Mr. Gary Knarr absent
Megan Page HR absent
Adam Winder
Jody Miller, Police Chief absent
Sol. Austin White
Janice Frank, City Clerk,
Todd Heckman, Fire Chief
Mr. Joe Gerardi

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes of March 1, 2018 was approved upon a motion from **and Mr. Slaughter made** a second from **Mrs. Katz.** All were in favor. **The vote was 6 to 0. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes. Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele voted yes. Dr. Williamson was absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

Bruce Hoffman, 1000 Cherry St. Williamsport.
He thanked Mayor Campana, Rebecca Haladay, Jess Novinger, Stephanie Young & Mary Rucinski for all they did in preparing the grant for the band shell. The band shell is the only structure in the City who construction costs was funded by 100's of organizations and citizens of Williamsport. It was built by a Williamsport Contractor and sub-contractor. We should be eternally grateful for this and after 104 years, it is still standing to the benefit and enjoyment of Williamsport. This is truly a community Treasurer.

Appointments

Zoning Hearing Board

Jon Mackey, 201 Lincoln Ave.is appointed to a 3-year term commencing 3/15/18 & ending 3/1/21
Mr. Gerardi presented Mr. Mackey and Ms. Miele stated that Mr. Mackey came to the Finance committee and it is important to note that Mr. Mackey is very interested in learning and will reach out to current members of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Katz spoke of his experience and stated he will make a great member.
Mr. Allison asked for a motion.
Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.
The appointment was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Williamsport Civil Service Board

Greg Forsburg, 401 Glenwood Ave, is appointed to a 3-year term commencing 1/13/18 & ending 1/13/21
Mayor Campana presented Mr. Forsburg, stating he is involved in Community Watch Group and will be an asset.
Mr. Henderson stated that Mr. Forsburg came to the Public Safety committee and has been volunteering in many things in the City. He has no problem communicating with the police department. This will bring us up to the full complement and we have a meeting in April.
Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the appointment.
Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.
The appointment was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.
The City Clerk swore Mr. Forsburg in to the Williamsport Civil Service Board.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 140 West 4th St. – Signage

Mr. Allison asked for a motion.

Mr. Henderson made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.

Mr. Gerardi stated this is for a sign on the Wall at 140 W. 4th St. It does meet on the requirements on the zoning ordinance and there is a representative here.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the certiciate.

The certificate was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Bill # 1709-18
Ordinance Article 1741 International Property Maintenance Code (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance in first reading.

Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Gerardi stated this code is not up to date so as of Oct. 17, we went through and updated the ordinance and he took 7 sheets and got them down to 2 sheets. The changes are on page 3 shows what we are deleting and then combining. Article 725…he named the sections and the fines will be changed. The next is nuisance…there already is a section and that is already covered also. We deleted weed and grass and that is covered under a different article. The last two has been moved and the first items were definitions and that was added to the property maintenance code. He read the article involved. We added four things to it and he did a comparison on the Code.

Mr. Allison asked about the corner property, the owner is responsible to keep this clear? The answer was yes. Mr. Allison stated in the old code, they didn't have 24 hours and Mr. Gerardi stated yes, that was changed to give people more time especially if it snowed at night.

Ms. Miele read the final sentence about the sidewalks….Mr. Gerardi stated most people who have their home, a piece of sidewalk needs to be cleared. Ms. Miele stated in the definition….it is not identified ….Mr. Gerardi stated he'd be more than happy to change that section and make it somewhere when it could be easily read, he can add to section 310.0 He will take it out and put it there. ……so it was agreed to place an amendment to this ordinance and Mr. Gerardi will bring back a clean copy to City Council for next reading. He stated we are trying to revise a lot of these ordinances because they are old. This did go through Public Safety.

Mr. Henderson stated this did come to Public Safety and we did make some recommendations and this just cleans up the old and takes them out and it is an excellent process. We sent this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele made a motion to amend the ordinance to move the sentence beginning with the owner…..move that to article 302.10, the second is to add under 302.14, the sentence about Spring Time and Fall time periods. Mr. Henderson seconded it.

Mr. Allison stated Mr. Gerardi is doing his due diligence and saving the City some money. He asked for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution to Approve Submitting a RCAP Grant Application to the Commonwealth of PA (tabled)
This resolution will remain tabled.

Resolution# 8752
Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the City of Williamsport, PA 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

Mr. Henderson made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.

Mr. Pawlak explained that this is for the City employees' 401 K. The changes requested are to allow for two loans at one time rather than just one.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did sent this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. From her understanding there is no additional cost to the City and there are only about 25 people who have taken advantage of this.

There were no comments or questions.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution # 8754
Resolution Local Services Tax Refund

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Grimes stated this is to refund $784.00 for the local tax to Loyalsock Township. These were for five years of employees that were working in Loyalsock Township. They have requested that payment instead of refunding it to the employees.

Mr. Allison stated that this was not send to any committee, so he asked for a vote.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8753
Resolution Real Estate Reduction

The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
Mr. Grimes stated this is the one that is done the end of the year. This is the LERTA program and they have been approved as we agreed upon earlier. It shows the assessment of each property and they will be finished in about 3 or 4 years. There were residential and commercial properties set up for this.
Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments.
The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8755
Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Work to be Performed at Veteran's Memorial Park

The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.
Mr. Winder stated that John Markey has been working on this and is building a very nice wall showing the major wars. There is basically no money needed from the City. This did go before Public Works.
Mrs. Katz stated this was explained perfectly, it won't cost the City anything and they will be doing the digging.
Mr. Markey stated that we have been selling bricks for 4 ½ years so we had to get some money first. The City is holding our money for us for the projects. A big donator was the American Legion. We are here tonight to also make the City aware that these are still being sold. Penn College has signed an agreement for off-campus project and the Streets and Parks of the City will be doing the digging. He discussed the different wars and the different bricks with prices that are offered.
Mrs. Katz stated this was sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.
Mr. Markey stated this will be maintained through the donations and there are plans to get a helicopter in and we sent a letter in every year. We sent a letter to Army, Navy, etc. they sign off on them. Concrete is being donated, bricks are donated. He will leave the papers here at City Hall in case someone wants to find more information.
Mr. Noviello asked if he could possibly vote because of his employment with Penn College and the solicitor told him that he could.
Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.
The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution # 8756
Resolution Approving Change Orders #2 & #3 to 2017 Street Reconstruction Project

The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.
Mr. Winder stated that UGI wants to piggy back on the price we get from Haubaker, it is done very year. We are trying to cover as much as we can from this. This was sent to Public Works.
Mrs. Katz spoke about the adjustment with the change orders and the extra construction that was added into the projects. This was sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.
Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments.
There was some discussion as to how things were closed out for the street repairs. Finance did spent a lot of time going through the close outs.
The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Resolution #8757
Resolution to Approve the Submission of a Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grant for the Brandon Park Band Shell

The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.
Mr. Winder stated this grant is to help preserve the band shell for Brandon Park, we need to keep it up and Rebecca is reaching out for this grant of $100,000 and it is a cash match grant. Rebecca went to the Foundation and she is also going to the County for additional aid. The Streets department is going to do some work. It was built in 1913. This was brought before the Finance Committee.
Ms. Miele stated Finance did forward this to the full body of council with a positive recommendation. This is truly an asset to the City and the grant will certainly help us take care of this and maintain it. Mr. Hoffman gave a wonderful history of this band shell.
Mr. Allison stated it needs a long of work, bathroom compliance etc. mortar work, structural work, the towers on the side, etc.
Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.
The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Accept for filing

Public Safety 12/05/17
AD HOC/Residency 02/28/18
Controller Report Jan. 2018

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.
The minutes were accepted for filing with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson was absent.

Announcements

There will be a brief executive session in the matter of legal matters. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:30 PM, in City Hall Council Chambers. (**Enter through the police department at rear of building for meetings after 5:00 PM.)**

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, March 19	12:00 PM	Planning Commission
	5:30 PM	Government Study Commission
	12:00 PM	Fair Housing (scr)
Tuesday, March 20	3:30 PM	ERC Meeting
	10:00 AM	Blighted Property
	6:30 PM	HARB
Wednesday, March 21	4:00 PM	Charter Commission
Tuesday, March 27	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works
	3:30 PM	Public Safety
	6:30 PM	Citizen's Corp
Wednesday, March 28	11:30 AM	Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, March 29	7:30 PM	City Council Meeting

[Meetings Held in Council Chambers Unless Otherwise Noted – [scr] = William Sechler Community Room]

Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from members of Council?
Mr. Henderson stated on March 20, Tuesday, the Public Safety will be having a Town meeting in Newberry at 7:00 PM. This will address all concerns in Newberry. We will be meeting there to help build a plan to address some of the concerns in Newberry. He invited all people to attend especially in Newberry.
Mr. Slaughter stated the School District wanted to extend thanks to all Police Department. The School District is very thankful for all that was done at a public meeting.
Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from the Administration?
Mayor Campana stated the following comment was mentioned at this week's Finance meeting. The Finance Committee and himself are working on a 5 year Financial Plan. Recommendations from the Union negotiations wail also be included. This plan should be completed late May this year. We will explore all expenses and even look at outsources for some expenses. Once again, all figures and all expenses will be included in the study.
Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from the general public?
Mr. Phil Periozzi, former Mayor wanted to share his plans for Newberry and bring everyone up to speed for the West End in the City. We want to make a stage in the Newberry Park. The City does an excellent job in managing the areas. He felt that a stage would enhance the Park for things like the Repaz Band, etc. It is important for the citizens of Williamsport to improve business and enhance. It will not cost the tax payers any dollars. He has sent out a letters to businesses in the Community and he won't solicit funds and it will be all donated to enhance our community. He provided everyone with a sketch of his ideas. It is not covered.
Mrs. Katz stated she can remember years ago how projects used to be donated. We have been getting away from this and how it is so nice to go back to this. She had a question about the stage being close to the electrical power.
Mr. Periozzi answered yes, he is doing all this for the community and will give everyone a sense of pride and there is a lot of pride in the Newberry Community.
Mrs. Katz stated that this is a positive action here and she is pleased that he will pursue this.
Mr. Periozzi stated he gives the Police Dept a lot of kudos for all they do and he noted some of the problems there and encouraged people who see something to report it and get involved. He stated that "with God as our Father, Brothers so are we, let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony."
Mr. Hoffman wanted to make a tiny clarification about the Band Shell. The original cost of band shell was $2,500. They raised that $2,500 in four weeks. Later in the summer they wanted to make a more permanet structure and that doubled the cost to $5,000. That's why in 1912 it was proposed and it was not completed to be used and decimated until 1914.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Noviello and seconded by Mr. Henderson.**
Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 9:05 PM** "ayes'.
Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank, City Clerk