Thursday, April 26, 2018
Williamsport, PA

Council President Jonathan Williamson brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilwoman Bonnie Katz and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

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

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

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes of April 12, 2018 was approved upon a motion from **and Mr. Slaughter made** a second from **Mr. Allison.** All were in favor. **The vote was 7 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, Dr. Williamson voted yes.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor
There was no courtesy of the floor

Recognition of Odyssey of the Mind team from WASD – World Finals

Dr. Williamson stated it is his pleasure to introduce everyone to Odyssey of the Mind teams that are from the Williamsport Area School District. One is from Williamsport Area Middle school, and the other one is from Curtin Intermediate School, who are representing the City in the District in World Finals in May in Iowa. They will be competing with teams from worldwide. This is the third year in a row, it is the second year in a row in which the District has sent more than one team at a time, and he is particularly excited to demonstrate and show the City the kind of amazing kids we have, and the amazing School District we have. This just shows you one more way in which Williamsport is a fantastic place to live, and raise children. These kids are amazing, and if you are not familiar with Odyssey of the Mind, the best he can do is describe it as a creative solving competition where students spend the whole academic year, preparing long-term solutions to solve a very complicated problem on their own. Occasionally they get a little help from coaches and their parents to give them a little guidance, as they first go to a Regional competition, and the State competition and they move on they go to the World competition. They both present their long-term solution and then spontaneously act for a term problem that they have to solve in the creative kind of way. These are very creative and talented kids, if you have not seen the kind of results they can do. Everyone applauded the teams.

Dr. Williamson invited the coaches to come up and talk about the kids.

Mr. Brett Southard, coach of Curtin Middle School. These are kids who work very very hard to get as far as they've gotten. He tried today to calculate the number of hours they put in this year, and he stopped at 150. These are very good kids, they are in sports, they are music, they are taking honors classes, and what they had been able to do, and what they have been able to accomplish is amazing. He was very proud to be the coach. He had a student introduce the team.

Another coach stated this is the second year that they are going to Worlds …. She introduced all the kids. Everyone applauded. The team is Muireann Tran, Ross Mahler, Tyler Williamson, Alana Ramos, Olivia Ciabattari, Reese Kirk, and Lily Sponhouse.

Ms. Beth Lewis stated she can't really say much more than what was said. These are hardworking kids who put in a lot of time and effort. The thing that impresses her the most is the friendships that they have made together.

Ben Manetta, the team captain, introduced Mia Clark, Mair'ead Ferry, Kendall Kelley, Sydney Kelley, Jack Klingler, Lisa Lewis and his mom, the other coach, Elizabeth Manetta ……Applause

Dr. Williamson stated the District is a very supportive District and helps educate amazing things, in music, in the arts, sports and Odyssey of the Mind. Everyone is very proud of the school district and very fortunate that the kids are able to participate in…this is one more sign of all of this. He stated what a proud father he is of his son Tyler Williamson who is on the team.

Dr. Williamson stated it takes a lot of money to get these teams to Iowa and there are efforts in social media and in person to raise those funds in a very short period of time. So, if you are interested in helping the kids get to Iowa, please reach out to the City Clerk and he will make sure she has some information about the coaches and the teams to help support their efforts and to compete with kids all over the world. He thanked everyone again for coming.

Mrs. Katz stated they will be there at First Friday so if anyone gets a chance, come to First Friday and give them some support.

Reappointment
Brandon Park Commission
William McConnell, 95 Parkwood Ave is reappointment to a 5 year term commencing 4/26/18 & ending 1/1/23

Mayor Campana thanked Dr. Williamson in regards to recognizing our wonderful children and family. We have wonderful children and it is too bad that the media often times concentrates on the negativity. Thank you for concentrating on a positive thing.

Mr. William McConnell has been on the Brandon Park Commission for many years, he is a wonderful asset and a brilliant gentleman and we are glad to have him continue the service.

Ms. Miele stated Mr. McConnell submitted a resume and gave us a background. He lives on the Brandon Park and he reported to us all the happenings. He is well qualified and very suited for this Commission.

Dr. Williamson asked for motion and a second.
Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.
The reappointment was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 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 voted yes.

Ordinance Amending Article 117 General Fee Schedule(final reading)Bill# 1720-18

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and a second to adopt this ordinance in final reading.
Mr. Slaughter made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
Mr. Gerardi stated he had nothing further to add. We did go through it the first time with all the changes.
Dr. Williamson asked for comments or questions, there were none.
The ordinance was carried in final reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 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 voted yes.

Certificates of Appropriateness – HARB
Item 2. OURSE GROUP LLC
777 West Third Street

A. Remove existing asphalt roof and replace with Moiré Black architectural shingles. Reinstall existing spouting or install new ½ round spouting

B. Repair any damage to soffits, eaves and other wood areas with wood to same as original appearance. Paint to match existing.

C. Repoint chimney brick. Match the original joint profile, style, color and strength, using high lime mortar

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion on the certificates of appropriateness for HARB

Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.
The certificates of appropriateness were carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 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 voted yes.

Accept for filing
Public Works Minutes 01/16/18
Public Safety Minutes 02/13/18
Bureau of Codes – Property Liens 2008-2017
Bureau of Codes – Demolitions 2008-2017
Bureau of Codes – New Businesses & Dwellings 2008-2017

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to accept these for files.
Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.
The minutes were carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 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 voted yes.

Announcements

There will be an executive session immediately following this meeting. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10, 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, April 30	12:00 PM Planning Commission
Tuesday, May 1	3:30 PM ERC Meeting
Wednesday May 2	4:00 PM Charter Commission
Saturday, May 5	2:00 PM Government Study Commission*
Monday, May 7	10:00 AM Finance Committee(Special meeting)
	3:15 PM AD HOC/Residency
Tuesday, May 8	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	3:30 PM Public Safety
Thursday, April 26	7:30 PM City Council Meeting

- GSC meeting held at Susquehanna Law Group, One West Third ST

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

Dr. Williamson asked for comments or questions from members of Council.
There were none.

Dr. Williamson asked for comments from the administration.
Mayor Campana stated that Mr. Gerardi and I are working together to put more pressure on absentee landlords. If you have noticed, we have made a lot of progress when we started, we had a lot of properties, we are down to about 17, but these 17 landlords have not been cooperative, or compliant, so we are looking for a way to put their feet to the fire. We are looking to speak to the Housing Needs Committee, at their next meeting we would like to tell them our tentative plan. Also he and Mr. Cooley are working on a plan to stream City Council meetings on the Internet. We are living in the 21st century, not

everybody has Comcast so we are taking a look at that as well. And we will be discussing this at the next Finance meeting.

Mr. Gerardi stated if you will notice there is a lot of road work being done, the water company, gas work, Dewey Ave, High St will be done by the State. On Dewey Avenue, we do have people parking illegally on the road, so we are trying to give everyone a warning, on Tuesday, the police will be out and about, and if you are illegally parked, you will get ticketed. He explained how the people do park on that street, and he said the same thing on High Street, the way people park. Please park where you're supposed to park.

Dr. Williamson thanked him stating that when we go in and rebuild curves and repave, it makes a big difference, and this should help to encourage people to be discourage from tearing up the yards as well as the sidewalks.

Ms. Miele asked that this be put on the City's FB page as well as the Police Dept FB page. Because people are not always watching this City Council meeting. It was stated that everyone will do their best to inform the public.

Dr. Williamson asked for comments from the general public.

Adjournment

Dr. Williamson asked for motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Allison and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.**
Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 7:51 PM** "ayes'.
Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank, City Clerk