Thursday, May 10, 2018
Williamsport, PA

Council Vice President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Derek Slaughter and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

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

Absent:
Bonnie Katz

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

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes of April 26, 2018 was approved upon a motion from **and Mr. Henderson made** a second from **Mr. Slaughter.** All were in favor. **The vote was 5 to 0. Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson had not yet arrived and Mrs. Katz was absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There was no courtesy of the floor

Mr. Bruce Huffman, 1000 Cherry Street, offered a few words of a 95 year old landmark, before it passes into oblivion. At the southeast corner of West Fourth and Elmira streets, stands the building originally know as the Young Man's Christian Association in Williamsport. This was the second edifice constructed for the YMCA. The first built at 211 West Fourth ST. was completed in 1888 and has since been demolished and it is now the site at Woodlands Bank. The 343 W. 4th St. structure was built on the old First Congregational Church property which previously was the home of William G Elliott, Mayor from 1893 to 1896. That structure was originally built to be the home of William Armstrong, who ironically was the first president of the YMCA. When it was decided that a new YMCA would be erected, a community wide fund drive was undertaken in the fall of 1920 and in less than a month time, the goal of raising $450,000, was not only achieved, but was surpassed by $15,000. In the spring of 1921, the Philadelphia architectural firm of Thomas, Martin, and Kilpatrick was to complete the design. The general contract was led to the Turner Construction Company of Buffalo New York in March 1922. Probation work commenced a few weeks later. The cornerstone was laid on Sunday, August 20 of this same year with a large crowd present. The 3 foot long, 15 inch limestone block was placed at the northwest corner of the building. Construction work continued through the Fall, Winter, and Spring and by the late Summer of 1923, the structure was ready for occupancy with hundred 23 dormitory rooms. The new YMCA was formally dedicated, debt-free on Sunday, September 9, 1923. Henry D Brown, Chairman of the building committee stated, we would believe this to be the best plan, the most substantially built and tastefully furnished of any YMCA building in the country. Lastly, in 1928, the YMCA was described in this way, ever since it was opened, the building has proved its usefulness in the community, serving thousands of men and boys in different ways and giving to the Association ample facilities carrying out its program, for the physical, moral, and spiritual betterment, within the scope of its influence.

Introduction of 2 new hires for Williamsport Bureau of Fire

Cameron Arthur & Broc Rupert

Chief Heckman stated is proud to announce the newest fire fighters. Broc Rupert, unfortunately had to deal with some family issues, and unable to attend his graduation. So he gave Mr. Rupert his diploma that he was unable to get before, and along with that is his badge.

Cameron Arthur, is a second generation fire fighter, Todd Arthur is his dad, a firefighter and he is represented well here tonight.

Mayor Campana congratulated them both and welcome them aboard and gave a round of applause to all the family members.

Mr. Allison stated a firefighter's job is not an easy job, and they certainly do work hard. We appreciate the qualifications and appreciate the fact that we have professional firefighters here in Williamsport.

Appointments/Reappointments

Planning Commission

William Rischar ,912 Hollywood Circle is reappointed to a term commencing 5/10/18 & ending 2/17/21

Cindy Eister, 1001 First Ave is reappointed to a term commencing 5/10/18 & ending 4/03/22

Charles Plankenhorn, 350 Harding Ave is reappointed to a term commencing 5/10/18 & ending 2/17/21

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Ms. Miele stated that Finance interviewed and talked with all three candidates, we feel that they have a good grasp of work of what the Planning Commission does. We mentioned it was nice to have two architects and an engineer on the Planning Commission as well as our Zoning officer and someone from the administration. All three applicants were more than comfortable with the time commitments and very interested in serving again. We recommended all three of them to the full body of Council.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the appointments.

The appointments were carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson had not yet arrived, Mrs. Katz was absent.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 341 Market St – The Bar on Market

Mr. Knarr stated this is to locate to black steel gates affixed to the building, when the establishment is open those doors will swing out and be affixed to the concrete. They will be required to meet permitting requirements as well as Codes for installation. There is a representative here. Because there is a right away there, there is an agreement that has been completed, and we do have the documentation showing that we are the liability protector on the location. It was reviewed by Mr. Lubin and I can answer any questions at this time

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and second.

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

Ms. Miele had a question making sure that we would not have issues with alcohol on the sidewalks, and the gates look like they will be painted black and should be relatively sturdy.

Mr. Knarr stated that they will be affixed to the building..

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the certificate.

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson had not yet arrived, Mrs. Katz was absent.

Tabled

Resolution MOA between the City of Williamsport & Tom Keller Associates

The city clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Ms. Haladay stated this resolution is to approve a memorandum of understanding between the City and Keller Associates for the pursuit of general funding for the objectives associated with Graffius Run. Keller Partnerships and Associates will plan and implement government relations strategies for efforts designed to accomplish the city's federal funding's objectives in assisting the preparations of grant applications for the initiative. Keller and partners will also arrange meetings with members of Congress, Congressional staff and federal agency decision-makers to advance federal efforts. Strategically, marketing the city's need to get federal aid and serve as a liaison for the City. The money is not to exceed $5000 per month for a one year contract totaling $60,000. It is starting May 15 this year and ending May 14 of 2019. This was reviewed by Finance. Mr. Tom Keller is here, and she believes the plan is moving forward and Chelsea Myers will be handling the contract after Ms. Haladay leaves.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance. We had a number of discussions specifically related to how the funding of this item should appear in the budget. It was our recommendation that the funding, the $40,000 for this year, and the $20,000 that was budgeted or 2019, to be transferred for our consulting line item. This is a consulting service and it is not a ground breaking service. She felt it was necessary for the city to keep track of it. There was also a note that Mr. Keller and Associates will also be seeking Monday for the funding for hundred thousand dollars grant for design services. However if the city is not fortunate enough to receive that design services grant, at the outset, Mr. Keller can also proceed for us for the funding elsewhere. Finance did send this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. A number of us always have trouble justifying this underfunding, when there's always physical need for the city, but Mr. Keller and Associates have always had a proven record for both with the water authority and with the county and has proven to be a good company for the city to engage with. That said, we did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments. He stated he had a brief conversation with Mr. Keller and asked him to talk about some of the nuts and bolts of what this contract entails. He asked Mr. Keller to speak.

Mr. Tom Keller stated his firm in Washington, what they do is work with our clients to develop their funding needs, we identify grant resources, and help write those grant resources and submit them. Hopefully for win. There is a lot of before work that we have to do, they are the people that we are sending these applications to, such as providing them in advance of a concept paper, and getting their comments. We find important ways to get a leg up. That is something we did with the water authority, and we were able to write and win the $2.7 million grant for the West Fourth and Trenton Avenue, and we also did that with the $729,000 grant that we won for Pine Street. We did work for the city on that. So our vision would be from the very beginning, start thinking of different phases where we could take pieces of the Graffius Run project and take pieces of that for funding. We should start right away doing that. There are people in Washington that have funds available to make that happen. We intend to make that happen.

Mayor Campana stated that he appreciates everybody, and stated that we are very committed in solving the Graffius Run issues that we have there. He asked Mr. Keller for the public, if he was sure that he could get some money in Washington and ask him to address the issue.

Mr. Keller stated there are diverse pots of money that we could go after to try to address, and there are different pots of money in different phases. When you are looking at federal agencies, we can look at the Appalachian regional commission, and we can be very creative in these phases. He does feel confident that we would have a good start, and everyone wants a grant in a year, and sometimes it's hard to get there. He felt that his company had a good track record with the Authority, and it them 13 months to get $2.7 million. It does take time but he stated he could guarantee that were going to have a very good process and touch the right people and target the right funding opportunities.

Mr. Henderson asked Ms. Miele if she could state where the money is coming from our budget.

Ms. Miele answered the city had set aside an escrow account for Graffius Run and her understanding from Ms. Haladay and she wants to confirm with Mr. Pawlak right now, from her understanding, it will be from that line item that we will be committed from the consulting firm. We will have $20,000 from the 2019.

Mr. Nichols stated we had 23,000,….. Voice inaudible

Ms. Miele stated she understands the contract with RETTEW, but we will find out in July.

Mr. Nichols stated keep in mind that if it is reduced, we had to allocate money from that line item and balance the budget. The bottom line is there is about $24,000, and we budgeted $45,000 this year.

Ms. Miele answered so potentially we could be looking at funding from Graiffus Run set aside if from Act. 13. She thinks that we should be able to assume that we will find at least $16,000 from act 13 funding, for the $40,000 that we are committing to this contract. Unfortunately we will not be able to use the entire

funding from Graffis Run to cover contract services. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Pawlak were not present at the Finance Meeting.

Mr. Henderson stated so we have the $24,000 and we are hoping for $16,000 from Act 13. Of course this contract is month by month, $5000 payments.

Mr. Allison asked, we've had some preliminary studies done of possible solutions with price tags attached to them, but we are having a major engineering study done, how would that coordinate with Mr. Keller's efforts? What kind of information do you need to proceed?

Mr. Keller answered, it is helpful to have preliminary design, or an idea of preliminary construction for the grant applications it is something that is usually required after. It is not something that you have to have ready to go. The cost associated with these things could be used partially as a match to those match requirements on the applications. So it is good that you have done that, but it is not something that necessarily has to be completed. For example, he would come up here with his team, and they would have a drop-dead understanding of Graffius Run in some of the issues, and the money that has been spent. What is the economic impact to Graffius Run and positioning that project in a way that is compelling to the various executive agencies. That is one of the things that we would want to do. Because everything is an economic project. We need to make sure that Graffius Run can be sold in that way. So we would get a strong understanding of that and put together of our strategy plan, and we would take the whole day to do that and we would send that strategy memo back to everyone and get comments and make sure it's approved by everybody and then we would implement that. Part of our strategy would not be only pursuing these particular fundings, but working with the congressional delegation, which is very important because every grant is part of a political process. That will be important to do that. It is not only working with the congressional delegation but it is also with working with those program officers in the Washington office. We would want to sit down with the decision-makers that take that application and put that over to the reviewers. That is getting a big leg up over the competition. And once that application is submitted, and we are not talking about one application, we went to increase the chances for success, we will be going after several funding streams. It also gives Congress a little variety and what they can support.

Mr. Allison stated in connection with your working with the County, and you have worked with the Authority and are able to do things with them, but what you would do with us, there will be no competing conflicting interests on any of these grants.

Mr. Keller stated that is correct. Before we were approached, we looked at that because we could not have conflicts on this project. We looked at the levy, that is a very complex and difficult project, and we are limited in types of grants that we could get through the levy, that is for the Army Corp. With a project like Graffius Run, the types of funding we would be going after would have no conflict with the levy at this stage. As we work through the authority, the things we are working on our different pots of money.

Mr. Nichols stated again he was not able to make the Finance committee meeting, since he was not given the opportunity to review this, the only comment that he was going to offer was typically when we have contracts, such as this when there is no performance standards, or no specifically requirements for due dates, or no communications, we always have a 30 day out clause in the contracts. I do not see it in this particular contract and it is typically required for the funding source. In general when you have a service agreement with no requirements, other than the best effort typically we add this to the contract. But that is up to City Council.

Ms. Miele stated that is reasonable question, and she asked when do we hear about the original $500,000 grant that we had applied for a couple months ago?

Ms. Haladay stated that submission will be at the end of this, Jason Fitzgerald said we might find out by the end of July, he was supposed to be present this evening to actually speak on that. She will get back to Council.

Ms. Miele stated the one question she would have, if we initiate a contract with Mr. Keller now and don't even know if we will have the funding for the engineering portion of the study for another three months, we can begin making connections, begin seeking funding, but we will need to issue an RFP, choose an engineer and then begin there. Then we would anticipate at least four or five months for deliverables on that.

Ms. Haladay answered that is correct. But within time Keller's contract, it is not only for construction costs, it is also for design. So if we were not to receive that $500,000 grant, that would be pots of funding that Tom Keller would also be looking for as well on the federal level. I think the thought is, the money always doesn't come within a year, it takes time and with these governmental agencies putting the word out there and getting our name on Capitol Hill, and spreading the word about Williamsport is our first steps.

Ms. Miele stated her concern is what we see that the levy is we need some pretty intense cost estimates before we look forward and looking money or the levy. If we are not set up for Graffius Run until April of next year, it seems as though within the year we could wind up hanging, are we wise to perhaps delay this contract for a couple of months? Not because I don't think he could be of service, but I think it might jell differently if we move on this a couple months from now, and bring it in line. She asked Mr. Keller, if we could make some sort of arrangement with a 30 day opt out, and have monthly reports, is there any way we could arrange for a 30 day out or 30 day pause?

Mr. Keller answered on to when the start the contract, it is totally up to you, it depends on how serious you are about Graffius Run in addressing it. It does take time to identify the grants and begin laying the groundwork. So when everyone to start that process, it set you back. It is completely up to Council. My advice is we are in May now, begin as soon as you can. He spoke about the reelection of the federal government and how it could be affected. He stated that he usually does a 90 day out, and not a 90 day out. The reason is if you're working on a grant and the client says we want to stop this, it is not smart for either party to do this. But 90 days gives us both enough time if there's an issue or if you want to take a pause, we can get a lot done in the 90 day period.

Mr. Henderson stated it seems to him that a 90 day would be good and he would like to see that before we go any further. He asked if our solicitor looked at this?

The answer was no….Ms. Haladay stated she was sorry it was not reviewed by the solicitors, it was completely her fault, there is a lot of chaos going on in the last week.

Mayor Campana stated since it is the case that our solicitor did not see this, it would be in our best for the situation for the city if we would take a pause for two weeks. Our solicitors should take a look at this, and I don't believe we should put this on hiatus. The East End people have waited for decades to see

movement. It is an election year and this is the time to get moving and get their intention to try to funnel some money back to our city. He felt it was best to take the two weeks.
Mr. Allison asked Mr. Keller if there was a problem with that.
Mr. Keller answered that is perfectly fine with him.
Ms. Miele stated at least pending solicitors review, she made a motion to table this for two weeks. Mr. Henderson seconded.
Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the tabling.
The resolution was tabled was with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.
Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson had not yet arrived, Mrs. Katz was absent.

Resolution # 8771
Resolution Change Order #2 to MSA between the City of Williamsport & Wood

The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Allison asked for motion and the second.
Mr. Henderson made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.
Ms. Haladay stated this resolution is to approve change order number two to the Master Service Agreement. It includes three pertinent tasks to the system wide plan. Tasks include operation and maintenance efficiency costing, letter of intent an extension to the Army Corps of Engineers, and the SWIF plan budget and stakeholder meetings. The SWIF plan requires efficiencies to be presented with the timeline and budget based on the Authority. With the timeline identify and a commitment from the local sponsor which is the City to manage the deficiencies that were identified by the Army corp. Based on the current timeline to issue the final 2017 inspection report, and in addition to the 2018 inspection, the city was contacted by the Army Corp and requested to submit a letter intention. This is in the amount of a not to exceed $67,950. This was reviewed by the Public Works committee. There is a representative here from Wood.

Mr. Noviello stated we did have this before us on Tuesday, we did send this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This is an incremental step, and the extension letter is coming from the Corp. itself. Obviously this is no small amount but it seems that it is sort of course of action here that we are almost compelled to start too. He stated the SWIF plan is something we need to be mindful of and we need to keep up to speed with this.

Ms. Miele asked what the source from which the money will come?

Ms. Haladay answered, we have levy funds set aside for, we had the $500,000 from the bank funding, we had $450,000 remaining, we had one contract with Wood in the amount of $30,000, so that is where this is to come from.

Ms. Miele so we dropped it from $250,000 and then we had the pump Station and power costs. She asked for an understanding if this is a next step from this swift plan

Gaz from Wood stated the backup power review that we did was to help the city pursue funding opportunities. It wasn't necessarily a requirement. This particular proposal, and resolution is because the Corp recommended the city pursue an extension. Because we did find additional items that were defective since the last report. Since the report for 2017 wasn't complete, they recommended to request an extension. With that, they never had an extension or accepted a SWIF plan extension, so that's where these meetings come into play, because we have no basis to work from. This does help us to move forward and request that extension from the Corp and to utilize the 2017 final report when it finally comes out and to do the costing for the SWIF plan. We intend to make it clear that, that's the report we intend to utilize for the costing and we don't intend to continue to wait for more reports. That is we want to use. We will have conversations with them upfront and we would hope that they would accept what our goal is.

Ms. Miele stated so we are paying you $67,000 because the Army doesn't know how to accept an extension request yet?

Gaz, answered that I would caveat by saying that a portion of the $ 67, 950 is for costing and not for the letter of intention extension requests, and that is something we would have to do whether it was extended or not. However it's because no one has done an extension requests that we need to have this conversation. We just need to know that what is submitted will get accepted.

Mr. Noviello stated we are waiting for some remaining documents to be correct, is that right?

Gaz answered, that is correct we are looking for the 2017 final periodic inspection. It is the five-year added extension and the most encompassing. It is been quite a while and the draft that they provided to us already includes additional items from the 2010, and also it was in conversation that they expect some additional items to the draft that we have seen. We already know that there is fair warning that there will be more to handle than what was in the 2010 final report.

Mr. Slaughter asked what for the reason for the extension?

Gaz answered when Ms. Haladay was speaking with the Corp, they mentioned that the final periodic inspection has not been released yet. That they have found additional deficiencies from the draft that they had provided us, and we have already identified from the draft that there are additional deficiencies that we have been working on. We received the draft in the first week of March, and before then we were working off of the 2010 final inspection report. Since March, the Corp as let us know that there have been sufficient deficiencies, as a result of that the Corp recommended to the City to pursue an extension, that the swift can include all of these items.

Ms. Haladay, added and also as part of the plan the funding sources must be identified for the deficiencies. So this buys us time with all the efforts that we are putting towards with the county, Loyalsock, So. Wmsport, & Tom Keller. Hopefully we will be able to finalize the swift plan as we receive funding.

Gaz, from Wood added that we can also identify funding sources that we are actively pursuing in the swift plan, but we do need to have some definitive language about the plan to fund the repairs and rehabilitation as well as the schedule.

Mr. Allison asked if there was any possibility, that three months from now they could say we found more?

Gaz, from Wood responded with they will issue their final 2017 periodic inspection report, and they won't be doing another one for another five years. Our intent when we present our strategy for this extension requests, is to let them know that we are working off the latest 2017, which we anticipate hopefully the summer or this fall. That inspection was completed last year, and that is already seven years newer than

the latest. She feels that is a safe baseline to move forward with this. Hopefully they will accept this to be our last call.

Mr. Slaughter asked did we know that we won't have to work off the 2017 final report?

Gaz answered that we didn't know that we would be receiving the final report in March.

Ms. Haladay answered in June 2017, the five-year inspection was completed, it was a three day process from the Army Corp. I had asked to receive a report, and unfortunately with the Army Corp time we were not able to receive it until March.

Mr. Slaughter was concerned when Ms. Halady leaves her position with the City.

Ms. Halady answered so moving forward, the Water Authority sees that as part of her position with the Water Authority to act as the liaison between the City and Wood.

Mr. Slaughter asked if the meetings were $45,000?

Gaz answered yes it's for the meetings themselves, but also for the preparing of those meetings, and the minutes and creating the records, and then taking actions from the meetings themselves. We anticipate taking actions from these meetings including the extension letter itself, including coordinating with the local community, we have been talking with other local cities and municipalities. Although it seems that it's just for the meeting itself, it is really before the before work and then after work of the meeting to generate those items, submit your letter of intent extension request, and capture the remaining items as we see based on all the information that we have and what we are anticipating that would be included in the swift plan. That was the goal of this proposal and the resolution, to get to this point stating that we have everything based on the request from the Corp so we can submit that SWIF Plan.

There was a discussion about the timing on this, the timing is that Wood intends to move forward as best as we can and Mr. Slaughter had concerns about $45,000 for meetings…Gaz will send a breakdown for Council.

Mr. Allison asked Finance Administration about the $67,000 is the numbers were crunched.

Mr. Nichols stated no, he hasn't seen, and he said the suggestion was it was coming out of the bond, the $500,000, the only stipulation is that that money as match money, and it's not really matching anything.

Ms. Miele stated it sounds as though it would be match money, and does the next resolution count as match money?

Gaz from Wood, answered it was her understanding based on their discussion with the Corp last year, they did indicate that meetings as well as the time that is committed for those meetings does count towards match and it can be calculated from city members for a specified wage of an average position wage, and the hour. It can be an industry stated wage. So meetings would count and engineering study would count and anything that includes that development.

Ms. Miele so these effort count as well as others, she asked if we were keeping track of the time that has been put into this. Because if that is a vital option, then we will need all the match we can get and it would be wise for us to start keeping track.

Ms. Haladay stated that she has the meeting minutes and all the time, and she does have her calendar which shows all the meetings that she has of tended in the past year, and that also includes the time spent in Washington DC. The only time that she has not logged is the afterhours between nine and five. She will speak with the county and see if they have all their time logged in. Right now we have the letter of intent submitted which allows us to be covered by the Army Corp insurance, if we don't submit the swift plan on time we will be in compliance with the Army corp and we would have to meet current date standards, and it could be estimated 300 million roughly to get us up to standards.

Gaz from Wood, stated the City will be used as a template and right now, there are 16 cities involved.

There was a discussion about making sure we track on time and Janice will place that on the Finance Committee agenda.

Mr. Henderson asked if our City Planner will take the lead on this?

Mr. Allison stated that it was stated that Ms. Haladay will work with Ms. Myers on this moving forward. The administration will administrate and have a plan for them to work together and have lots of communication going on. Gaz stated her company is committed to making sure that Council is kept up to speed so you can move forward.

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, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes, Mrs. Katz was absent.

Resolution #8772
Resolution Change Order #1 to Pump Station Review

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Ms. Haladay stated the City Administration had requested additional information, for the March meeting, and the Army Corps of Engineers, however two days before the meeting, was required to the City which propose the funding sources which identified the deficiencies, the city administration received the pertinent information from the five-year inspection report. This change order represents the below effort that was originally from Wood and this is not to exceed $4750. This was reviewed by Public Works.

Mr. Noviello stated this was another review from the SWIF plan, and he stated he is a little disappointed that thing were getting to them kind of slow and in getting this information to us. He would like to know where will this money come from?

Ms. Haladay answered this will have to come out of the bond as well, but we did have to pay that because the work that had already been completed.

Mr. Noviello stated again another set of circumstances, that we are locked in two and we are being required to comply with this, we have to keep in mind each time these things pop up we are talking about protection of a great land. Public Works did forward this to the full body of Council with positive recommendation

Dr. Williamson stated it seems that it's been frustrating working with the Army Corps of Engineers. It seems that they don't have a plan, they don't have their act together, they don't have their goals, nor a timeline that they expected us to meet those goals, so we are dealing with a moving target of an ongoing basis. So it has cost the citizens, the taxpayers of Williamsport, we still don't know how much it will come up to cost with a plan that will lead to recertification on a routine process. It has cost us over $1 million at

this point, while a chunk of that is clearly needed to protect the citizens of Williamsport from of levy breach, a large part of that expenditure has been unnecessary as far as I can tell, because the Corps of Engineers has had a moving target and no one wants to take the responsibility for the city or its representatives. They are the federal government, and we can't do anything about that, but I am inclined to invite the higher-ups in the Army Corps of engineers to attend a City Council meeting, rather than put our staff, of engineers and consultants, this grill as we trickle to move large amounts of money. He thanked both of them for answering all of these questions. Secondarily, however it happens, he would like the people in charge of the people that we been talking to be invited to a future City Council meeting where we can grill them directly and express the displeasure of the taxpayers of the City of Williamsport. Especially for the unnecessary things.

Ms. Haladay stated that would be wonderful, and she would be willing to draft a letter, if Council would all sign it.

Dr. Williamson said let's put them on TV, and yes he will get everyone to sign. So we need a firm plan so how we get through the rest of this fiscal year, hopefully this will be the remainder of the expenses of what is coming out of the general fund, and how much of it will have to be putting us in debt. He continued to explain the necessary and unnecessary things, and wanted to make sure that we have money out of that $500,000, that go into physical improvements, not engineering, not meetings, not adjusting when the federal government moves the target again.

Mr. Noviello asked if this follow up is due because of the pump failure?

Gaz, from Wood answered that was one of the items that was listed in the draft 2017 inspection report. In addition to some failing walls around the pump stations, and some other issues that were not present in the 2010 final report, when we receive that draft report it was right before the city was submitting, so we included a line item for additional maintenance, and included some of the highest price items and we wanted to be able to give you a value so the City could present that in Washington.

Ms. Miele wanted to make sure Ms. Haladay doesn't word that letter as strongly as Dr. Williamson said, because these are the same people that we are asking for money from.

Mr. Allison asked for 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, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes, Mrs. Katz was absent

Resolution # 8773
Resolution Authorizing the City of Williamsport to Award a Contract for the Purchase of 5 Support Vehicles

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Nichols stated this resolution is to approve 5 support vehicles funded by Penn Dot. Three of the vehicles assigned to operations are at the end of their life cycle. The other two will be putting the service as part of our expanded paratransit service operating in our five-county area now. These vehicles will be utilized and provide shared ride services as well such as medical assistance strips, and out of service trips, such as trips to Geisinger. Unfortunately all of our support vehicles except for one, they are all eligible for replacement for the next several years. We will have to continue to address to replace these vehicles as part is our capital budget. So ten out of these vehicles have over hundred thousand miles, but I think many vehicles will be able to sustain many more miles. This was reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this and forwarded it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. Although RVT has 10 to 12 year vehicles, there are some places in the City, that it would be considered new. The match is 3.26% of local share.

Dr. Williamson asked for 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, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes, Mrs. Katz was absent

Resolution# 8774
Resolution for Multimodal Grant – East Third St. Project

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion on the resolution.

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

Mr. Nichols stated this resolution is needed for the grant application request from the Pennsylvania Department of transportation fund grant in the amount of $1,193,306. This grant requests as originally submitted by Lycoming College last year, and unfortunately in the last funding cycle it was not one of the grant request approved. So our project team decided that this time around that the city and RVT should submit the application. So we had to update the resolution that was on file with Penn Dot. He did give everyone a handout about grant funding. This request is for the realignment of Franklin Street, and the reconstruction of Basin Street with matching funds being provided by the foundation, so obviously this is a critical grant request that we hopefully will be approved in the near future. On a positive note we just received notice that our TAP grant was approved for $1 million dollars, for the Willow St part of the project and a connectively for the Pathway. The County Commissioners did fund a little bit of the traffic study, and they did contribute some towards the Thomas Associates study as well. We have major contributions from RVT for over $500,000, and the city of over $500,000, so we asked the county to participate as well. This was very important because they are looking for all of the municipalities or government entities to be part of the process. They are looking for that as part of their review and approval of our multi-modal grant. We are very pleased with their effort and their support with what is really important for our community. This is a project that is revitalization and a lot of the improvements. He asked counsel to extend their thanks to the commissioners.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this and forwarded it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We hope that we will be more successful with this grant the next time. The total million dollars will have to be used for the Willow Street project.

Dr. Williamson thanked Mr. Nichols for putting the matrix together, if he is reading this correctly, Council challenged the project team to limit the expenditure of public funds to infrastructure improvement. We see a number of infrastructure improvements listed on here, the total cost of these infrastructure improvement is $7 million.

Mr. Nichols stated the college already received the RCAP grant and so far it is a $20 million dollar investment.

Dr. Williamson stated we are asked all the time if things are going to happen, and the answer is yes, we will see something this year, the key is getting the funding in place. But this should happen this year. Hopefully when private entities see this happen, they will feel more committed to put their plans into place.

Dr. Williams asked if there were 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, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes, Mrs. Katz was absent.

Demolition – 343 West Fourth St – Dkumal, LLC

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a request for demolition for the property located at 343 W. 4th St., located in the central business district. Structure currently is vacant and it is cost prohibited to renovate. The structures torn down, grass will be planted within 30 days of the demolition. There is a representative here.

Dr. Williamson asked for motion and a second.

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

Dr. Williamson asked for comments and questions.

Ms. Miele had a request and stated she was fortunately enough to talk with Mr.Logue to discuss his plans for the site which seem to be in the long run parking. It is of concern to her because the historic part is an asset. Mr. Huffman made a moving presentation of the building including that it was called the best plan that was substantially built. She went through the building last year with another developer, and the building was very substantially built. In her conversations with Mr. Logue, he stated it is more work to renovate this building, however she is in conversation with a lot of people who are concerned with the historic district. She is also contacted the historic preservation office. She wanted to ask counsel for a few weeks to flush out some of her conversations. She understood that the developer, Mr. Klingerman was moving towards a process to preserve the structure, and she was surprised when there was a demolition request. Mr. Logue, the new owner stated that he would give the building to anyone who would want to renovate it.

Ms. Miele made a motion to table this demolition. Mr. Noviello seconded it.

Mr. Noviello stated he would always be in favor of giving a couple of weeks to look at this demolition. He would like a bit more information about the status of the building itself, and some reflection on the lack of feasibility.

Dr. Williamson stated that we have the demolition ordinance, but in this case we also have a second guiding document in terms of contractual relationship to the City of Williamsport and Klingerman's organization the indicated in good faith an effort to maintain the use of the building, so it is worthwhile to explore with that language actually means to the degree in change of ownership.

Mr. Gerardi stated to answer some questions, he actually did go through the property with Mr. Logue and Mr. Klingerman to look at the facility, and it's a 50,000 square-foot building, and to renovate it is $100 a square foot. So would be about $5 million to renovate the building. I did realize that this went through the chamber, and the chamber put out an RFP to take bids on it. My concern is when we look for our development, I would appreciate a developer who would develop the property, and not let it sit for 20 years. But I could buy it for a dollar but I don't have $5 million to fix it.

Ms. Miele stated she agrees with Mr. Gerardi. In the same way that we brought something to the table in Liberty Arena, what could be brought to the table in this situation, either through State and Federal tax credits or any other mechanism to incentivize development of the structure. That is part of what I would like to weeks to flush out.

Mr. Gerardi stated we did give him a letter on the 30th and the reason why it is not fixed at that point, I allowed him extra time.

Ms. Miele asked Mr. Gerardi to find the information on the RFP's that were out.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the motion to table.

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

Accept for filing

- Public Works Minutes 03/13/18
- Public Safety Minutes 03/13/18
- ERC Meeting Minutes 02/20/18
- Finance Committee Minutes 01/03/18 & 1/30/18

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and a second to accept those for filing.

Mr. Henderson made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.
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, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes, Mrs. Katz was absent.

Announcements

We will be having an executive session for the purpose of negotiations, immediately following this meeting. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24, 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, May 14	12:00 PM	Planning Commission
	4:00 PM	Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 15	10:00 AM	Blighted Property
	3:30 PM	ERC Meeting

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2018

	6:30 PM HARB
Wednesday May 16	4:00 PM Charter Commission
Thursday, May 17	10:30 AM Zoning Hearing Board
	4:00 PM Board of Health
	1:00 PM Blood Drive (sec)
Monday, May 21	1:30 PM Fire Pension
	5:30 PM Government Study Home Rule
Tuesday, May 22	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	3:30 PM Public Safety
Wednesday, May 23	11:30 AM Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, May 24	7:30 PM City Council Meeting

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

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any comments from City Council.
There were none.

Dr. Williamson asked if there was any comments from the administration
Mr. Gerardi stated it is grass season, and we are going around making sure grass will be cut. And the other thing is with the ongoing paving projects, I would appreciate it if Council would get out and take a look at Lincoln Ave., Penn Street areas, and look at all the roads that have been done.
Dr. Williamson stated that everyone needs to have a little bit of patience until all the work is finished.

Dr. Williamson asked if there is any comments from the general public.
Bruce Huffman, 1000 Cherry St. he wanted to talk about a few of the historical events that are happening in the city. The first one is Saturday, May 19, at 1 o'clock at the Taber Museum he will be re-presenting the historic story of old Pine Street burying grounds. If you're familiar with the old City Hall property, that was once a cemetery. The second is on May 28 which is Memorial day, there is one up at Wildwood Cemetery, the Civil War veterans and they do a nice little ceremony there, they fire the cannon, and they do and observance. This one is particularly interesting because this is the 150th anniversary, because of General Logan, after the war they were issuing a proclamation to the various posts in the GA for them to strew flowers at the graves of the Civil War veterans. He has arranged with several florists in the area to get donations. The general public who attends that will be able to walk over to the circle and place a flower. Lastly, May 31 at 7 o'clock, he will be doing a presentation concerning the historical perspective of Williamsport's different historical forms of government and the Pennsylvania laws that will create them. I started going to the different commission meetings several weeks ago, and soon after that I did some research and really learned a whole bunch about the various laws going back 100 years that really got us to the point of how were even in this room of this form of government. Because 100 years ago was not possible. There were a number of Williamsport people who were involved in trying to change the laws at the state level so that third class cities in particular would have more local control. It has really been a fascinating process and it is so appropriate because it is to study groups going on. That will be open to the public and he is trying to get it publicized. He welcomes everyone to attend that and gave everyone a sheet.

Dr. Williamson asked that he give a copy to the city clerk so it will get on their calendars.

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 9:38 PM** "ayes'.

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank, City Clerk