Thursday, May 23, 2024
7:00 PM
Williamsport, PA

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, May 23, 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:
Vincent Pulizzi

Also, Present:
Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
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Sam Aungst, Fire Chief, absent
Justin Snyder, Police Chief
Solicitor Maggie Corcoran
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Scott Livermore
Kris Black absent
Bill Scott
Members of the public

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 05/28/24 were approved upon a motion **by Mr. Mackey and a** second from **Mrs. Katz. All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Mr. Pulizzi was absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor
There were none.

Appointment
Redevelopment Authority
Carol White, is appointed to a five-year term commencing 5/23/24 & ending 5/23/29.
Mayor Slaughter stated Ms. White has shown an interest in taking an active role in assisting city's leadership in addressing the blight in our town. Currently she works for Fish Real Estate and has moved back to the area. She is excited to service on a board.
Council members thanked Ms. White for her interest and for volunteering for the Redevelopment Authority.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.
Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the appointment.
The appointment was carried with 6 yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent.

Ordinance Designating Gary Brown Jr Way (final reading)
The City Clerk read the ordinance.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Mayor Slaughter stated this is final reading. Gary's wife Kim is here and on Saturday, June 8, 2024, the sign will be made and we will have a ceremony when placing the sign.
Mrs. Kim Brown, said thank you Council Members and Mayor Slaughter for this great honor. It truly means so much to me, to my children, and the entire Brown family that the City of Williamsport, this City that Gary called home, would honor my husband in this way. Gary would probably get a chuckle out of this honestly. He would think it's both hilarious and yet be so proud. He truly loved his hometown. He really did love the place and always considered this to be his home, even with all the other big cities he lived in, the places we moved to around the country, he would always let people know he was from Williamsport, PA. He was just so proud of where he came from and always held onto his small-town roots. He stayed humble, never got too big for this place. Even with all his success playing and coaching football in college and the NFL, he still thought of himself as "just a kid from Lycoming St". So, thank you, thank you so much, truly this means so much to me and our family.
Mrs. Katz stated she remembers Gary growing up on Lycoming St and how he played football with her son and a group of guys. She thanked Mrs. Brown for coming tonight and is so happy we are naming a Street for him, well deserved.
Mr. Yoder echoed those statements and said what a legend he was in this town and his dad who lives in a small town knew who he is and he grew up hearing his name.
Mr. Allison stated if Joe Paternostro were still alive he'd ask him why he would put Gary in the position he did. Mr. Allison also paid tribute to Gary Brown.
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the ordinance in final reading.
The ordinance was carried in final reading with 6 yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent.

Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.

Lot Consolidation – Pennsylvania College of Technology

Mr. Knarr explained This is to consolidate the three parcels for a future Land Development. The total parcel will be 11.596 sq. ft. the property is within the institutional zoning district. The Lycoming County Planning reviewed this on April 16, 2024.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.
The lot consolidation was carried with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent.

Land Development – Eck Family
Mr. Knarr stated this is a request to consolidate the two parcels for a land development to demo the existing structure and sheds and construct a new building of 5,124 sq. ft. with a drive thru and no onsite dining. The Planning Commission reviewed this on May 6, 2024. This is owned by Eck Family Limited Partnership. The building proposed is a .Domino's Pizzeria. No on site dining is proposed. Public water and sewer is available to service the proposed building. A Drive-thru pick up are provided with a drive thru land and a 102 sq feet customer area. Access is from two points. Fourteen parking spaces are provided with 2 designed as ADA.
Mr. Knarr went over the recommendations for this project.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
The land development was carried with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent.

Resolution #9779
Resolution Authorizing the Williamsport Bureau of Police to Hire Two Police Officers
The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Chief Snyder introduced both candidates for the Police. This will bring our compliment to 51.
Police Officer **Coleman Witherite** has completed all requirements set forth by the WBP and will start his employment with the City of Williamsport on Monday, May 27th, 2024. He has successfully completed the ACT 120 Program set forth by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission.
Police Officer **Johnathan Day** has completed all requirements as set forth by the WBP and his employment will commence on Monday, May 27, 2024. He will be attending Mansfield Police Academy starting May of 2024 at the rate of Police Officer A Cadet.
Candidate Witherite is 23 years old and currently resides in Montoursville are and is the son of Rodney Witherite of Montoursville. He is a 2019 graduate of Lewisburg Area High School and attended Lycoming College where he completed 3 years of course work toward a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He completed his ACT 120 certification in 2023 in Harrisburg and is currently a police officer with the Middletown Police Dept He is **badge #26**.
Candidate Day is 23 years old and a resident of Reading, Pa. He is the son of Ami Day-Birchhead of Reading. Candidate Day is a 2020 graduate of Antletam Middle Senior High School and is a 2024 graduate of Lycoming College where he earned a BS degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology and Sociology as a student athlete in football. He is currently slotted to attend Mansfield Police Academy this month and is projected to receive his ACT 120 Police certification in the Fall. Candidate Day will be assigned **Badge #25**.
Members of Council welcomed them with congratulations.
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.
The resolution was carried with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent

Resolution #9781
Resolution Awarding the Aggregate Bids for City of Williamsport
The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.
Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.
Mr. Livermore stated that we do this every year and we don't spend all the money in the line items.
. **The resolution was carried with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..**
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent.

Resolution #9782
Resolution Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to the Department of Community & Economic Development for the Young's Woods Park Improvement Project
The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Ms. Fessler stated she applied for this grant. And submitted an application for the grant to request a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant of $250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Youngs Woods Park Improvement project.
This was reviewed in Finance.
Ms. Miele asked some questions about what the city had to match.
There was further discussion, but no sound was recorded from this meeting.
The resolution was carried with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent

Resolution #9780
Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year & Annual Action Plan for the CDB Grant & HOME Investment Partnership
The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Mr. Memmi Stated under the HOME investment program, we are authorized to extend financial assistant to participate jurisdictions to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary affordable housing. The City of Williamsport along with SEDA-COG has prepared the Action Plan for FY 2024. The City offers a program for home buyers within the City to purchase homes with the help of funding. We also offer aid in improvements in Streets and Parks.
Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in Finance.
The resolution was carried with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent

Resolution #9783
Resolution Authorizing Engineering Services to Construct a Fitness Court at Memorial Park
The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second
Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter
Mr. Scott stated this resolution authorizes Livic Civil LLC to provide engineering services to construct a fitness court located at Memorial Park that will utilize CDBG funding for the installation of a concrete pad and fitness equipment as follows, task 1 to consist of Site layout Plan and Details and Task II to consist of Building & Construction for total lump sum not to exceed $7,000.00.
Mrs. Katz stated this was reviewed in Public Works and she aske the Mayor if he has received any donations for this. Mayor answered it is still in the works and he is looking.
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.
The resolution was carried with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent

Resolution #9784
Resolution Authorizing Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Little League Blvd.
The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.
Mr. Scott stated this resolution is to provide engineering services for the reconstruction of Little League Blbd. Between Walnut St & Mulberry St. intersections that will utilize CDBG funding for construction. The total lump sum is not to exceed $75,000.
This was reviewed in Public Works.
The resolution was carried with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent

Accept for filing
Public Safety Minutes 2/13/24 & 4/23/24
Finance Committee Minutes 05/07/24
Controller's Report March 31, 2024
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to accept these for filing.
Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.
The minutes were accepted for filing with 6 yes roll call vote. The vote was 6 to 0..
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi was absent

Announcements
The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday June 6, 2024 at **7:00** PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA.
Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, June 3	12:00 PM	Planning Commission
Tuesday, June 4	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works Committee
Wednesday, June 5	9:00 AM	ERC
Thursday, June 6	**7:00 PM**	City Council Meeting

Comments:
a. City Council
b. Administration
Mayor Slaughter wanted to remind citizens that the leaf and brush pick up is over, so do not put it out in curb.
c. Members of the Public
d. News Media
Representative Jamie Flick spoke and introduced Aliva Tagliveria spoke about working with the City and offered her aid in finding grants.

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Mackey and a second by Mr. Beiter. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM with unanimous ayes.

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank City Clerk