Thursday, July 7, 2022
7:00 PM
Williamsport, PA

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, July 7, 2022 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
Bonnie Katz, Vice President
Liz Miele, Councilwoman
Randy Allison, Councilman,
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman,,
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
Eric Beiter Councilman
Absent:

Also, Present:
Derek Slaughter, Mayor, absent
August Memmi
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,
Justin Snyder, Police Chief
Solicitor Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, RVT
Scott Livermore, S&P
Sean, Bastian S&P absent

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 06/23/22 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a** second from **Mr. Allison All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived,**
Mr. Yoder announced that there will be an executive session following this meeting in the matter of personnel.

Limited Courtesy of the Floor
There were none.

Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 427 W. Third St.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.
Mr. Pulizzi made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter
Mr. Knarr stated this is a request of West Third St to first do is to put a facade on the part of the building. The building sits within the central district. And built on positive recommendation providing a couple issues that planning had an opportunity to review that. This past Monday, planning did review it. There are comments and initiative they have. And the fact that one seeing what the facade actually looked like as far as example as well as a percentage break down. How that works within the central business district, the requirement is that the majority of the material for the outside of the building cannot be made up of metal inside a business district.
At that point they brought before planning review and in front of you and as you can see the compilation will be less than primary material approximately about 27%. So if it does meet the criteria to introduce the certificate of appropriateness.
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the certificate of appropriateness.
The certificate of Appropriateness was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 144 W. Fourth St.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.
Mr. Pulizzi made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter
Mr. Knarr stated What I'm requesting before you is regarding 144 W. Fourth St. What they are requesting to do is paint the outside of the building two colors. A gray with black trim.
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the certificate of appropriateness.
The certificate of Appropriateness was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 430 Williams St.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.
Mr. Pulizzi made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter
Mr. Knarr Within the central business district. >> What they are requesting to do is have placed on the windows as well as having a sign that's mounted on the side of the building. What we have before you, a couple of pages, first page showing the outside of the building and second one shows exactly approximately what the sign will look like. And it will have big letters, rock well, just the address on the building, that's the only thing on there. The current pictures that are currently there, that's the idea of what primarily what they are doing. The last Vietnam that you have, and again, crimson or red signs and the sign that is currently there and then as far as window trim you have before you, primarily a full color and red crimson with some black that you see. It will meet all of the criteria.

The certificate of Appropriateness was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Certificates of Appropriateness HARB
Item 1. 508 W 4th St – Replace entire roof – Jeffrey Dincher/Barr Construction
Item 2. 600 W 4th St – Paint building exterior a different color – Martin Reeder/Steve Schramm
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.
Mr. Pulizzi made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.
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Appointment
Civil Service Board
Michael Orwig, Lincoln Ave will be appointed as an Alternate commencing 07/07/22 & ending 01/06/25
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Chief Snyder stated A little background –on Mr. Orwig, he Served 4 years active duty marine corps. Additional 18 years in national guard. Spent about 22 years in military. Combat. Deployment in Afghanistan -- Special response team and special response team commander. Currently part-time at the Lycoming County Court house.
Mr. Yoder Thank you chief Snyder. He is in my neighborhood. Knowing him a little bit personally, he is an amazing man of character. A good individual, good definition of public safety servant. I would be a good judge of character. I'm glad to see this. This is great.
Chief Snyder He was the first person I thought of.
Mr. Yoder Absolutely. >> And questions from other council?
Mrs. Katz I have a comment. All I have to say is it is good to have Michael back again. It is, like you said, Adam, he is a man of integrity. He puts his heart and soul into everything he does. I think this is a wonderful choice.
Mr. Allison stated That's a great edition., he's a great addition.
Mr. Pulizzi I will keep it short. I'm extremely happy to see this. I can't say enough great things about him.
Can't say anything bad about this man.
Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the appointment.
The appointment was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived

Resolution #9331
Resolution Assigning Appraisal Services for the City Hall Building & Property to Don Paul Shearer Assoc.
The City Clerk read the resolution.
Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
Mr. Sander stated >> This is a resolution for finance and hiring Don Paul shearer and associates. $5,000 for roughly two months. The contract of Mr. Shearer. [Inaudible]
Mr. Yoder Thank you, Mr. Sander. This was reviewed in finance.
Mr. Allison There is a question about that and particularly about the search necessary --
[inaudible]
Mr. Paul I can barely hear you, sorry. You are kind of like in a tunnel. I hear Ms. Katz when she speaks.
Mrs. Katz: Don, I think you and I are in the same boat. It is very difficult to hear the rest of council.
You and I could have a conversation, Don.
Mr. Sander I believe what Mr. Allison is trying to allude to is we have taken into consideration your appraisal value or process.
Mrs. Katz: Don, I think they want to know what the process is. Am I correct in asking that question?
Mr. Paul Okay, all right. I'm sure you're familiar with real estate appraisals. Particularly with a unique property like this. First is to inspect, a complete inspection of the property. I was in the building years ago.
But to do a thorough inspection. Get all of the legal details of the property. And then begin the search, which has to be the most difficult thing of finding reasonable comparison to support the final opinion of value.
It is always difficult when you have historic properties, first of all. Then secondly, unique special purpose properties. I guess probably my most famous appraisal is the barcomb and that was a real challenge before Allen Earl bought it. So it just gives you some idea. The whole process, and doing basically a statewide search, to find sales of properties that were, as I said, special purpose, municipal is always good. And then putting all that data together to come up with a credible, as in worthy in belief, other words, final value of what reasonably they said he could get if you did offer the property for sale.
Mrs. Katz: Don, I will ask a question. And I know is difficult with me on Zoom. Do you know how long do you think? I know that's asking a lot. Because do you have a lot to research here. Is there any kind of time element that you can give us here?
Mr. Paul Well, when Jon first contacted me, I said two months then indicated that of course it is dependent upon getting data. This time of year makes it more difficult with people on vacation. You call sometimes municipalities for example that if they sold buildings, but I gave a reasonable time of two months, and I said if we can do it before, I have no advantage not to get it done as soon as possible since it is a contract basis. So I would say at least a month, and four weeks to eight weeks, maximum.
Mrs. Katz: Fantastic. I don't have any other questions. But maybe can I help you guys if Don can't hear you correctly.
Mr. Yoder Thank you, Mr. Allison. Anything else to add from finance?

Mr. Allison Don had properties appraised. p. And so is that right, Don? Quite a bit of work around the entire state? Mostly in --

Mr. Sander The resume is correct.

Mr. Allison There was discussion about his resume. He is very qualified. A hundred percent. And I feel competent he will do a very, very good job.

And a couple questions for me, this is not to liquidate, correct?

Mr. Sander Correct. Just appraisal value. To look at next step, whatever that may be.

Mr. Yoder And I guess the final question is, in my mind, I'm seeing results. Regardless of what we do, not bad to update the appraisal of this. And actually of the event, and to did this with a lot of city property in general. I don't know the last time that was done. I'm assuming it's been a while. I know we are going through the process to do our silty audit for general fund and couple other things. That might be useful information for updating and what have you. So I don't know, that might be something that is a general observation. The other thing, too, is this the last piece of information a is hanging out there for your updated recommendation of whether we are staying or going?

And I guess I will look forward to, it is July 7 now, base he on the timeline, and I guess in September, and I hope we can get an updated recommendation in September. There is a lot of information as group, and that is valid and accurate, you know, I know that you were working with authority and working in updating that. And I manage to see that and at rest once and for all. I'm hoping we can see that at some point. And knowing what will happen with that, we can hopefully plan accordingly.

Any other comments or questions for members?

Mrs. Katz stated The question I would have, and this is for Jon sanders, since we are giving almost a you know, two-month timeline here with the appraisal, Jon, if you could have all of your, you know, I know you are doing some of the accounting of what is going, your numbers, okay, and I think we should also find out from the codes office what their numbers were also. So that again, we asked for all of this quite a while ago. So I think that you know, two months is a good timeline to find out the rest of the information that we could all look at this intelligently and say, okay, this is where we really stand with everything.

To me, that's what I'm looking at anyhow.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived

Resolution # 9332
Resolution Awarding Final Design Services to Gannett Fleming for the Brandon Park Bandshell

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second

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

Mr. Sander stated > Yes, we talked about it here before as well. But a couple things.

For instance, I analysis and wheelchair --

[Inaudible]

We won't know the dollar cost until -- [Inaudible]

In light of those kinds of things and other things that may be are brought into the project, and the overall budget created for this is some kind of contingency fund in there. Some amount to account for extra things that may come up. And there was some discussion about the actual final cost.

We also talk about the humidity problems. So I will turn it over for those things.

Mr. Beiter Sure. I was able to take a field trip with Mr. Sander yesterday morning. Construction I drive by once or twice a week. Never noticed it too much until you get close to it and you see the deterioration it has gone through over the past few years from neglect. You've got some structural issues on the ceiling. As you move through the door, and with the basic level and the, just the foul stench of the stale air when you walk in. There is mold and you see things on the floor from standing water. This is a very, very project to protect yet again a very unique structure within the city of Williamsport. The fact that have you foundation partnership to help with these costs, phenomenal, and to go back to the ventilation system that was talked about there, handicap ramps specifically, without ventilation system we will continue to have the structural problems again and again because of the issues that you will have with a building that does get very limited use on the inside. My hope is when this project does get started and completed, the city can utilize the structural lot more than it does for a lot of other functions and have the community more involved because it is a great space and hopefully as we look at that in conjunction with the baseball parks that we will have designs on here very soon, I would hope. We will have really nice area with the community to focus on.

>> Plans from 80% of the time and --

Mr. Yoder >> Mr. Allison, anything else?

Mr. Allison [Inaudible] Higher than initially but we asked for -- [Inaudible] That's what we got back --

[Inaudible]

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived

Resolution # 9333
Resolution to Purchase Microphones/Equipment for Williamsport City Council

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second

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

Mr. Black We have before you a resolution to purchase a dozen new microphones to replace those that are here right now.

[Inaudible]

Mr. Yoder Thank you, Mr. Black. This was discussed in finance.

Mr. Allison : Yes. Right now. Yeah. We did discuss it in finance. In fact, we had a great finance discussion meeting with Mr. Black about these particular microphones. What a good price they were. And perhaps we can address that as far as --

Mr. Black The microphones have you in front of you cost about $350 a piece.
Where these ones come about $35 each. Even if we get two years out of them, we are still spending a tenth of the price of what these ones cost. And they will be in working condition. Inaudible]
I think over the last couple of weeks, I've gotten e-mails about audio issues on the live stream and hopefully this will address it. It looks like again, certainly for now, it looks like in the next couple of weeks, and it may address the issue, may not. I know we also talked about another --

Yes. This will definitely get rid of --
[Inaudible]

And in a few weeks in the interim.

We did discuss this.
[Inaudible]

If he is able to find a different one.

>> So should we -- the vendor -- eliminate the vendor.

Mrs. Katz : Oh, I have a question, Adam. : Being on this end of it, and I think if I've heard correctly, I know other people have said this, that it is very difficult for them to hear what is being said during the meetings. With a new microphones, are they going to be -- are they going to be clearer? Are people going to be able to hear what is going on at this point? Because I'm going to tell you, sitting at this end, it is very difficult for me to hear everything being said by everyone. And in fact, I have gotten a couple of texts this evening from people saying they really can't hear what is being stated during the council meetings. So I guess, Kris, what I'm asking, is this going to be an improvement?

Mr. Black It'll be an improvement but I doubt a cure-all. But it is a good first step.

Mrs. Katz : The first step. So there are other things that will have to be done in order for clarity during meetings then?

Mr. Black Very possible, yes.

Mrs. Katz Okay. What kind of expense do you think that will be to to bring our council meetings up to where people can look and listen an not have to sit there and strain their ears to figure out what is being said and how it is being said? Would you have any way of knowing what kind of cost factors would be in that?

Mr. Black Original proposal is about $1300. And that was for --
[Inaudible]

Mrs. Katz : Okay, I think a lot of people will look forward to having better clarity to what goes on in our meetings. Thank you, Kris.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to amend the resolution.

Mr. Allison I'll make a motion to amend to eliminate from Amazon. Mr. Beiter seconded it.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment to the resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Resolution #9334
Resolution Franchise Agreement between the City of Williamsport & Comcast of Southeast LLC

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second

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

Mr. Black stated This is basically removal of existing grievance of updated in 2008 or 2005 an 2008.
And –
There was a conversation about renewing the agreement and it was a 15 year agreement.
[Inaudible]

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Accept for filing::

Williamsport Water & Sanitary Minutes 5/25/22
Controllers Report 4/30/22
Finance Committee Meeting 05/35/22

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

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.
The minutes were accepted for filing with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes Mrs. Katz voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes.

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, July 11 4:00 PM Recreation Commission

Wednesday, July 13	3:30 PM	O& E Pension
Tuesday, July 19	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	12:00 PM	Planning Commission
	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works
	4:00 PM	Transit Oversight Committee
Wednesday, July 20	9:00 AM	Economic Revitalization Committee
Thursday, July 21	10:30 AM	Zoning Hearing Board
	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting*

MEETINGS MARKED WITH * are in person at Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA

a. City Council

Mr. Yoder stated I will say something, so there was the leadership transition last week. I just wanted to offer my well wishes and thanks to the doctor in charge and of course I will be on this, an employee there, and also a stakeholder in the community, Dr. Gilmore has been a great example of leadership in this community. And in the 24 years she was President of the institution and she served before and she has been at these for 30 plus years. And I was fortunate to learn a lot from her as a student. She has been a model for a lot of us. I want to thank her and wish her well in her well-deserved retirement. And off our congratulations and excitement for Dr. Reid and acknowledge for all the same reasons and see what he will do or take the institution and so best of luck to both of them. And a lot of excitement for that talent.

Any other comments, council?

Mr. Mackey Thank you. I just want to thank, first of all, those- that were involved in making the July 4th celebration happen and go so smoothly. The celebration and including with that, and make sure that we thank everybody involved in that whole process. The fire department, EMS, paramedics, county sheriffs I believe were there. Volunteers. Parks. It was a massive effort. to keep everybody safe. It was a really great day. Just make sure we thank everybody that was involved in that.

Mr. Allison stated he also wanted to thank Janice, our City Clerk who has been involved with the committee for years and does the scheduling for meetings among other things.

b. Administration
c. Members of the Public
d. News Media

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Pulizzi and a second by Mr. Beiter. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk