Thursday, November 3, 2922
7:00 PM
Williamsport, PA

Council Vice President Bonnie Katz brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, November 3, 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 absent
Bonnie Katz, Vice President
Liz Miele, Councilwoman
Randy Allison, Councilman,
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
Eric Beiter Councilman absent
Absent:
Adam Yoder
Eric Beiter

Also, Present:
Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
August Memmi
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,
Justin Snyder, Police Chief
Solicitor Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk absent
Jon Sander, Engineer
Scott Livermore, S&P
Kris Black
Tracey Rash

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 10/27/22 were approved upon a motion **by Mr. Pulizzi and a** second from **Mr. Allison. All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Beiter were absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor
There were none.

Resolution #9578
Resolution MLB Lease Agreement

The solicitor read the resolution.
Mrs. Katz asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison
Mayor Slaughter. What you have before you is the standard lease agreement we have each year from MLB and cutting edge baseball in the city. The only change this year is we took RVTA out of it, now that they have transitioned to an authority, it's only between the city and Cutters baseball, which is? Cross cutters . Other than that, nothing has changed. All the same language as previous years. This is the fourth or fifth year. And in preparation for next year's game, which they've announced, against the Phillies, playing for the world series, and the Nationals. This was discussed in finance.
Ms. Miele . This was discussed in finance body. It was a small finance committee, just Randy and I. But this agreement, obviously, is materially identical in terms of the city's obligations and contributions to the game. I think the one thing that we discussed is for most of the -- for basically every year since we started hosting the major league game at the field, I personally have always thought of it as oh, look, we're happy to get that is not coming back the next year. According the mayor, obviously this agreement includes an option for 2023 and 2024 as well. And listed as one of the most popular new events in baseball. So, it's not likely that this game is going anywhere anytime soon. So, it was my suggestion that perhaps we can figure out a marketing strategy for selling the city a little more when we have so much attention focused, not only on the region but specifically on the city of Williamsport. We discussed it briefly and obviously there's no point in discussing it too much in today's meeting. But in a note, if that is going to be an annual outlet for us to reach out at the rest of the world, we might be able to make better use of the opportunity. I believe that was everything. But I'll defer to councilman Allison. That covers it all. Pretty simple.
Mrs. Katz asked if there were any more questions and then a vote.
The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes & Mrs. Katz voted yes. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Beiter were absent.

Resolution #9579
Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two Police Vehicles & Related Upfit Equipment
The Solicitor read the resolution.
Mrs. Katz asked for a motion and second
Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.
Chief Snyder Attached for your review is a 2022 dodge Derango pursuit from the Chrysler complex out of Niagara falls, New York as well as Keystone commune cautions out of PA for a total cost of $1,56150. And request this not be obligated from that. The cost breakdown would be for a single dodge derango. 41 -- and a cost of $850.
36,900 for each vehicle. So, for two, that would be a total of 73,800, giving us the total price I just gave you, $156,150. And that was offered by the mayor. Forgoing the bidding process. Because we did a nation wide search for the dodge Darango vehicles. And we only found them in New York. The same place we got the other vehicles. It was our intent to get four vehicles but there were only two available. It's our job to bring that back and I'll open up the floor for any questions you may have.
Ms. Miele This item came to finance and we had a handful of discussions, and especially given the tight position we were pleased they were able to find two in the tight market. That said, I think a certain display and the last time I recollect us purchasing the vehicles, the total cost and the was around 55,000. And these vehicles are going to cost us about 80,000 a piece. That change in cost is related to augmented equipment that is required for the vehicle. According to the chief and Kris Black from it, every time we purchase a new vehicle, about every 5 years, we'll need

roll over the computer that officers use that accompanies the car, as well as video and radio systems. Possibly not the radio. Meaning each car will have an additional 21,000 of technology in them. Because you move that up, as the years move past. That will be purchased every time we purchase a car, if we assume the average life span of technology about 5 years and the vehicle about the same. With 17 cars in the patrol fleet, we're looking to turn over three annually. That takes the cost of replacing vehicles up by about what? 35% over what we had previously been budgeting, which is going toby a real hit. In terms of just the cost of maintaining the department. That said, as I said, if the equipment needs to be replaced, there's not a lot we can do to change that. We did think this is generally a positive thing. The other thing to note is this is not pricing but according to the police is quite similar. Obviously, once again, if there were two vehicles available for immediate purchase in the nation, it's possible we're paying a little bet bit of a premium. The chief said the vehicles these are replacing will not pass inspection. Consequently they well not be passed on. And I think the last element of conversation that we had at finance actually related to -- so, the police department currently has four new vehicles and a number of older vehicles. And I encourage the chief. The chief said the four new vehicles were getting, in his opinion, over used because all the officers wanted to use them. And I said, at least personally, it would seem to me, it would be the responsibility of city management to make certain we were rotating all vehicles within the department so they were getting the amount of use they could ideally withstand because the last thing we want to do is wear out our newer vehicles with the older vehicles not getting the sort of use they can take. We obviously want to rotate everything as much s we can. But that was my personal opinion. I can speak for Mr. Allison on that. Anyway, I believe that was -- once again, I think that was everything we discussed. But I'll pass it to randy in case he can remember anything else.

Mr. Allison I don't have any questions. I think that pretty much covered it all. We've talked about this before. Every department, we need have an assessment of what vehicles we have, what age they are and what kind of plan we can put in place so there's regular replacement so we're not caught in emergency situations where we have two vehicles down and to not enough -- we have too many people and not enough vehicles.
We don't have too many people. We have enough. We don't have enough to meet their needs. You can't provide optimum efficiency of meeting the needs in public safety with that kind
Mrs. Katz asked Could you remind me how many Durangos we currently have in service? Four.

And how are they performing?

Chief Great. We are getting a lot of use out of them. I understand what the councilman is saying. We're trying to put them out there with the best we have right now. So, yes, they're getting used a lot and rightfully so. We're just trying to get more vehicles that are good to spread out the usage.

Mrs. Katz Like I said overall when the Durango itself is proving to be a good option, good fit for our city?

Chief Right now for us, and geeting feedback from the officers, that's our best avenue to go. >> So, we've got the four Durangos, the two newer vehicles also are the Tahoes? There's three Tahoes.

Bonnie, And those are all of our pretty much our newest?

Chief They were 2020. Vehicles so far. Will these new Durangos have the same color scheme, logo scheme that 4 On The Street currently have?

And I know this is a minor thing but has there been discussion on trying to make our patrol vehicles look the same? So, that there's a plan in place? >> Yes. That's the gel. If we can continue with the management program that we're trying to put in place. So, we're not trying to do it at once because it's good g cost a lot of money. But as we continue to cycle through and get that process on going, that's the intent.

Mrs. Katz Chief, I have a couple questions. Not being around for a little bit, was the lease option dropped? Because we went through a whole process of the program that was presented to us to lease vehicles.

Chief Right now that was. We went through that. We got our solution involved. There are issues with the master agreement that he was not comfortable with. So, we did not follow through with that based on the recommendation from our city solicitor. It would have put us in a compromising position in terms of doing things we're not allowed to do as a third-party to the city.

Mrs. Katz The other question I have is this amount is being allocated from the American rescue plan. Was this in your budget when it was presented to the American rescue plan?

Chief This was not. This was added on. I will let the Mayor speak and I believe there's going to be an transfer made but mayor can speak on that. >

Mayor, Yes, working with Tracy at the moment to work on that ordinance, what we always do, from one account into the purchase of new vehicles.

Mrs. Katz Mayor, can I ask and you this. With all of the people wanting money. And I'm not talking about city people that really need it for our city to make our city run smoothly. We have a lot of people that are probably knocking at your door and saying you have money and we want. Can you do a spreadsheet – Have Tracey do a spreadsheet or the person that was hired to keep us in check of what's being spent, we have no idea who wants what at this point and where the money is going. I think we have to be very careful where all this is going. And I think that would be vitally important to find that out at this point. As this continues and the time is getting shorter, demands are going to get more. I think we need put that in perspective at this point.

Mayor I can show you what we've done to this point. And then there hasn't been a lot of ask, actually, from different folks. We've had some. Obviously we've had discussion, most recently. Folks from outside of the city. We haven't really had much of an ask from really other entities. There's been a few but not a lot. But I don't have anywhere near that amount of ask. I can tell you where we are and hopefully where we are moving forward. Now, some of it will be contingency/super projects. but public safety, we were just looking at this, I don't believe that has contingency or super projects list said in the ordinance counsel adopted. Not that it's a big deal. We have enough money to cover some of the cars and obviously we're working on the capitol budget right now too. Which has not been funded. But we are working through the process right now to actually fund the capital projects moving forward and put a plan in place for police cars or code cars or whatever the capitol project might be. That will be coming as well. Different fronts moving along here. Simultaneously. And also and infrastructure that's coming down as well. A lot of moving parts but I can put that together for you for counsel and have that and have that sent out to everyone.

Mrs. Katz The time is running. Sometimes we get caught up and I want to make sure our city employees are taken

care of and their wants come, at times it's very important. Like the police cars are important. Don't know what the fire department is doing at this point. Where they're at. There's so many deferent moving parts that keeps our citizens and cities safe. And where they should be. And that's what the I want to make sure that we are taking care of. But also know what we have spent, how it's spent, and the time limit on this. In 2024 is going to roll around real fast.

Mayor We've done fire departments of course. We've done the fire trucks, the boots and the turn out gear. They have new equipment. We've done, obviously police cars, radios, body cameras. But I'll send the full list out. We've done recreation things, the levy items. We got a number of really good things for the city. We have more things on deck but we can -- I agree we want to get that out. We don't want to be waiting. And I'm ready to move so we can work together on that projects out the door

Mrs. Katz asked for a vote on resolution.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes & Mrs. Katz voted yes. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Beiter were absent

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Accept for filing::

Controller's Report 08/31/22

Mrs. Katz asked for a motion and second.

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.
The minutes were accepted for filing with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes & Mrs. Katz voted yes. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Beiter were absent

Announcements

. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday December 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA There will be a Police Pension Meeting immediately following tonight's Council meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, Nov. 14	**7:00 PM**	**Budget Session # 1***
Wednesday, Nov 16	**7:00 PM**	**Budget Session # 2***
Thursday, Nov. 17	10:30 AM	Zoning Hearing Board
Monday, Dec 5	12:00 PM	Planning Commission*
Tuesday Dec 6	1:00 PM	Finance
	2:30 PM	Public Works
Wednesday Dec 7	9:00 AM	ERC
	11:30 AM	Public Safety
Thursday, Dec. 8	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting*

Comments:

a. City Council
b. Administration

Mayor I note that lead pick up has started and public works will continue to pick up as long as weather permits. So, we started that. Please, leaves only.

Mrs. Katz When does that end, mayor? Did they tell you?

Mayor It will continue on so long as the weather permits. As long as weather holds out, we'll continue to pick up leaves and reminder leaves only, please. >> And looks like the weather is going to hold up. And we're not going to get snow like 1 year.

Mrs. Katz You don't want to jinx it. I think you just jinxed us.

c. Members of the Public

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Pulizzi and a second by Mr. Allison Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk