

Agenda

Williamstown City Council

11/15/16

7:30 PM

City Council Chambers

Type of meeting: Regular Meeting

Attendees: Mayor and City Council Members, City Attorney, and City Clerk

Agenda topics

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call Roll
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Pay Bills
6. Ordinance Amending and Reenacting Section 19 of the Storm Water Management and Surface Water Discharge Control Ordinance
7. Approve Auditor for 2016 and 2017 Fiscal Years
8. Storm Water Damage Claim, 815 W. Third Street
9. Mondo Water and Sewer Extension

Other Items Which May Be Discussed:

1. Administrative Issues
2. Community Swimming Pool
3. Park Committee
4. Planning Commission
5. Board of Zoning Appeals
6. Tree Committee
7. Water Dept.
8. Sanitary / Storm Water Board
9. Sidewalk Plan

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WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2016

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:30pm. Those in attendance were Mayor Jean Ford, Councilpersons Marty Seuffer, Jim Stage, Barbara Lewis, and Ron Erb, City Attorney Blaine Myers, and City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Knopp.

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order and Sgt. at Arms Jerry Ruble led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Stage to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, all voted yes.

On a motion by Erb and second by Stage to approve the current bills for payment, all voted yes.

On a motion by Seuffer and second by Lewis to approve an *Ordinance Amending and Reenacting Section 19 of the Storm Water Management and Surface Water Discharge Control Ordinance* on first reading, all voted yes.

On a motion by Seuffer and second by Lewis to approve the firm of Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc. to perform the City's audit for 2016 and 2017 for \$4,500 per year, all voted yes.

Atty. Myers stated during construction of the Route 14 sewer extension project (CSX Project), the basement of 815 W. Third Street flooded during a storm due to a clean out cap being left off. The City submitted the claim to our insurance company. After investigating the claim, our insurance said the City was not responsible. After more information came to light, the City resubmitted the claim to our insurance. The insurance again denied the claim. Atty. Myers said the City may or may not be at fault, or the contractor may be at fault. He said he would like to ask Council to approve paying ½ of the claim and asking the contractor to pay ½ of the claim, and the Bakers will sign an agreement not to hold the City or contractor responsible for any more damages associated with this claim.

On a motion by Seuffer and second by Lewis to approve the City paying ½ of the claim to Neil and Pam Baker, 815 W. Third Street, and ask the contractor to pay ½ of the claim, all voted yes.

Mayor Ford stated she would like to go on record as telling the Bakers this would be taken care of, although she believed the insurance company would pay the claim.

Neil Baker stated the contractor hasn't put the landscaping back as it was before. He added that the City was to replace the laterals during the construction.

Public Works Director Alan Gates stated that the Bakers wrote a letter to the City stating they didn't want the City on their property.

Neil Baker said he would like to leave the laterals as is for now if the City would agree to replace these in the future if needed. He said he would rather not have his property dug up again.

Atty. Myers said he was working on an Alternate Mainline Extension Agreement with Mark Mondo's attorney and City Engineer Jim Hildreth.

Atty. Myers said he would like to speak with council in executive session due to attorney/client privilege.

On a motion by Seuffer and second by Lewis to go into executive session, all voted yes. Council went into executive session at 7:46pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:10pm.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Stage to approve the last draft of the Alternate Mainline Extension Agreement subject to adding ½ the project cost as the ceiling, all voted yes.

The Annual City Christmas parade will take place on November 26th at 7:00pm.

The Annual City Tree Lighting will be held on December 1st at 6:30pm.

Councilman Seufer said there would be a Park Committee meeting before the next regular Council meeting. He stated Hino sent 12 workers last Friday, who worked for three hours in Armstrong Garden. He said the maintenance department finished up this week. He commended Hino's workers for the hard work.

Councilman Stage said the Planning Commission met with Jeff Martin concerning his proposed development. He said this meeting would be continued next week.

Councilwoman Lewis said the Tree Committee had to remove a tree at the boat ramp, and we are working on Tree City USA.

Public Works Director Gates said one of the lift pumps at the water plant needs to be replaced under the emergency clause. The new one costs \$12,000. He said he would like to have the old one rebuilt for a spare.

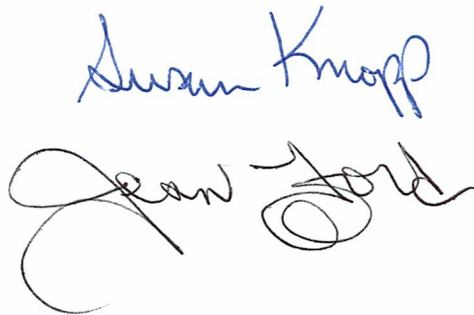
On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to buy the pump, all voted yes.

Councilwoman Lewis said construction has started on the sidewalk projects and we sent the application in for the next grant.

Building Commissioner Dave VanHorn stated it was good to have Mayor Ford back.

Mayor Ford said it was good to be back.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in blue ink and reads "Susan Knapp". The bottom signature is in black ink and reads "Jean Ford".