

Agenda

Williamstown City Council

12/06/16

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 Change Order for Sidewalk Project
8. Cancel December 20th Meeting
9. Council to Consider Moving Jonathan Casto from Part Time to Full Time Police Officer

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
DECEMBER 6, 2016

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:30pm. Those in attendance were Mayor Jean Ford, Councilpersons Marty Seufer, 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 Chief of Police Shawn Graham 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 Lewis to approve the current bills for payment, all voted yes.

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

Councilwoman Lewis stated a change order was needed for the Sidewalk Project on Front Street from 107 Front Street to Julia Ave. This includes an additional 50 feet and will cost \$3,586.00.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Stage to approve the change order as presented, all voted yes.

Mayor Ford stated the December 20th meeting of City Council would be cancelled due to the holidays.

Mayor Ford stated Chief Graham would like to move two year part-time Officer Jon Casto to a full-time position.

Chief Graham thanked Council for hearing his request. He said he understood this was a large request, which would add another salary to the police department. He said there were a lot of changes he wanted to make in the police department when he became Chief. He said he has made a lot of changes, but drug crimes have increased in recent years, and it takes time to properly investigate those crimes. Williamstown does not currently have an investigator. Chief Graham said he would like to hire Jonathan Casto as a full-time investigator, who will work with the Drug Task Force. He said Officer Casto was the 2014 DNR Officer of the year, and has helped our department in many cases already. Chief Graham stated he feels the time has come for Williamstown to have a full-time investigator.

After some discussion, Councilman Seufer stated this is a big bite financially, but we can take this out of carryover funds.

Mayor Ford said Chief Graham has done an excellent job, but the City is going to be growing and annexing property.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Stage to convert part-time officer Jonathan Casto to full-time and take the expenses out of carryover funds, all voted yes.

Mayor Ford wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Seufer stated he spoke with Williamstown Fire Chief J.L. Dean about the Wood County Fire Fee. Each department is guaranteed \$80,000. Currently, the Fire Dept. is allotted \$53,000 in the City budget. He said as the department begins to receive its money from the Fire Fee, he would like to reduce some of the municipal fees residents pay in Williamstown, and reduce the Fire Departments' budget by the same amount. He added the County was adding a new data base for the fire fee so that bills are more accurate in the future.

Councilman Stage said the Planning Commission met, and we are still working on final plans for Tucker's Landing. We will bring this information to City Council when complete.

Councilman Stage stated the new water pump will be here December 21st.

Councilman Erb stated the Storm Water Board will hopefully be able to get our new permit, with the passage of the ordinance this evening.

Atty. Myers said the contractor has agreed to pay ½ of the Baker Claim.

Shane King, 607 Highland Ave., thanked the City for fixing the sign in front of his property.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.


