

Agenda

Williamstown City Council

04/18/17

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. First Reading of Ordinance Adopting International Property Management Code
7. Approve Levy Rates for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year
8. National Day of Prayer Ceremony, May 4th at 12:00 Noon

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
APRIL 18, 2017

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 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 Sgt. Jerry Ruble led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis 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.

Mayor Ford stated this would be the first reading of an Ordinance Adopting 2015 International Property Maintenance Code.

Atty. Myers said the ordinance provides for appointments of a *Code Official* and a *Board of Appeals*. He stated a public hearing would need to be held prior to the second reading. Atty. Myers explained the code applies to new and existing construction and would need to be enforced with some discretion and common sense. There are some inconsistencies with the City Zoning Code, and State Code would need to be followed if there is a conflict. This Code has a really broad scope and really needs to be looked at carefully.

Councilman Seufer said there is not a home in this town that would pass if we adopt this code.

After further discussion, on a motion by Seufer and second by Lewis to table this ordinance until the next meeting, all voted yes.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Erb to approve the Levy Rates for the City of Williamstown for the 2017-2018 fiscal year at 12.50/\$100 for Class I, 25.00/\$100 for Class II and 50.00/\$100 for Class IV, all voted yes.

Mayor Ford announced the annual National Day of Prayer Ceremony would take place on May 4th, at 12:00 noon on the front steps of the City Building.

Councilman Seufer said the Park Committee met this evening. The Committee initially discussed replacing the existing park toys, but this would be very expensive. He stated we may be able to retrofit the existing toys, which will be a much less expensive approach. The Park Committee also discussed replacing the plum tree in Armstrong Garden and may plant two or three trees. They also discussed the Boat Ramp Park Plan, and would like to get prices for the trees planned for the main center of the park. The Plan designed for the Boat Ramp Park will be done in stages.

Councilwoman Lewis said the Tree Committee met and discussed removal of some trees in town. There was on particular tree that would cost \$4,000 to remove, so they were going to talk with the electric company because the tree was in the power lines. The Committee also discussed removing stumps and planting new trees where bad trees were removed after the city wide tree survey. Councilwoman Lewis reminded everyone the Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 28th at 1:00pm at the Lions Club Shelter in Tomlinson Park.

Councilman Stage said we should have someone look at the historic tree on Rt. 14 which was damaged by a car accident.

Councilman Stage asked if there was a problem with the street sweeper.

Mayor Ford said they are replacing the water pump.

Councilman Erb said the Sanitary/Storm Water Board met today. He said the CSX project is finally complete. Excess funds will be used towards the purchase of a new truck. He stated the Mondo Project is being annexed into the City, and there isn't any news of the proposed Courtyards at Tucker's Landing project.

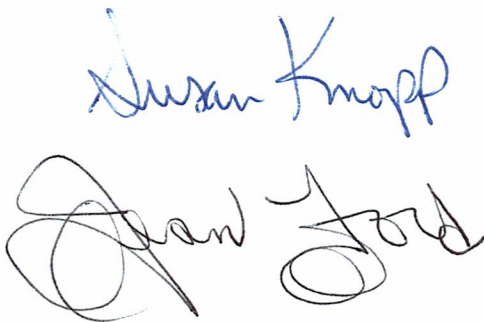
Councilman Stage said he heard the company that was going to build the Courtyards raised the price significantly.

Councilman Erb stated the Storm Water Program was audited by the DEP and the City did well. The DEP stated the City needs a website to be able to monitor public outreach.

Councilman Seuffer said he has someone that can build a site for us and he would get with Councilman Erb and Mayor Ford by the next meeting.

Councilwoman Lewis said the DOH will be reviewing the sidewalk project. Council discussed the need for clean up at the project sites due to large amounts of gravel left in yards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.



The image shows two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in blue ink and reads "Susan Knapp". The bottom signature is in black ink and reads "Joan Ford".