

Agenda

Williamstown City Council

05/16/17

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. Resolution to Adopt the 2017-2018 Parkersburg/Wood County Home Consortium Annual Plan
7. Settlement Agreement with Alliance Auto

**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
MAY 16, 2017

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 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 Alan Gates 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.

Ryan Barber, Development Projects Administrator for the City of Parkersburg, presented a Resolution for the City of Williamstown to adopt the Parkersburg/Wood County Home Consortium Annual Plan for 2017-2018.

On a motion by Erb and second by Lewis to accept the Resolution, all voted yes.

Atty. Myers suggested Council go into executive session to discuss a settlement agreement with Alliance Auto under the attorney/client privilege.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Lewis to go into executive session under W.Va. Code § 6-9A-4 dealing with attorney/client privilege, all voted yes.

Council went into executive session at 7:34pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:53pm.

On a motion by Stage and second by Seufer to approve the Settlement Agreement with Alliance Auto as presented, all voted yes.

Atty. Myers said this agreement was the product of negotiations between the parties. There was a non-jury trial pending tomorrow on the City's complaint and a jury trial in September on the Counterclaim filed against the City by Alliance Auto. The Agreement states that Alliance will voluntarily remove the vehicles by July 1, 2017, they will not allow vehicles to accumulate in the future, and the City will pay Alliance \$7,500 to assist in the cost of the removal. Atty. Myers said the cost of two trials would have likely exceeded \$7,500, and it was in the best interest of the City to approve the settlement.

Mayor Ford stated under administrative issues that she would like to appoint Bruce Holmes to fill the vacant position on the Sanitary/Storm Water Board.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Erb to appoint Bruce Holmes to the Sanitary/Storm Water Board, all voted yes.

Councilwoman Lewis said the pool is set to open on Memorial Day and already has several rentals.

Public Works Director Gates said the tile work on the pool was almost complete and the pool should be filled by the weekend.

Councilman Seufer said the Park Committee should have something by the next meeting.

Public Works Director Alan Gates said he would like to thank Wood County Christian School, whose students planted all the flowers and applied mulch in the City parks. They have been doing this for several years and the City really appreciates their help.

Mayor Ford added this is the school's Civic Day.

Councilwoman Lewis said the Tree Committee went through the park and had all the bad limbs taken out.

Public Works Director Gates said the City was finished flushing hydrants.

Councilman Erb said the City was getting closer to annexing the Mondo property.

Councilwoman Lewis stated the Sidewalk Project was almost complete. They are still working on landscaping, and there is more to do on Front Street. She said overall the sidewalks are beautiful.

Atty. Myers said relating to the litigation, he would be happy to propose changes to the Zoning Ordinance. He said Zone 2 concerning automobile services needs to be updated to deal with the accumulation of vehicles.

Atty. Myers said the annexation petition is completed and awaiting signatures. This should be on the next agenda. He added the Alternate Mainline Extension Agreement concerning this project has been approved by the PSC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.