

Agenda

Williamstown City Council

07/18/17

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.Parkersburg/Wood Co. Home Consortium Annual Plan
Budget Change
- 7.Agreement with Alliance Auto
- 8.Boat Ramp Lease Renewal
- 9.T-Mobile Proposed Tower

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
JULY 18, 2017

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 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. 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 Stage to approve the current bills for payment, all voted yes.

On a motion by Seuffer and second by Lewis to approve a resolution for a budget revision to the Parkersburg/Wood County Home Consortium Annual Plan, all voted yes.

Atty. Myers stated the City had received a signed agreement with Alliance Auto, but they requested a time extension from July 1st to July 15th. Mayor Ford initialed this change, and there has been substantial compliance with the agreement by Alliance Auto. Atty. Myers stated the City agreed to pay Alliance \$7,500, and the City will honor this agreement, but some issues with the property owner have come to light. We need to make sure all parties are in agreement.

The lease with the Corps of Engineers for the boat ramp is up for renewal. This is a 25 year lease. Atty. Myers has reviewed the new lease and the only change was a stipulation that any employee working there must be paid at least \$10.10 per hour. On a motion by Seuffer and second by Lewis to renew the lease, all voted yes.

Atty. Myers stated Mayor Ford had forwarded him a building permit from T-Mobile to add to the existing cell tower.

Councilman Seuffer said we need to make sure this won't affect the 911 equipment on the tower. He said he would speak with 911 Director Rick Woodyard and show him the plans to make sure there are no problems.

Mayor Ford said she received a letter from FEMA saying they approved our Hazard Mitigation Plan and we are now eligible for funds.

Mayor Ford said the Annual Williamstown Volunteer Fire Department's Ice Cream Social is this Friday at 6:00pm. This year it will be held in the Lions Club Shelter.

Councilwoman Lewis said the pool will close on August 14th.

Councilman Seuffer stated the Park Committee received prices for the needed components for the park toy repairs. They are very expensive. He added the Park Committee will be planting some trees in the fall. Also, the Master Gardeners will be working in Armstrong Garden tomorrow evening and anyone is welcome to help.

Councilman Stage said the Planning Commission met last night for a public hearing, but the petitioner withdrew his request. The property in question is in a residential zone and will remain residential.

Atty. Myers stated he drafted three ordinances that need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. The first ordinance addresses the rezoning where the new school will be built and the other two address the zoning for the two new annexations.

Councilman Stage stated someone needs to oversee the demolition at Fenton's because a main sewer line runs under the property.

Mayor Ford said she believed everyone was aware of it.

Councilwoman Lewis stated the Tree Committee will meet next Thursday at 5:30pm to discuss this year's budget.

Councilman Erb said the Sanitary Board discussed the storm sewer issue behind Edgelawn Ave., the Mondo project, and the Courtyards at Tucker's Landing. They also had an annual review of the City storm water ordinances.

Councilwoman Lewis said the Sidewalk Project was nearly complete.

Councilman Seufer said there was an issue at the bottom of the bridge.

Rod Smith, 600 W. 4th Street, asked if the re-zoning for the new school would affect property taxes.

Councilman Seufer stated the county assessor told him that schools being built don't traditionally raise property taxes.

Rod Smith asked about what was being done with the old Griffin Electric building that was in a dilapidated condition. It was discussed at a council meeting a long time ago, but nothing has ever been done. Also, there are still cars on the streets with illegal registrations.

After some discussion, Mr. Smith said there had been some misinformation coming from the City offices that citizens would not be allowed to ask questions at the Planning Commission meeting.

Councilman Seufer said there were a lot of rumors going around.

Some of the neighbors on West Ninth Street where there had been a house fire have some complaints about vehicles in disrepair, rodents, etc.

Councilwoman Lewis said there was insurance coverage for demolition of the house, but the person that was going to do it backed out. She said she gave them numbers of contractors who would do the demolition. She said she should know something in the next couple of days.

Bruce Holmes, 25 Coopers Lane, said a lot of people don't know when City meetings take place. He said the new website may help.

Councilman Seufer said this is a universal problem. You can advertise the meetings everywhere, but there are people who still won't know when meetings are held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.