

# Agenda

# Williamstown City Council

08/01/17

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.Matthew Hartshorn to Address Council about Airsoft Outdoor CQB Field

## 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  
AUGUST 1, 2017

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 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. at Arms Jeremy Raymond 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.

Matthew Hartshorn, 95 Pribble Lane, addressed Council about opening an airsoft outdoor CQB (Closed Quarters Battlefield) on his property. He said there would be an onsite pro-shop to buy or rent equipment, and he explained the different events he planned to have including family water balloon battles and monster weekends. He said he would start with Saturdays and Sundays at first. He said he was planning to have a six foot privacy fence with micromesh netting. He said everything would be concealed. He said it would be a safe, family friendly activity and would be well regulated. He said there were a lot of safety precautions involved. Hartshorn stated many people travel for hours to participate in this activity and he would like to have the opportunity to bring this to the community and add to the City's tax revenue. Hartshorn said he was aware this property was in the floodplain and this was taken into consideration in the planning.

Atty. Myers asked what zone this would be in.

Councilwoman Lewis said this was in both industrial and commercial.

Atty. Myers said businesses were allowed in the industrial zone, so he didn't know why it wouldn't be permitted.

Councilman Erb stated according to City Code 545.11, air guns were not permitted in the City limits.

Atty. Myers said Council might need to satisfy themselves that the instruments used don't fall under 545.11.

Councilman Seufer said he needs an interpretation from the zoning official.

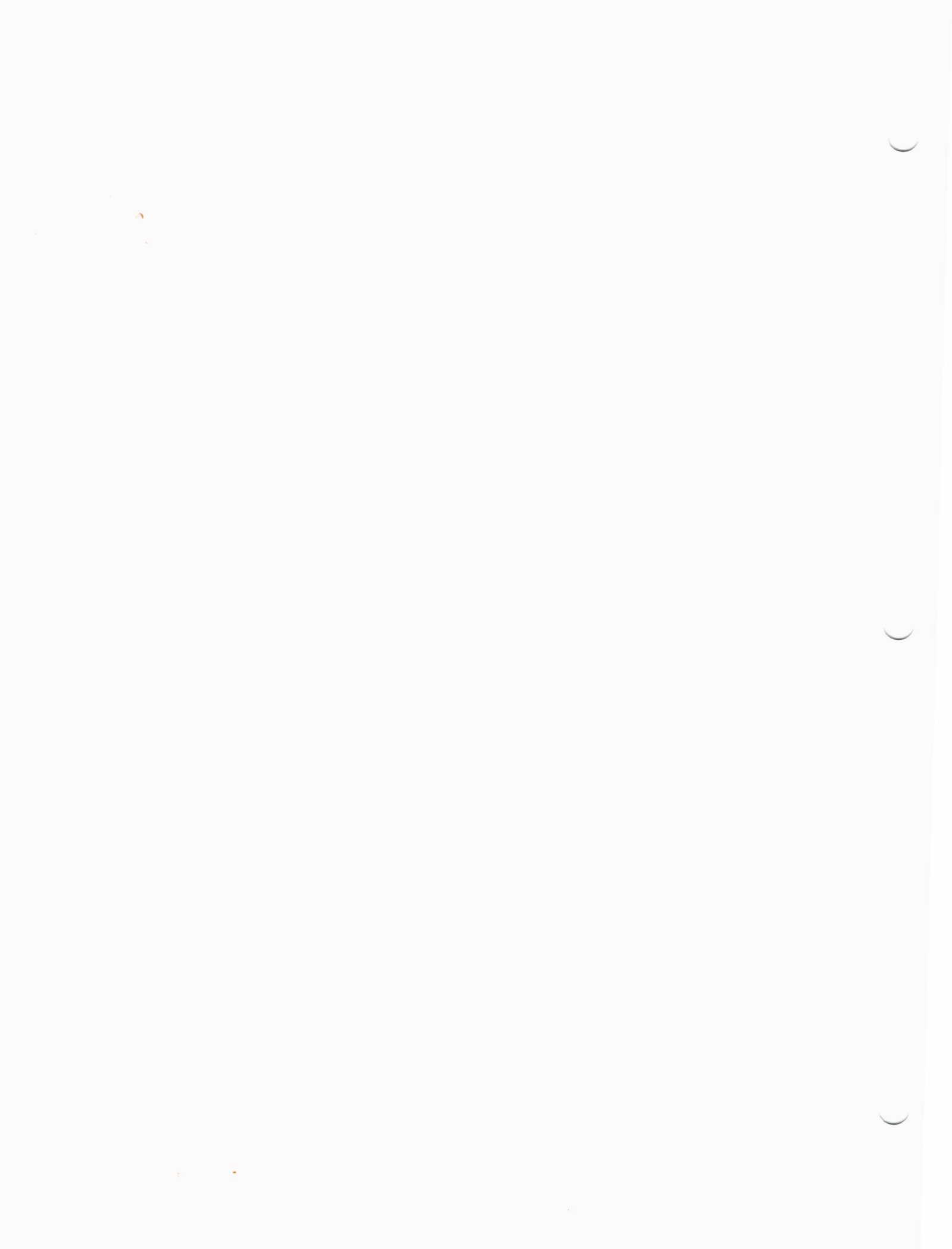
Atty. Myers said this is not a question for Council as it appears to be a permitted use, but they need to look at 545.11.

After some discussion, Atty. Myers suggested checking with others in the industry to see how they dealt with the issue.

Hartshorn said some communities have done an addendum to the ordinance allowing the use in a controlled environment.

Council told Hartshorn to see the Zoning Official David VanHorn first.

Councilman Stage said the City needed to do something about four wheelers and golf carts on the streets with small children riding on them. He said they should at least wear helmets.



Atty. Myers said he believed the City had an ordinance already. Council may want to take a look at it, and have the police chief look at it to see if it needs amended.

Councilwoman Lewis said the last day for the pool is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Stage said the Planning Commission will meet August 21<sup>st</sup> on three zoning ordinances, two for new annexations and one for the Fenton property.

Mayor Ford stated the Board of Zoning Appeals met and elected Shane King as their Chairman.

Chairman King stated the election of officers was the only action at the Board's meeting.

Councilwoman Lewis said the City was awaiting approval of a new sidewalk grant.

Leslie Villers, 113 Front Street, stated she was very thankful of the new sidewalks on her street. She also stated her neighbor's grass was very high.

Councilman Seufer stated the City should just have our grass company mow it, send the owners a bill, and put a lien on the property if they don't pay it.

Ms. Villers said there were two properties in her back yard that were in bad condition.

Mayor Ford said the Safety Committee will meet soon and address these properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.