

Agenda

Williamstown City Council

09/05/17

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
- **Public Hearing**
- 6.Second Reading of:
 - a. Ordinance Zoning Annexed Property
 - b. Ordinance Zoning Annexed Property
 - c. Ordinance Re-Zoning Property Within Municipality
- 7.Lumos Network
- 8.Trick or Treat Date

**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
SEPT. 5, 2017

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Council would now go into the public hearing for the three zoning ordinances. The public hearing began at 7:32pm. There were no public comments, and the public hearing was adjourned at 7:33pm.

The first ordinance is to rezone the Fenton Glass Factory property from Zone III Industrial to Zone I Residential. This property is the future sight of the new elementary school.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Lewis to approve the *Ordinance Rezoning Property within the Municipality* on second reading, all voted yes.

The second ordinance deals with the zoning of recently annexed property that is owned by Cocobean Realty and Henderson Wilds. The ordinance designates this property at Zone II Commercial.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Erb to approve the *Ordinance Zoning Annexed Property* on second reading, all voted yes.

The third ordinance deals with the zoning of recently annexed property where the Courtyards at Tucker's Landing will be developed by developer Jeff Martin. The ordinance designates this property as Zone I Residential.

Jeff Martin asked Council to table this ordinance for now.

Atty. Myers stated that Council could honor Mr. Martin's request, or not. Council has already had a public hearing on this ordinance, so he didn't feel another public hearing would be needed if they decided to act on this ordinance at a later date, unless a significant amount of time had passed.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Lewis to table the *Ordinance Zoning Annexed Property* on second reading for now, all present voted yes.

Representatives from the Lumos Network were present to discuss running fiber optic cable underground through Williamstown. Robert Wallace, Manager of Utility Relations, discussed the services they provided. He said they needed to get with the WV DOH and there were some permits they would need, but they hoped to start construction in four to five months.

Councilman Seufer said he felt they needed a franchise agreement with the City. He said he didn't want Suddenlink or CAS to feel they were being cheated.

Mr. Wallace said Lumos was not in the business of soliciting residential customers. He said it was up to the City if they needed a franchise agreement.

Atty. Myers said he didn't think they needed a franchise agreement. He added that statutory structure was not keeping up with technology. He said unless they started providing cable television, he felt they only needed to pay the City's excise tax.

Mr. Wallace said there were some places they paid a franchise fee and some not. He said there would only be two customers in Williamstown. He said whatever the City of Williamstown requires, they are willing to comply.

Mayor Ford stated Trick or Treat would be October 31st from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. This was discussed at a Mid-Ohio Valley Mayor's meeting and most area cities are having their Trick or Treat at this time.

Councilman Seufer said the Park Committee discussed replacing some parts of the big park toys, but it would be \$9,200 to fix them. He said they agreed that instead the City should start putting money aside to eventually replace the toys.

Councilman Seufer stated the Park Committee would like to begin Phase I of the boat ramp park area, which includes planting some trees in the center section.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to begin Phase I of the boat ramp park project including purchasing trees, all voted yes.

Councilman Stage stated the Planning Commission met and approved tonight's zoning ordinances. He said they have a meeting scheduled on Sept. 11th on splitting two properties in Coopers Ridge.

Councilwoman Lewis said the Tree Committee has had some trees removed, trimmed and will be removing some stumps on City property.

Bruce Holmes stated that Tom Rowell had received a new aortic valve this morning and was doing well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.