

Agenda

Williamstown City Council

10/17/17

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. Sherry Moore and Joe Conny – New Business
7. Trick or Treat will be Oct. 31st 6:30-8:00pm
8. Ordinance Authorizing Pay Increases
9. Ordinance Relating to Erection of Traffic Control Devices
10. Approval to Close City Building on Tuesday, December 26th with Office Employees using Vacation Time

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
OCT. 17, 2017

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 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.

Sherry Moore and Joe Conny spoke to Council about a new business opportunity for Williamstown. The type of business is confidential at this time. They are looking at the property adjacent to Rt. 14 and Dodge Ave., but there is a portion that will need to be re-zoned as commercial.

Atty. Myers stated in order to have property re-zoned, it needs to go to the Planning Commission first, and they will make a recommendation to City Council. The zoning change will then require an ordinance with two readings and a public hearing. Myers said they could make a joint request with the current property owner for the zoning change.

Councilman Jim Stage stated the Planning Commission was already meeting on November 6th, and possibly could add this to the agenda.

Mayor Ford announced that 'Trick or Treat' would be held on Tuesday, October 31st, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Atty. Myers stated he prepared an ordinance for City employee pay raises. The pay raises are approximately 4%, with the employees absorbing part of their health insurance increase.

On a motion by Stage and second by Erb to approve the ordinance on first reading, Ford, Erb, Stage and Seufer voted yes, Lewis abstained.

Atty. Myers stated there was a question at the last meeting if an ordinance was needed to erect a stop sign. He said he thought it was impractical to expect there to be an ordinance for every traffic control device. He said he drafted an ordinance making all traffic control devices in place as of November 7, 2017 enforceable.

Councilman Seufer read a letter from resident Amy Nutter Delay, who asked Council to reconsider erecting a stop sign at Naish Ave. and Ninth Street. She said she has seen an increase in traffic on East Ninth Street, but not excessive speed and she believed a stop sign was an overreaction, which will cause more problems.

After some discussion, Councilman Seufer stated he didn't think this ordinance was needed. The City has been doing it the same way for years.

Atty. Myers said he believed the Mayor and Chief of Police can erect traffic control devices, and there is the presumption that all traffic control devices are erected lawfully.

There was no action taken on the ordinance.

Mayor Ford said the office staff has requested the City Building be closed on December 26th, with all office staff using a vacation day.

On a motion by Stage and second by Erb to close the City Building on December 26th so that office staff may all use a vacation day, all voted yes.

Councilman Stage stated the Planning Commission would meet on November 6th, at 7:30pm.

Councilwoman Lewis stated the Tree Committee was out of money.

Councilman Stage said there had been several water line breaks recently.

Councilwoman Lewis said the City has applied for another sidewalk grant.

Rodger Rowell, said he lived at the end of East Ninth Street, and he hasn't seen any problem with traffic in the area. He said there are some trees that need to be removed to increase visibility.

Councilman Stage said there used to be 'no parking' signs on one side of East Ninth Street, and he wasn't sure what happened to the signs.

Mr. Rowell said this was correct.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.