

Agenda *Williamstown City Council*

12/05/17

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*
- 6. Second Reading of Amended Ordinance Zoning Annexed Property (Zone II-X)*
- 7. Second Reading of Ordinance Zoning Annexed Property (Courtyards at Tucker's Landing)*
- 8. First Reading of Ordinance Re-Zoning Property within the Municipality (Dodge Ave.)*
- 9. Consider Donation to New Williamstown Elem. Playground*
- 10. Boat Ramp Concession Contract*
- 11. Upcoming City Election, May 8, 2018 for Mayor & Two Council Seats*
- 12. Cancel December 19th Meeting*

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
DECEMBER 5, 2017

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 7:30p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Jean Ford, Councilpersons Marty Seufer, Jim Stage, Barbara Lewis and Ron Erb, and acting Clerk Paula Rankin. City Attorney Blaine Myers was absent.

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order and Chief Graham introduced Boy Scout Troop 215 to lead 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.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Stage to approve an amendment to the zoning ordinance for the Cocobean annexation to change the zoning from Zone II to Zone II-X Commercial on second reading, all voted yes.

In regards to a second reading of an ordinance zoning the Courtyards at Tucker's Landing, Developer Jeff Martin stated he had requested this item be removed from consideration as there are some issues of disagreement. He further stated if a resolution could not be reached, he would request de-annexation of the property.

Mayor Ford stated she had spoken with Attorney Myers regarding removal of this item. Attorney Myers advised Mayor and Council should proceed and if the property in question were to be de-annexed from the City, zoning would become null and void.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Stage to approve an ordinance zoning the Courtyards at Tucker's Landing on second reading, all voted yes.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to approve an ordinance rezoning a portion of property along Dodge Avenue on first reading, all voted yes.

Mayor Ford stated she had been involved in the committee for the new Elementary School bonds. These bonds do not provide for a playground for the proposed new school as the SBA does not permit playground costs to be included. For this reason fundraising is necessary to cover the cost of any new playgrounds.

Councilman Seufer stated the City does not normally make donations and deferred to Williamstown Elementary School Principal, Heather Bretthauer for an update on fundraising efforts.

Principal Bretthauer reiterated lack of funding in bonds was not an oversight but an item not permitted by the SBA. After much research, a goal of \$150,000.00 was set to include two fenced playground areas, which is required by state law. Vigorous fundraising has begun with hopes of also including grants.

Tom Fenton with Fenton Foundation and on behalf of Steve Stalnaker with Hino Motors and on behalf of Chip Pickering of Pickering Associates, Randy Dick with Parkersburg Area Community Foundation, Heather Allender with Marietta Community Foundation all presented pledges of \$10,000.00 each to the Williamstown Elementary School playground fundraiser.

Councilman Seufer stated that although the City does not normally make such donations he recommended the City make a \$10,000.00 contribution from its' contingency fund to the playground effort.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Lewis to make a \$10,000.00 contribution to the playground fundraiser from the contingency fund, all voted yes.

Mayor Ford stated the Boat Ramp Concession contract is due to be put out for bid and questioned if any changes should be made.

Councilman Seufer recommended the Concession contract be reviewed by the Park Committee before the next Council Meeting. All were in agreement to have the Park Committee review and make recommendations on a new contract.

Mayor Ford announced the upcoming City Election process would begin in January with the Mayor and two Council seats available.

It was agreed by all that the regular December 19, 2017, Council Meeting be cancelled.

Mayor Ford announced and invited all to attend the City Christmas Tree Lighting Program on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Councilman Stage presented an update on getting three bids for repairs to the City Building due to leaky windows causing wall and flooring damage.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53p.m.

