

WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 7, 2020

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session outside in the picnic shelter on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 7:30pm. Those in attendance were Councilpersons Marty Seufer, Jim Stage, Barbara Lewis, and Jim Parker, Mayor Paul Jordan, City Attorney Blaine Myers and City Clerk Stephanie Stengel.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order and Chief Graham led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Newly elected Mayor Paul Jordan and Councilpersons Barbara Lewis & Jim Stage were sworn in.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to approve the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, all voted yes.

Mr. Seufer discussed the need to purchase a new server for the water department. The current server is approximately 10 years old, 3-4 years passed its life expectancy. With the new system customers will be able to make payments online and set up ACH payments through their individual bank. With the addition of online pay and ACH credits this will allow us to submit the purchase for reimbursement under the CARES Act with the guidance of our grant writer, Toni Tiano. A separate line item will be set up for the CARES Act reimbursement funds. Mr. Seufer motioned the purchase of the new server, second by Mr. Stage. All voted yes.

Mr. Seufer discussed with council releasing pay of \$5000 to City Clerk, Stephanie Stengel, as an annual raise. These funds were withheld until July 1, 2020, after her hiring for a probationary period. On a motion by Seufer to release the funds, second by Mr. Stage. All voted yes.

Councilman Seufer said Bee City held its first meeting, since the COVID-19 outbreak, at the Armstrong Building. An integrated test program needs to be established. Mr. Seufer will be meeting with Alan Gates to get this completed.

Councilwoman Lewis let council know that the pool is doing well, especially under the guidelines that have been established by the state. Mr. Seufer would like the City Clerk to pull records and compare the last two years revenue to this year and possibly apply for lost revenue thru the CARES Act.

Councilwoman Lewis also discussed that the flowers in front of the City Building were planted by students from Wood Count Christian. She is currently working on getting a tree in the park trimmed, possibly removed, after it "shed" a branch two weeks ago. Two new park tables have been ordered for Fenton Park and new committee members will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Councilman Stage said that the Planning committee will be holding their quarterly meeting in the next week or two.

Alan Gates spoke on behalf of the water department. They have been working on a leak on E 6th and a continuing issue on W 6th, with the hopes of having an answer the following day. A new motor has been ordered for the facility. Once replaced the rebuilding of existing motors will begin.

Councilman Parker addressed that the Sanitary Storm Water held a meeting June 16th where items were addressed, approved, fixed and repaired.

Councilman Stage reported that a grant has been applied for but put on hold due to the pandemic for sidewalk repair. He also addressed the need for a sidewalk on Elizabeth prior to school starting. He is hoping that the school will excavate and allow the city to pour the concrete.

Mike Voshel spoke on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Dept. He said that after careful consideration it was voted to cancel the annual Ice Cream Social. A formal announcement will be released Wednesday, July 8.

Mayor Jordan opened the floor to residents. The issue of feral cats was addressed. The mayor is aware and discussions will be taking place. The issue has not been forgotten. Mr. Myers has drafted an ordinance based on input from council & previous mayor. This was sidelined due to the pandemic but is further along in the process that we have gotten before.

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 21, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm, motioned by Stage, second by Lewis.