

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSON, WEST VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Robert Carlton opened the meeting by requesting that those present please bow their heads for prayer and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, with the prayer being offered up by former Mayor, Estill “Breezy” Bevins. The Mayor next requested a Roll Call and it was ascertained by the City Clerk the following persons were present, in person:

MAYOR:	ROBERT CARLTON
COUNCIL MEMBERS:	YORK SMITH
	SHERRI HAIRSTON-BROWN
	JUDITH HAMRICK
	MATTHEW NEWSOME
CITY ATTORNEY:	JOSHUA FERRELL

Steven Hager approached the Council about the flooding issue on Vinson Street. Mr. Hager was informed that the Council had met yesterday, February 24, 2016 to address the issue. The Mayor informed him that his concerns were also the concerns at the top of the Council’s list. Mayor Carlton went on to explain that the City will have a civil engineer to look over the area and make recommendations to the Council for a plan to make a permanent correction to the ongoing issue.

Estill “Breezy” Bevins, former Mayor of Williamson approached the Council about his concern with the Park Board selling alcohol at the Field House. He expressed is disappointment since the facility was dedicated to the youth of the community, and feels that selling alcohol is sending a wrong message to the children of the area. He requested the Council consider a

payroll tax on individuals working in the City as an alternative source of revenue.

There being no other public comments, Mayor Carlton requested approval of the Minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2016. Whereupon, Councilman Matthew Newsome moved to approve the minutes and which motion was seconded by Councilman York Smith, and carried with Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown voting no.

The Mayor moved on down the agenda to Old Business, which the Council did not have any at this time.

There being no old business to discuss, the Mayor then presented General Fund bills in the amount of thirty-three thousand nine hundred forty-four dollars and seven cents and following review thereof, Councilman York Smith made a motion to approve the payment of the bills when the money becomes available, and which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried.

The Mayor then requested the Council make a motion to give approval for the Clerk to receive quotes to replace the microphones at the Council desk. A motion was made by Councilman Matthew Newsome to accept quotes and which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried.

The City Clerk requested the Council extend the work duties of Zachary Workman, currently working half-time as a meter attendant with the Police Department, to include part-time work in his office due to the retirement of two long time employees. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown to approve the request and was seconded by Councilman York Smith. Councilwoman Judith Hamrick requested an amendment be made to the original motion to clarify Mr. Workman will be working for a ninety-day period without benefits. A motion was made by Councilwoman Judith

Hamrick to amend the original motion and was seconded by Councilman York Smith, and carried. The Mayor then requested a motion to extend employment to Mr. Workman with the terms and conditions cited by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick. Councilwoman Judith Hamrick made a motion to extend employment to Mr. Workman and which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried. Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown asked the Clerk to clarify what days Mr. Workman would be working in his office, and City Clerk, Larry Brown, informed the Councilwoman that Mr. Workman will be working in his office on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's and in the Police Department on Monday's and Friday's.

The Mayor presented the Council with the second reading of the amendment to Ordinance 958.

The Mayor then requested approval of the amended Ordinance 958. Whereupon a motion was made by Councilwoman Sherri-Hairston Brown to approve the amended Ordinance, and which motion was seconded by Councilman York Smith, and carried.

The Fire Chief requested the Council approve him to attend a Mass Casualty Incident Command class in Flatwoods, West Virginia. Councilwoman Judith Hamrick explained that the cost of the class will be reimbursed to the City. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick and seconded by Councilman York Smith to approve the request, and carried.

The Fire Chief updated the Council on the status of the ambulance proposal. Due to the Fire Department being out most of the day today on a structure fire, he was unable to finish the proposal. Chief Carey informed the Council that he has talked to Commissioner John Mark Hubbard and he was very open to working with the City on the ambulance proposal. He is hoping to

get on the agenda of the next Mingo County Commission meeting to discuss the ambulance lease further. Chief Carey hopes to have everything in place to present a proposal to the Council in the next meeting.

The Police Chief was absent from the meeting do to a medical issue with his father.

Jason Allen, Project Manager for Veolia Water, was also not in attendance in the meeting due to being out of town; however, he sent Tom Felix in his place. Mr. Felix informed that Veolia is staying on top of the Vinson Street issue, and keeping the pipes clear.

The Mayor did not have any remarks.

Councilman York Smith informed everyone that he drove around Goodman Avenue and he feels like it is extremely dangerous. He is going to contact the West Virginia Department of Highways and request they continue putting guardrail on the street, as they have done in the past. Goodman Avenue is an orphan highway of the West Virginia Department of Highways.

Councilwoman Judith Hamrick asked that Zachary Workman to let everyone know who he is. He shook hands with all the Council members and thanked them for giving him an opportunity to work in the Clerk's office.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned, upon motion by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Robert Carlton, and carried.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK