

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, APRIL 28, 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 Mayor Carlton.

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:	SHERRI HAIRSTON-BROWN
	JUDITH HAMRICK
	YORK SMITH JR

Councilman Matthew Newsome and City Attorney Joshua Ferrell were absent from the meeting.

Mayor Carlton requested approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting held April 14, 2016 and the special meeting held April 19, 2016. Whereupon, Councilwoman Judith Hamrick moved to approve the minutes and which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried.

The Mayor moved on down the agenda to Old Business. Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown asked about the status of the request for speed bumps to be placed along Parkway Drive. Jason Allen, Project Manager for Veolia Water, informed that the costs of the speed bumps are two hundred and five dollars each. He went on to inform there are other regulations involved in placing speed bumps along the highway, and issues with liability. It was agreed to refer the issue to the City Attorney so he may research and make recommendations concerning liability issues.

The Mayor then presented General Fund bills in the amount of seventy two thousand two hundred six dollars and seven cents and following review

thereof, Councilwoman Judith Hamrick made a motion to approve the payment of the bills when the money becomes available, and which motion was seconded by Councilman York Smith Jr, and carried.

The City Clerk requested the purchase of QuickBooks Accounting Software to be used in his office. The Clerk informed that the software will automate most processes in his office that are currently being done manually, the software will allow customers to pay bills with credit and debit cards, the software will allow the employees the option of direct deposit of payroll checks, and the software will save the City roughly eight thousand dollars in software maintenance fees. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick and seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown to authorize the purchase, and carried.

The Mayor requested the Council approve the Action in Mingo Committees request to hold the annual King Coal Festival in downtown Williamson on Saturday, September 17, 2016. A motion was made by Councilman York Smith to approve the request, and which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried.

Fire Chief, Joey Carey, presented the Council with the requested corrections for the junior fire fighter program. He went on to give the Council a brief update on the class, previously approved by the Council, he attended in Flatwoods. The class was through Homeland Security and covered such topics as sheltering in place and how to manage a shelter during a mass incident. Chief Carey informed that Homeland Security paid for all expenses for the trip. He made several new useful contacts, and received a certificate from FEMA for his attendance.

Police Chief, Barry Blair, was not present in the meeting.

Mr. Michael Perry with City Gym approached the Council about his concerns with no parking signs placed along the street in front of the Gym.

Mayor Carlton informed Mr. Perry the signs will be removed tomorrow because they were placed without Council approval.

Jason Allen did not have anything to bring before the Council.

Mayor Carlton informed those present that the Public Service Commission preceding's concerning the Utility Board are going according to plan and should be ready for implementation by May 28, once all the documents are approved by the Public Service Commission and approved by other parties involved. He informed that the discussions with Veolia Water concerning the three percent increase are still ongoing, too.

Councilwoman Judith Hamrick gave an update on the status of the humane officer program approved in the previous meeting. She also informed the public that the City will be enforcing all applicable Ordinances concerning dogs within the City limits. The City's Humane Officer, Garrett Gregory, will be patrolling the City two days each month.

Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown asked the Fire Chief to take care of trash issues in her ward, and asked him to get with her and cite individuals in her ward for grass not being cut. The grass is growing onto the sidewalk preventing passage.

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

MAYOR

CITY CLERK