

MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSON, WEST VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016, AT 2:00 P.M.

Mayor Robert Carlton opened the meeting by requesting a Roll Call and it was ascertained by the City Clerk the following persons were present, in person:

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| MAYOR: | ROBERT CARLTON |
| COUNCIL MEMBERS: | YORK SMITH |
| | SHERRI HAIRSTON-BROWN |
| | JUDITH HAMRICK |
| | MATTHEW NEWSOME |

City Attorney Joshua Ferrell was unable to attend the meeting due to schedule conflict.

The Mayor explained the purpose of the emergency meeting of the City Council was to address issues with flooding on Vinson Street, a mudslide on Goodman Avenue, and other drainage issues within the City. He also informed those present that the news media had been informed of the meeting and acknowledged the Williamson Daily News and Mingo Messenger reporters present in the meeting.

Jason Allen, Project Manager for Veolia Water, first gave an update of the issues on Vinson Street. He informed the Council that a ten-foot hole was created when a pipe was removed on February 20, 2016, to stop flooding that was occurring at that time. Mr. Allen stated he was informed by some of his long-time employees that the residents elected to have the pipe purchased and installed back in 1980 or 1981, and the City provided the labor. Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown informed Mr. Allen the residents did not elect to install the pipe, but the City did install them. She went on to explain that the City installed the pipe to “make the street wider.” Mr. Allen presented the Council with an estimate to make

the repairs. The estimate was in the amount of nine thousand eight hundred eighty dollars and sixty-four cents, and he stated “that it could cost more because we do not know what we will run into once we get in there.” Councilman Matthew Newsome asked Mr. Allen if there was any way to divert the water until a solution to the problem is found, but Mr. Allen informed there was not. The Mayor asked that Mr. Allen make sure the area is secured for liability purposes. The Mayor asked about contacting the City’s insurance, and the City Clerk, Larry Brown, informed that he had contacted the City’s insurance.

Ms. Mable Childress, a resident of Vinson Street where the flooding is occurring, approached the Council with her concerns and urged the Council to work with hast to find a permanent solution to the problem.

The meeting then turned to the issue on Goodman Avenue where a mudslide has occurred. The mudslide slid into a home on that street. Councilman York Smith asked if there was anyone from Goodman Avenue present in the meeting, but there was not anyone. The Mayor informed the Council that he went to Goodman Avenue this morning and informed the home owner of the meeting, but apparently she chose to not attend the meeting. In attendance where two representatives of the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection Agency. They explained their findings show the mudslide is not mining related. They were asked to investigate the slide due to an abandoned mine being in the area. They explained their testing process to the Council. Mr. Allen had pictures of the slide and presented them to the City Council. The Council briefly discussed the slide.

Mrs. Norma White, a resident of Prichard Street, asked the Council to look into water issues on her street because her basement keeps getting flooded from water coming down the street. She has had to install a sump pump because of the water. The Fire Chief, and Jason Allen will check on the issue and report back to the Council.

The Mayor asked if there were any motions from the City Council. A motion was made by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick to hire a Civil Engineer to find the right, permanent solution to the issues on both Vinson Street and Goodman Avenue, which motion was seconded by Councilman York Smith and carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned, upon motion by Councilman York Smith to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick, and carried.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK