

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, MARCH 24, 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 Chief of Police, Barry Blair.

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

Madonna Shapiro expressed concern to the Council with trash being thrown out on Maple Walk and Joseph Avenue. Police Chief, Blair will monitor the area.

There being no other public comments, Mayor Carlton requested approval of the Minutes of the meeting held March 10, 2016. Whereupon, Councilman York Smith moved to approve the minutes and which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick, and carried.

The Mayor moved on down the agenda to Old Business, which time Delegate Justin Marcum approached the Council with an update on Vinson Street. He informed the Council that he has contacted the State Department of Highways requesting their assistance with the ongoing flooding issue. The Delegate explained that his efforts have been unsuccessful, and the State

Department of Highways has still not taken any action. He requested the Council and the public contact them also and request they provide assistance.

The City Clerk gave an update on Goodman Avenue explaining that he met with the adjuster from BRIM, the City's Insurance, and they will move forward once they received a report from their engineer.

There being no other old business to discuss, the Mayor then presented General Fund bills in the amount of seventeen thousand three hundred twenty-three dollars and eighty-eight 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 Judith Hamrick, and carried.

The Mayor then presented the Council with the fiscal year two thousand seventeen budget and following review thereof, Councilman York Smith made a motion to approve the budget, and which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick, and carried.

The City Clerk requested the Council give approval to have an auction to sell unused and unneeded city property and whereupon a motion was made by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick and seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown to authorize the auction, and carried. The Clerk will announce the date and location of the auction in the future.

It was then requested, by the City Clerk, to allow up to eight hundred dollars to replace the microphones at the City Council desk. A motion was made by Councilman York Smith to authorize the expenditure and which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried.

The City Clerk requested a transfer in the amount of fifty five thousand dollars from the money market account into the general fund checking account. Councilwoman Judith Hamrick made a motion to authorize the transfer and was seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried.

The Mayor requested that Mike Hall step forward because had requested to be put on the agenda. Mr. Hall was not present in the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was litigation. Councilwoman Judith Hamrick made a motion to go into executive session, and which motion was seconded by Councilman Matthew Newsome. The Council went into executive session at 6:29PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:59PM. Jason Allen with Veolia Water approached the Council with an estimate to block the City's parking lot in front to the Police Department. The quote is for metal poles to be placed along the edge of the parking lot, and will cost roughly one thousand three hundred sixty-one dollars and twenty seven cents to be erected. Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown asked if the Council would be paying for this work to be completed. The Police Chief informed her that is correct and it will cost the same if it is blocked off as previously requested by the Council or if the lot is rearranged to allow three spaces to be leased to Mr. Hall. Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown expressed her dissatisfaction with the cost since the City was unable to afford to replace the drain pipes on Vinson Street, stating it was a "bunch of bull crap." She said to "leave the parking lot alone." She stated that the individuals on Vinson Street "did not chose to have the pipes installed and have their homes flooded, but he (Mike Hall) chose to put his business there." The Chief of Police expressed his concern that he is unable to keep the street open and the parking lot clear without having an officer "sit there all day." Teresa McCune spoke up from the audience and asked "why can't we just tell them not to do it?" Chief Blair explained that he has told them several times to not block the street and parking lot, and he does not know what else to do about the situation. Patrolman Jarrod Marcum spoke up from the audience and asked the Council if they wanted the lot cleared he would tow the vehicles.

The Chief of Police instructed Patrolman Marcum to enforce the law and tow them if necessary. The Council did not take action on this matter.

Chief Carey did not have any items to bring before the Council concerning the Fire Department in this meeting.

The Chief of Police presented the Council with a proclamation for NIMS to get grant through homeland security. The grants will be fully funded. A motion was made by Councilwoman Judith Hamrick to authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation, and her motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried.

The City Attorney praised the Fire Department for a job well done at a recent fire in his neighborhood.

The Mayor gave an update to those present on the outcome of the special meeting of the City Council held earlier this morning concerning the ongoing Water and Sewer situation.

Councilwoman Judith Hamrick reiterated the comments of the City Attorney. Her church was flooded as a result of efforts to put the fire out, and she expressed her gratitude with the Fire Department for helping clean the church when they were finished at the fire scene.

Chief Carey stated he forgot to mention earlier in the meeting that the Fire Department had received six new sets of gear, and will have one of the guys attend the next meeting in full gear to show the Council.

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 Sherri Hairston-Brown, and carried.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK