

**WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 11, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Skinner; Kim Crupper; Ronnie Maines; Greg Middleton; Bob Perry; Gina Smith; Ronnie West; Jeff Shipp; and Vivian Link

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Scogin; Mike Riegler; Logan Murphy; Jim Papparone; Clark Kinman; Debbie Moser; Mark Moser; Bill Dennison

Mayor Skinner called the Meeting to order.

Mayor Skinner welcomed all in attendance and requested that all guests sign in.

Mayor Skinner requested all in attendance to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag.

**INVOCATION:** Greg Middleton

**AUDIENCE RECOGNITION**

All were welcomed to the meeting.

**Corrections and Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2022, and Special Council Meeting of March 15, 2022**

Bob Perry made the motion to approve the minutes for Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2022 and Special Council Meeting of March 15, 2022. Greg Middleton seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Ronnie Maines	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Bob Perry	yes
Gina Smith	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. The next Special Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, beginning at 6 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Lake Association Presentation**

Mark Moser, a member of the Williamstown Lake Association, was present. He stated every year the Lake Association donates \$3,000 to the City of Williamstown to help

support safety at the Lake. This year the Association would like to formalize this and present the check officially at the Council Meeting.

Also, Mr. Moser stated the Lake Association would be donating an AED for the police boat. Discussion occurred about the proper training of the equipment by the Police Officers. It was stated the equipment will be maintained, serviced, and stored by the Lake Association during off season.

At this time, Mr. Moser presented Mayor Skinner and Police Chief Steve Cornman the \$3,000 check to help support safety at the Lake.

#### **Lowering of Lake Report**

Mayor Skinner thanked City Council for allowing him to research lowering the Lake. He provided a memo to Council with the results. The minimum estimated cost would be \$245,500. With this in mind, Mayor Skinner feels the cost involved in attempting this would outweigh any benefits. Members present from the Lake Association stated they understood completely.

#### **Salary for Mayor starting 1/1/2023**

At this time, Mayor Skinner informed Council that if any changes are to be done, it must be done prior to June 1, 2022. The last change was done 6 years ago.

Discussion occurred on the compensation of the Mayor's salary. Bob Perry stated the Mayor's position was not created to be a full-time position and suggested keeping the pay the same. Discussion also occurred on City Council's compensation. Council's compensation has been set at a fixed rate of \$3,000 per year. This has not been increased since 2007.

Further discussion occurred on the salary of hiring a City Administrator and the costs associated with this. After further discussion, all were in agreement to keep the Mayor's salary as is, and increasing Council's compensation 10%. The rate would go to \$3,300 per year from \$3,000 per year.

#### **Discuss work session date with Williamstown School Board, and discussion for budget work session**

Mayor Skinner stated that the City has not met with Williamstown School Board in quite some time. He feels a meeting is in order just for general discussion. There will be no action needed, just general updates. As of now, the proposed date is June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

A budget work session is to be scheduled for May 12, Thursday, at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Discussion of Amphitheater Seating Bid and approval/rejection of low bid**

Mayor Skinner presented Council a memo regarding the Amphitheatre Seating Bid. Only one bid was received. The bid was from Showplace Landscaping in the amount of \$98,750. All references supplied were contacted and all gave good and positive comments. Mayor Skinner stated the cost of the Amphitheatre Seating will come from a

Tourism Grant of \$50,000, the sale of bottles of bourbon donated from MGPI, and from donations.

Bob Perry made the motion to accept the bid from Showplace Landscaping in the amount of \$98,750 for the Amphitheatre Seating. Ronnie Maines seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Ronnie Maines	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Bob Perry	yes
Gina Smith	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Discussion of Conrad Lane Bid and approval/rejection of low bid**

Mayor Skinner presented Council a memo regarding the Conrad Lane Bid results. Two bids were received. The bids were from Riegler Blacktop in the amount of \$2,535,417 and Eaton Asphalt in the amount of \$3,036,489. Logan Murphy's estimate dated October 13, 2021, was \$1,458,700.

Logan Murphy was present to discuss the results. Mr. Murphy is recommending to reject the low bid from Riegler Blacktop, at this time. He is recommending to possibly rebid in 4 to 6 months. All contractors are busy right now and the cost of pipe has doubled. Mr. Murphy stated that even if the project is rebid at a later date, the cost could increase even more or it could decrease.

A representative from Riegler Blacktop was present. He explained the cost of the bid was due to many factors in making a professional bid. Fuel, asphalt, and pipe were the reason for the huge increases. Mayor Skinner stated he appreciated the honest effort and time that was put into making the bid. Some discussion occurred.

Kim Crupper made the motion to reject all bids received regarding the Conrad Lane Project at this time. Gina Smith seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Ronnie Maines	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Bob Perry	yes
Gina Smith	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Motion to enter Executive Session per KRS 610.810(f)-personnel**

Bob Perry made the motion to enter Executive Session per KRS 610.810(f)-personnel. Ronnie Maines seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Ronnie Maines	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Bob Perry	yes
Gina Smith	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Motion to exit Executive Session**

Ronnie West made the motion to exit Executive Session. Ronnie Maines seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Ronnie Maines	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Bob Perry	yes
Gina Smith	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Skinner stated no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Before adjourning, Mayor Skinner stated he had been contacted about the Williamstown School Board Meeting and the date should be June 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Greg Middleton made the motion to adjourn. Gina Smith seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

Kim Crupper	yes	Ronnie Maines	yes
Greg Middleton	yes	Bob Perry	yes
Gina Smith	yes	Ronnie West	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Signed:**

5-9-22  
DATE

Vivian Link  
Vivian Link  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Rick Skinner  
Rick Skinner, Mayor  
City of Williamstown, Kentucky