SPECIAL MEETING Williamstown City Council February 21, 2023 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher; John Coleman; Kim Crupper; Greg Middleton; Jayson Payne; Bob Perry; Gina Smith; Jeff Shipp; and Vivian Link

ALSO PRESENT: Rick Willoby and Les Whalen

Mayor Christopher welcomed all in attendance.

INVOCATION: Kim Crupper

Announcements:

summary.

Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, and City Attorney pictures will be taken before the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 6, at 5 p.m. in the Council Room.

Setting date for Special Council Meeting: Thursday, February 23, at 12:00 noon (?) At this time, Jayson Payne stated he would not be present, but he could be able to attend via zoom call.

Kim Crupper made the motion to set the date for the Special Council Meeting Thursday, February 23, at 12:00 noon. Gina Smith seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

| John Coleman | no | Kim Crupper | yes |
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| Greg Middleton | yes | Jayson Payne | yes |
| Bob Perry | yes | Gina Smith | yes |

Majority voted in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2023-02, Authorization and Approval to Execute Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Williamstown, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways in the Amount of \$40,000 for the Draper Road (KY 489) Partial Resurfacing Project

Jeff Shipp read Resolution No. 2023-02, Authorization and Approval to Execute Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Williamstown, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways in the Amount of \$40,000 for the Draper Road (KY 489) Partial Resurfacing Project, in

This is a portion of Draper Road that has been discussed in previous meetings. A portion of the repair will be concrete and the rest would be blacktop. Discussion occurred if the \$40,000 would be enough to complete the repair. It was stated that it would be. The funding will be made available for reimbursement.

Bob Perry made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-02, Authorization and Approval to Execute Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Williamstown, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways in the Amount of \$40,000 for the Draper Road (KY 489) Partial Resurfacing Project. Greg Middleton seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

| John Coleman | yes | Kim Crupper | yes |
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| Greg Middleton | yes | Jayson Payne | yes |
| Bob Perry | yes | Gina Smith | yes |

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

<u>Law Enforcement Protection Program, Duty Weapons and Ammunition</u> **Application Presentation-Fire Chief Les Whalen**

Fire Chief Les Whalen was present. The Police Department has asked Les Whalen to apply for the grant through the Office of Homeland Security. Les was asked since he is the grant expert for the City. The grant would be for the duty rifles and ammunition. Funds have been allocated in the budget.

Resolution No. 2023-03, Authorization and Approval to Proceed with Making Application for Duty Weapons and Ammunition and, Upon Approval, To Enter Into an Agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS)

Jayson Payne made the motion to proceed with making the application for duty weapons and ammunition and, upon approval, to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS). John Coleman seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

| John Coleman | yes | Kim Crupper | yes |
|----------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| Greg Middleton | yes | Jayson Payne | yes |
| Bob Perry | yes | Gina Smith | yes |

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 2023-01, Electric Rate Ordinance Amendment

Jeff Shipp gave the first reading of Ordinance 2023-01, Electric Rate Ordinance Amendment, in summary. The rate increase would be effective on the March billing. Residential rates will go from \$17.00 to \$19.89 for the base rate and kilowatt rate will go from \$0.0954 to \$0.114 per kilowatt. General Service (Commercial) rates will go from \$30.00 to \$35.10 for the base rate and kilowatt rate will go from \$0.0965 to \$0.1125 per kilowatt. General Service (Industrial) will go from \$250.00 to \$292.50 for the base rate and kilowatt rate will go from \$0.0588 to \$0.0678 per kilowatt. Demand rate will go from \$5.75 to \$6.73 per kilowatt.

Discussion occurred about the increase and the reasons behind it. An explanation is needed from Amp Ohio to explain the reason why the landfill failed to generate

electricity and how the fines are being imposed. Discussion continued. The rate increase will be evaluated in (90) days.

Superintendents' Reports to Council

Council was presented a brief report from the Mayor and each Department Superintendent. Discussion occurred about the cost of chemicals increasing and the effect of inflation on each Department.

Adjourn

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

| John Coleman | yes | Kim Crupper | yes |
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| Greg Middleton | yes | Jayson Payne | yes |
| Bob Perry | yes | Gina Smith | yes |

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Signed:

Vivian Link

City Clerk/Treasurer

Mark Christopher, Mayor

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