

**WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 7, 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: Betsy Smith; Debbie & Ken Stone

Mayor Christopher called the Meeting to order at 6:09.

It is noted that the Regular Council Meeting dated August 7, 2023, was not videotaped.

Mayor Christopher welcomed all in attendance and requested all to sign in.

INVOCATION: Kim Crupper

Corrections and Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of July 10, 2023, and Special Council Meeting of July 18, 2023

Bob Perry made the motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2023, and Special Council Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023. Kim Crupper 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The next Special Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, beginning at 6 p.m.
- b. Free tire disposal/waste tire collection event:
August 17, 18, and 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Old County Barn, 200 Barnes Road in Williamstown
- c. All offices in the Williamstown City Building will be closed on Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day Holiday.
- d. Rescheduling of September 4 Regular Council Meeting:
Tuesday, September 5, at 6 p.m. or Monday, September 11, at 6 p.m.?

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

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tim Beach-lagoons maintenance/cleaning

Mayor Christopher asked Kim Crupper to speak for Tim Beach since he was unavailable.

Kim Crupper stated the lagoons have never been cleaned. There is a ridge east of the Splash Park that could be used to land farm. A permit would be required to do this. Tim Beach is recommending the lagoon cleaning to be put out to bid. Discussion continued. Kim Crupper recommended a contractor could be cheaper than rental of the equipment to do the job in house. Kim Crupper stated that Mr. Beach also has concerns about the clearwells at the old water plant as well. Discussion continued.

Mayor recommends that all Council Members get a tour of the Water Treatment Plant. Discussion occurred on whether the sludge could be put in the old clearwells as well as the old water treatment plant being an attractive nuisance. Further discussion occurred about the value of the land being used for landfarming and if the sludge would generate an odor. It was answered there would be no odor from the sludge and it would not affect the splash park. At this time, no votes were taken.

Tim Beach-update on Milfoil treatment for Lake Williamstown

Mayor Christopher stated there is a small amount of milfoil in the Lake. In the past, the Williamstown Lake Committee shared the cost of treatment. The Lake Committee has stated they can no longer share the cost of the treatment. Tim Beach has passed the test to purchase the chemical needed to treat milfoil. Discussion occurred about lowering the Lake 8 to 10 feet during the winter to possibly kill the milfoil. Discussion also occurred about the length of time it would take to lower the Lake. Further discussion occurred about the research on milfoil. It was stated the Corps of Engineers would also have input if the Lake is lowered. Some discussion occurred about the pipes at the raw water intake. At this time, no votes were taken.

NKU Grant County Center roof replacement update

Mayor Christopher stated the bid was put out in March, 2023. There were two bids received. Holland Roofing came in with the low bid of \$87,240. Mayor Christopher would like to rebid at this time. It was stated the Grant County Foundation for Higher Learning would possibly contribute \$25,000. Jayson Payne has concerns about the property being sublet and the number of students the facility has. A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement was requested to review. Further discussion occurred.

At this time, a motion is needed to add to the Agenda the authorization to rebid NKU Grant County roof replacement.