

**WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 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: Kurt Saalfeld; Sonita Saalfeld; Tina McCandless; Joe Scanlan; Jeff Kauholz; David Howey; Butch Barlow; Bob Davis; Brenda Wilson; Dan Cruise; Johnny Philippo; Bryan Miles; Natalie Sharp; Jarrod Sharp; Bill Wilson; Rick Willoby; M. Gayle West; Kenny Wilson; Mary Ann Walther; Mark Walther; Les Whalen; Kasey Kleem; R. Darlene West; Eli Anderson; Skip & Marion Womack; Keith & Kelly Leardon; Mike Templin; Tony Ashcraft; Janis Dill; J. Roger Dill; Jason Dunaway; Regina Neace; Tom Hutchins; Bob Grow; Kathie Grow; Arthur Neace; Brenda Maines; Ronnie Maines; Wayne & Lisa Reed; Clark Kinman; Jason & Laura Arlinghaus; Bobby Webb; Gail Poor; Nicole & Randy Davis; Valerie Coleman; Corbin Jones; Nicholas Brewer; Jacob Brewer; Mary Ann Smith; Carrie Evans; Stephanie Conrad; Alyssa Conrad; Ashley Brinker; Greg Brockman; Paula Burton Jones; Tim Beach; Alan Statman; Debby Lucas Angel; Roger Bell; and Reva Bell

Mayor Christopher called the Meeting to order.

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

Mayor Christopher asked all in attendance to stand and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

INVOCATION: Jayson Payne

Corrections and Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of November 6, 2023; and Special Council Meeting of November 21, 2023

Kim Crupper requested the letter read by Mayor Christopher at the November 6, 2023, Meeting, be added to the minutes as Exhibit A. Mayor Christopher requested this not to be granted for various reasons. Discussion occurred.

Kim Crupper made the motion to add the letter read by Mayor Christopher at the November 6, 2023 Meeting as Exhibit A of the minutes. Bob Perry 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.

Kim Crupper made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of November 6, 2023, with the letter read by Mayor Christopher as Exhibit A and the Special Council Meeting of November 21, 2023, as presented. Bob Perry 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, December 19, beginning at 6 p.m.
- b. City Building Holiday closures:
 - Christmas
Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26
 - New Years
Monday, January 1
Tuesday, January 2
- c. Scheduling of January Regular Council Meeting: Monday, January 8 at 6 p.m.(?)
All were in agreement.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

At this time, Mayor Christopher welcomed all that were present.

At this time, Greg Middleton made a motion to move items #3 and #4 listed under New Business to items #1 and #2, on the agenda. Kim Crupper seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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

Majority voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1)(c): MGPI Conrad Lane Project, Pending and/or Threatened Litigation

Greg Middleton made the motion to enter Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1)(c): MGPI Conrad Lane Project, Pending and/or Threatened Litigation. Kim Crupper seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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

Majority voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Exit Executive Session

John Coleman made the motion to exit Executive Session. Jayson Payne 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.

No votes were taken while in Executive Session.

City Council consideration/approval to renew Snow Removal Agreement between the City of Williamstown and Cherry Hill Pointe to be effective January 1, 2023, and to expire on December 31, 2025

It was stated the agreement is the same agreement as in the previous years. John Coleman questioned if the rates should be increased. Discussion occurred. It was decided to table the Snow Removal Agreement to the December 19, 2023, meeting.

Bob Perry made the motion to table the consideration/approval to renew Snow Removal Agreement between the City of Williamstown and Cherry Hill Pointe to the December 19, 2023, meeting. Gina Smith 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.

Conrad Lane Discussion

Mayor Christopher offered the opportunity for Council to address the public regarding Conrad Lane. No comments were made. Mayor Christopher offered the opportunity for the public to voice their concerns regarding the discussion.

Eli Anderson, Grant County PVA, expressed his concerns on the impact of property values, the increase of utility rates and property tax rates.

Janice Dill asked what were the benefits of the project.

Natalie Sharp stated her concerns and stated there is a petition with over 300 signatures against the project.

Bill Wilson voiced his concerns about the black fungus already in the City and how a common goal needs to be reached.

Bob Davis, developer of Davis Pointe, has concerns of the long term effects of the project, the decreased values of homes, and how it could compromise the integrity of Lake Williamstown as a water source. Bob Davis further stated the warehouses should not be built in residential areas.

Councilmember Kim Crupper stated retention ponds will be put in, the bonds will terminate in 10 years, and provided the projected tax revenue for the city, county, schools, and other taxing districts. Further discussion occurred.

Bob Grow has concerns how the value of homes will be decreased.

Discussion continued from many other members from the audience expressing their concerns of the project.

First Reading of Ordinance 2023-15, Repealing Ordinance 2023-14

Jeff Shipp gave the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-15, Repealing Ordinance 2023-14, in summary.

City Council consideration/approval of Gravel, Rock, and Sand Hauling Bid

A memo was presented to Council with the results of the bids received. There were three bids received. It is the Committee's recommendation to approve the low bid submitted by James T Chambers Truck for the hauling of gravel, rock, and sand per ton. Gravel at \$8.00 per ton, rock at \$7.50 per ton, and sand at \$8.00 per ton.

Gina Smith made the motion to approve the bid received from James T Chambers Truck for the hauling of gravel, rock and sand. Greg Middleton seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

John Coleman	yes	Kim Crupper	present, not voting
Greg Middleton	yes	Jayson Payne	yes
Bob Perry	yes	Gina Smith	yes

All who voted, voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Council consideration/approval of Concrete Bid

A memo was presented to Council with the results of the bids received. There was only one bid received. It is the Committee's recommendation to approve the bid received from IMI Concrete.

Bob Perry made the motion to approve the concrete bid received from IMI Concrete. Kim Crupper seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

John Coleman	yes	Kim Crupper	yes
Greg Middleton	present, not voting	Jayson Payne	yes
Bob Perry	yes	Gina Smith	yes

All who voted, voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Council consideration/approval of Dual-Purpose Cargo Reel Wire Trailer Bid

A memo was presented to Council with the results of the bids received. There were three bids received. It is the Committee's recommendation to approve the low bid received from Irby Utilities in the amount of \$29,599.00.

John Coleman made the motion approving the bid from Irby Utilities for the dual-purpose cargo reel wire trailer. 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.

Adjourn

John Coleman made the motion to adjourn. Jayson Payne 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.

Signed:

1-9-24
DATE

Vivian Link
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City Clerk/ Treasurer

Mark Christopher
Mark Christopher, Mayor
City of Williamstown, Kentucky