

**WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 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: Tina McCandless; J Kamkolz; Kurt Saalfeld; Sonita Saalfeld; Rick Willoby; Butch Barlow; Bryan Miles; Johnny Philippo; Hans Philippo; Bob Davis; Eli Angerson; Tony Ashcraft; Debby Lucas Angel; Brenda Wilson; Bill Wilson; Ken Rich; R. Darlene West; M. Gayle West; Tim Beach; Brooke Rider; Mark Cummins; Joyce Doyle; Regina Neace; Gail Poor; Della clayton; Arthur Neace; Jason Litz; Roger Bell; Reva Bell; Paula Burton Jones; Keith Leardon; Kelly Leardon; Bob Grow; Kathe Grow; Janis Dill; Roger Dill; Todd Hammond; Skip & Marion Womack; Beverly Fryman; Tom Hutchins; Wayne & Lisa Reed; Jason & Laura Arlinghaus; David Holley; Mike Templin; Logan Murphy; Les Whalen; and Alan Statman

Mayor Christopher called the Meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION: Mark Christopher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Announcement of Home Decorating Contest Winner
- b. All offices in the City Building will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, for the Christmas Holiday.
- c. All offices in the City Building will be closed on Monday, January 1, and Tuesday, January 2, for the New Year's Holiday.
- d. Because of New Years Holiday, the January Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, at 6 p.m.

Bring off of table City Council consideration/approval to renew Snow Removal Agreement between the City of Williamstown and Cherry Hill Pointe to be effective January 1, 2024, and to expire on December 31, 2025

Bob Perry made the motion to bring off table City Council consideration/approval to renew Snow Removal Agreement between the City of Williamstown and Cherry Hill Pointe to be effective January 1, 2024, and to expire on December 31, 2025. 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.

City Council consideration/approval to renew Snow Removal Agreement between the City of Williamstown and Cherry Hill Pointe to be effective January 1, 2024, and to expire on December 31, 2025

The agreement was raised to \$200 from \$125 per each occurrence. The owner has agreed.

Jayson Payne made the motion to approve to renew Snow Removal Agreement between the City of Williamstown and Cherry Hill Pointe to be effective January 1, 2024, and to expire on December 31, 2025. 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.

MGPI presentation and question/answer session

Mayor Christopher stated MGP Representatives were here to answer any questions Council and Audience members may have. The three representatives are Nick Nicholson, Mike Templin, and Tim Eiffler.

A handout was presented to Council highlighting many different view points. A brief history was explained on how MGP came to Williamstown. MGP explained how their warehouses are different from other bourbon warehouses and how the barrels are stored differently. Discussion of health concerns were addressed and it was stated there are no lawsuits pending with MGP. It was also stated cleaning expenses will be addressed for residents who may be affected.

Tim Eiffler explained to Council and the audience about Industrial Revenue Bonds. Discussion of the phase out schedule of the barrel tax was addressed as well. Jayson Payne had questions about revenue projections and the number of barrels being stored in each warehouse. Further discussion continued.

At this time, Mayor Christopher opened up the question/answer session to audience members and was asked to keep it to a 4 to 5 minute time frame for each member who had a question.

Sonita Saalfeld has concerns with the warehouses being in an I1 zone.

Alan Statman asked if any letters have been sent to the City notifying them of breach of contract or if any threats have been made. Mr. Statman asked if any projections of revenue loss were made to property owners. Discussion continued.

Brent Threlkeld has concerns over the fungus damaging shrubs, trees, and the effect of this on wildlife and questions if all potential hazards were disclosed.

Eli Anderson has concerns about the negative impact on property and questioned lawsuits against MGP where the shareholders were misled.

Many other audience members addressed their concerns against the development and how it could not be good for the City. Further discussion continued.

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

Mayor Christopher requested Jeff Shipp to give the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-15, Repealing Ordinance 2023-14.

Jeff Shipp stated he was refusing to read the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-15. He stated he does not believe the Ordinance to be valid and it is his decision to not read it. He further stated that it violates the contract clause of Kentucky and the Constitution. The second reading can be done by the City Clerk or Mayor. Jayson Payne asked Mr. Shipp if he did the First Reading. Mr. Shipp replied yes.

Mayor Christopher asked Jeff Shipp to do the Second Reading again. Mayor Christopher stated read the Ordinance or you walk and further stated if you walk you are resigning. After a brief moment Jeff Shipp left the Council Chambers.

Mayor Christopher stated the rest of the meeting to be cancelled due to no legal representation.

***At the January 8, 2024, Special Council Meeting, Bob Perry requested the minutes of December 19, 2023, to reflect the requested corrections to be added:**

The meeting did not have to be cancelled due to no legal representation. Meetings are allowed without legal representation. Mayor Christopher stated he is aware of that now, but was misinformed.

Bob Perry also wanted it noted that there was no motion to adjourn.

Adjourn

A roll call was made to adjourn.

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

All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Signed:

1-9-24
DATE

Vivian Link
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City Clerk/ Treasurer

Mark Christopher
Mark Christopher, Mayor
City of Williamstown, Kentucky