

**WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Rick Willoby; Tina McCandless; Tim Beach; Brooke Rider; Mark Cummins; Jason Litz; Sonita Saalfeld; Butch Barlow; Ken Wilson; Bob Grow; Kathie Grow; Gail Poor; Natalie Sharp; Jarrod Sharp; Hans Philipppo; Wayne & Lisa Reed; Janis Dill; Roger Dill; Regina Neace; Arthur Neace; Alan Statman; Paula Jones; Joyce Doyle; Wade Gutman; M. Gayle West & R. Darlene West; Brenda Wilson; Bill Wilson; Clark Kinman; Bryan Miles; Tom Hutchins; Johnny Philipppo; Skip & Marion Womack; David Holley; Tony Ashcraft; Debbie Lucas Angel; William Rich; Les Whalen; Ann Stanchina; and Doug Kenner

Mayor Christopher called the Meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION: John Coleman

CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2023, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 15, 2023, AND DECEMBER 19, 2023

Bob Perry questioned why the meeting of December 19, 2023, was cancelled due to no legal representation and stated meetings are allowed without legal representation. Mr. Perry also stated there was no motion to adjourn.

Bob Perry made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of December 4, 2023, and special council meeting of December 15, 2023, as presented and with noted corrections for the special meeting of December 19, 2023. Greg Middleton seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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| 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, January 16, beginning at 6 p.m.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Mayor Christopher thanked all for attending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tim Beach-updates/discussion regarding GAC and Hilltop water tower

Tim Beach was present to give an update regarding GAC and Hilltop water tower. The carbon (GAC) replacement has been made and another one should be planned for the next fiscal year budget. The life expectancy is approximately five years. The Hilltop water tower is still being done manually on a daily basis and is being monitored. Further discussion occurred.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of newly appointed Chief of Police for the City of Williamstown

Mayor Christopher stated Police Chief Steve Cornman retired 12/31/23. He has appointed Chris Collins as Chief of Police for the City of Williamstown effective January 1, 2024.

Gina Smith made the motion to approve the appointment of Chris Collins as Chief of Police for the City of Williamstown. John Coleman seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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| 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 of SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) bid

Fire Chief, Les Whalen, was present. Mr. Whalen is requesting the approval of the bid to be tabled at this time. He is applying for a Federal Grant to assist in the purchase of the SCBA and would like legal advice on the application. Mayor Christopher stated the City has hired Frank Wichmann as the City Attorney. Mr. Wichmann asked Les Whalen to send the grant application to him in order that he can review it. Chief Whalen stated the price of the SCBA is locked in with the vendors.

Jayson Payne made the motion to table the approval of the SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) bid until further clarification has been received. John Coleman seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendents' Reports to Council

City Council was presented a brief report from each Department Superintendent and Mayor.

Greg Middleton stated he appreciated the appointment of Chris Collins as the new Chief of Police for the City and requested the Mayor to inform Council when someone is retiring. He further stated he would like more communication from the Mayor. Some discussion occurred.

Adjourn

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

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| 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:

2/8/24

DATE

Vivian Link

Vivian Link
City Clerk/ Treasurer

Mark Christopher

Mark Christopher, Mayor
City of Williamstown, Kentucky