

**WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
February 20, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher; John Coleman; Kim Crupper; Robert Perry;  
Gina Smith; Frank Wichmann; and Crystal Fryman

**ABSENT:** Greg Middleton and Jayson Payne

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rick Willoby; Bryan Miles; Tina McCandless; Paula  
Jones; Gail Poor; Debby Lucas Angel; Tom Hutchins;  
Travis Conley; Jonathan Schmidt; CJ Roszkowski; Les  
Whalen; and Ashlynn Slaughter

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Mark Christopher called the meeting to order, asking all guests in attendance to sign in.

**INVOCATION:** Council member John Coleman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 p.m.
- There will be a LGEA Public Hearing on Monday, March 4, 2024, beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the City Council Room pertaining to Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Street Resurfacing Project.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Contract with Railroad – Bob Perry’s Request**

Councilman Perry had asked the mayor if he had signed the agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway on closing the bridge on Cherry Grove. Mayor Christopher informed the Council he had not done that yet. Councilman Perry asked if it could be negotiated to try to do away with the fee of \$600 for the sign at Hwy 25 and 36 because it is on the railroad’s property. Councilman Perry would also like for Mayor Christopher to see if he could negotiate to receive the deed for the property at the landfill the old railroad spur is located. Mayor Mark Christopher will bring an update to March meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**First Reading of Ordinance 2024-01, Consensual Annexation Ordinance annexing 22.49 acres, more or less, into the City limits that is owned by Royal Property Group, LLC, and located on the south side of Kentucky 36 West (Stewartsville Road) and the west side of Heekin Clarks Creek Road**

As directed by Council, Frank Wichmann gave the first reading to Ordinance 2024-01, Consensual Annexation Ordinance annexing 22.49 acres, more or less, into the City limits that is owned by Royal Property Group, LLC, and located on the south side of Kentucky 36 West (Stewartsville Road) and the west side of Heekin Clarks Creek Road, by title and title only.

**Dog Park events proposal and presentation – Ashlynn Slaughter**

Ms. Slaughter owns Boss Dog T & G in Crittenden and would like to use the City’s Dog Park to hold dog events. Mayor Mark Christopher wanted to get the Council’s thoughts on the use of the Dog Park. Ms. Slaughter would like to host monthly events to bring dog owners and dogs together as a group for support and interaction between dogs. Ms. Slaughter said she would handle the event and clean up after each event and there would be no cost to the City of Williamstown. The Mayor and Council had questions concerning if there were any issues and if a dog bit another dog or another person who would be responsible. Ms. Slaughter feels confident that she would be able to talk to people in a professional way to diffuse any issues. Ms. Slaughter has gates to make sections so if any person did not want to be part of her group there would be an open area for that. Councilman Coleman thanked Ms. Slaughter for showing interest in the City and trying to bring people in and feels if we find out more information from our insurance carrier on the liability, he is all for the idea. Mayor Christopher informed Council he would get with Vivian Link, City Clerk/Treasurer to check with our insurance company. He asked if Council would want to go on and vote on the issue for when information is attained of the insurance. John Coleman made the motion to allow Ashlynn Slaughter the use of the City’s Dog Park pending information that is found out from insurance company. Gina Smith seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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

All four present voted in favor.  
Motion carried.

**EMS and Interlocal Agreement discussion and how to proceed**

Chief Les Whalen was here to present to Council about the City of Williamstown starting an Ambulance service. The City of Dry Ridge is increasing their fees to the City of Williamstown by 35%, approximately \$404, 000. Chief Whalen was wanting to see how the council would want to proceed as he feels he can run an eight-man crew cheaper or about the same as we would pay Dry Ridge. The council asked Chief Whalen to check on certificate of need and if that is possible to obtain in just the city limits of

Williamstown. Chief Whalen said he would check on that and get some figures together for more conversation on the matter.

**Superintendent's Reports to Council**

The Mayor and Council were given reports from each department Superintendent informing them of projects completed and ongoing.

Council member John Coleman thanked Superintendents for mileage in their reports and asked if they could include the cost of gas and the work that is being done on the vehicles so that a true cost analysis could be done. Mr. Coleman hopes this will help in the replacing of vehicles instead of waiting until they are all in bad shape.

**Motion to go into Closed Session per KRS 61.810 (1)(c): Pending Litigation**

Gina Smith made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to the authority of KRS 61.810 (1) (c): Pending Litigation – to discuss strategy, tactics, and possible settlement, and other matters regarding the pending litigation concerning MGPI. Kim Crupper seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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

All four present voted in favor.  
Motion carried.

**Motion to come out of Closed Session**

Gina Smith made the motion to come out of closed session. Robert Perry seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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

All four present voted in favor.  
Motion carried.

**\*NO VOTES WERE TAKEN WHILE IN CLOSED SESSION\***

**Adjourn**

Kim Crupper made the motion to adjourn. John Coleman seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

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

All four present voted in favor.  
Motion carried.

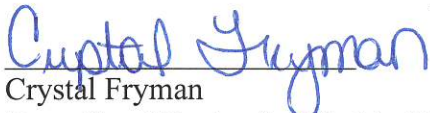
**Signed:**

3-5-24

DATE



Vivian Link  
City Clerk/Treasurer



Crystal Fryman  
Recording Minutes for Clerk's Office



Mark Christopher, Mayor  
City of Williamstown, KY