

**WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 21, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher; John Coleman; Kim Crupper; David Henson; Jayson Payne; Bob Perry; Gina Smith; Frank Wichmann; and Alex Cummins

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Hutchins; Gail Poor; Jim Paparone; Kurt Saalfeld; Sonta Saalfeld; Debby Lucas Angel

Mayor Christopher called the Meeting to order.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

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

INVOCATION: John Coleman

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

Big Fish Farms/Paddlefish update

Mayor Christopher updated the Council that we had received a check from the first harvest of the paddlefish. Jayson Payne had questions regarding the amount of money we will receive from this.

Bob Perry stated that Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will not stock the lake while the paddlefish are in there. They will still patrol but will not help with the maintenance of the lake.

Gina Smith asked what would happen if we canceled the contract. Bob Perry suggested we keep the contract until it is over and not renew, letting Kentucky Fish and Wildlife restock the lake after. Further discussion continued.

Mayor stated he was meeting with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and would ask them and report back to Council.

Safety Assessment Fee Discussion

David Henson stated that he did not see a cap placed in Ordinance 2017-11 for the Safety Assessment Fee. Kim Crupper countered that former Mayor Rick Skinner made an agreement with the Ark that The City of Williamstown cannot raise the fee for 2 more years.

Jayson Payne suggested that the City needs to place the Safety Assessment Fee on all ticketed events.

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-03, Supplement to the Code of Ordinances

Mayor Christopher requested Frank Wichmann to give the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-03, which will keep the City in code with the laws passed in 2023, in summary.

First Reading of Ordinance 2024-04, Garbage Rate and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Ordinance Amendment

Mayor Christopher requested Frank Wichmann to give the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-04, which will raise the Garbage/Ambulance fees to \$16.00 each, in summary.

City Council consideration/approval to enter into an Agreement with Jones Lake Management and the Williamstown Lake Association for the application of products to be applied to the Lake for treatment of Milfoil

Mayor Christopher showed the quote from Jones Lake Management and the contract between the City, Jones Lake Management and Williamstown Lake Association for the treatment of the Milfoil. The Mayor explained that the City will contribute \$15,000.00 and the Lake Association will match that and be responsible for any other fees if the treatment cost is over that. Further discussion followed.

Bob Perry made the motion to enter into the agreement with Jones Lake Management and Williamstown Lake Association. David Henson seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

John Coleman	yes	Kim Crupper	yes
David Henson	yes	Jayson Payne	yes
Bob Perry	yes	Gina Smith	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2024-03, Municipal Aid Co-Op Program Contract between the City of Williamstown and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024

Mayor Christopher requested Frank Wichmann to read Resolution 2024-03. Frank Wichmann stated Resolutions do not need to be read. The Mayor asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Kim Crupper made the motion to accept Resolution 2024-03, Municipal Aid Co-Op Program Contract between the City of Williamstown and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. John Coleman seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

John Coleman	yes	Kim Crupper	yes
David Henson	yes	Jayson Payne	yes
Bob Perry	yes	Gina Smith	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Municipal Order No. 2024-02, Surplus Property (Police Department)

Mayor Christopher explained that Chief Collins has gone through the Police Department’s storage and found items that can be sold.

Jayson Payne asked if we know approximately how much we will make off the items and if they were all legal to sell. Bob Perry had concerns about selling the radios as the frequencies could interfere with the current radios. The Mayor stated he would get with Chief Collins regarding these matters and report back to Council.

Bob Perry made the motion to table Municipal Order No. 2024-02, Surplus Property (Police Department). Gina Smith seconded the motion, and the vote was as follows:

John Coleman	yes	Kim Crupper	yes
David Henson	yes	Jayson Payne	yes
Bob Perry	yes	Gina Smith	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendents’ Reports to Council

David Henson asked if there was a template that the superintendents use to make their monthly reports. Mayor Christopher stated that there was not but if Mr. Henson would like to create one, Council could look at it. David Henson agreed to do so.

Discussion of 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Christopher and City Council were presented spreadsheets for each Department listing anticipated revenues and expenses. Each Department was reviewed and discussed.

Adjourn

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

John Coleman	yes	Kim Crupper	yes
David Henson	yes	Jayson Payne	yes
Bob Perry	yes	Gina Smith	yes

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Signed:

DATE



Vivian Link
City Clerk/ Treasurer



Mark Christopher, Mayor
City of Williamstown, Kentucky



Alexandra Cummins
Recording Minutes on behalf of City Clerk's Office

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AGENDA
MAY 21, 2024

6:00 P.M.

1. Roll call
2. Meeting called to order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Big Fish Farms/Paddlefish update
6. Safety Assessment Fee discussion
7. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-03, Supplement to the Code of Ordinances
8. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-04, Garbage Rate and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Ordinance Amendment
9. City Council Consideration/Approval to enter into an Agreement with Jones Lake Management and the Williamstown Lake Association for the application of products to be applied to the lake for treatment of milfoil
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11. Municipal Order No. 2024-02, Surplus Property (Police Department)
12. Superintendents' Reports to Council
13. Discussion of 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget
14. Adjourn



MARK CHRISTOPHER, MAYOR

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