

June 22, 2015
Williamsburg City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and noted council members Grier, Kirkpatrick & McGovern present. Council members Bunge & Kubas were absent. Also present was City Attorney Eric Tindal, City Engineer Jim Jacob, Assistant Public Works Director Ralph Clubb, Library Director Pat Lienemann and City Clerk Shelley Annis.

Motion Grier, 2nd McGovern to remove the Hegewald and Iowa DOT from the consent agenda to discuss later in the meeting and approve the remaining consent agenda items – all aye.

The Williamsburg Fire Department made a request to hold their annual street dance on Saturday, July 25, 2015 on a portion of State & Court Streets from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Mayor Murphy will authorize the street closures in writing.

Kari Kueter with Autism: Next Step Project and Susie Goodell with Tourette's Group of Iowa made a request to hold an Awareness Walk on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from noon to 4:00 p.m. on the Square, blocking off inside parking areas around the Square, blocking off State Street from Court to Elm Street and using city electricity, picnic tables and barriers. Mayor Murphy does not want to close the inside parking spaces and asked the organizers to consider an alternative for the next meeting.

Theresa Phillips, representing the Williamsburg Community Chamber addressed the Council about the Chamber's new website and requested that the City consider updating its website. Council members McGovern & Bunge along with Mayor Murphy will meet with the people that developed the Chamber's site to discuss options for updating the City's website.

Motion Kirkpatrick, 2nd Grier to set up a Library Equipment Fund with the unspent expenses from fiscal year 2015 – all aye.

Chris Jansen with MSA Professional Services reviewed the 2nd draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the old elementary school site. Council will set a public hearing on July 13th for accepting and distributing the RFP to developers.

Motion Kirkpatrick, 2nd Grier to approve a correction to Resolution 93-15 setting the fiscal year 2016 wages and salaries for the City of Williamsburg employees. McGovern, Grier, Kirkpatrick – aye.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 97-15 approving a Proposal for Services with VJ Engineering, Coralville, IA for construction observation of the Williamsburg High School gym sewer line relocation project. Grier, Kirkpatrick, McGovern – aye.

Motion Grier, 2nd Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 98-15 transferring \$114,877.50 from the TIF Fund, \$20,870.30 from the Water Fund and \$99,824.25 from the Sewer Fund to the Debt Service Fund for paying bond principal and interest payments. McGovern, Kirkpatrick, Grier – aye.

Motion Kirkpatrick, 2nd Grier to approve Resolution 99-15 transferring \$100,000.00 from the LOST Fund to the General Fund and transferring \$95,000.00 from the General Fund to the Library Fund as budgeted in FY2015. McGovern, Grier, Kirkpatrick – aye.

Motion Grier, 2nd McGovern to approve Resolution 100-15 transferring \$325,000.00 from the TIF Fund to the Rec Fund as budgeted in FY2015. Kirkpatrick, Grier, McGovern – aye.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Grier to set a public hearing for Monday, July 13th for adopting the Iowa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – all aye.

Council discussed the discoloration of water that has been occurring over the last 4 weeks. The public works department has been flushing hydrants trying to clear the discoloration. Council would like this topic placed onto the next agenda for a plan of action if the discoloration hasn't cleared.

Council discussed the correspondence received from the Iowa Department of Transportation regarding violations of the Holden Foundation sign and the Williamsburg Manufacturing signs placed on IA Hwy 149. Per City Attorney Tindal, the reason these signs are in violation is because they are considered “off-premise signs” meaning they cannot be placed in a residential zoning unless located on the property of the advertised activity.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Grier to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. – all aye.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk/Treasurer