

December 14, 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 Bunge, Grier, and McGovern present. Council members Kirkpatrick and Kubas were absent. Also present was City Attorney Eric Tindal, Public Works Director John Avery and City Clerk Shelley Annis.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Bunge to approve the agenda and consent agenda items – all aye.

Mayor Murphy presented Trevor Haasis with a plaque recognizing Haasis' service to the City of Williamsburg by painting several of the fire hydrants within the city.

Kevin Doehrmann, 901 Oak St. and Craig McBride, 801 Oak St. made a request to hook into the city's sanitary sewer system or to be granted a waiver to install private septic systems. Doehrmann & McBride spoke of an agreement when Southwind Pointe Subdivision was being approved to allow connection to the sewer system with an easement between lots 17 & 18 of Southwind Pointe Subdivision but for some reason nothing was put into place when the final plat was approved by the City as promised. Doehrmann & McBride also spoke of an agreement drafted in May of 2015 with Garth Von Ahsen to allow connection of the same, but nothing was executed. Public Works Director Avery presented an option to extend the sewer service from the manhole in Southwind Pointe along the south side and west side of lot 18 at an estimated cost of \$9,131 although the cost for obtaining the easements needed is unknown. McBride questioned the use of running service in a drainage easement that is currently in place along the east of lot 17. City Attorney Tindal is unsure if a drainage easement may be used for a utility easement. Council member Bunge asked what the estimated cost to the property owners might be for installing private septic. Both costs were around \$7,300 give or take. Bunge asked if the property owners would be willing to contribute that amount toward the cost of extending sanitary sewer service to their properties. Doehrmann & McBride would consider that option. Council member McGovern would like to get Von Ahsen's perspective on this situation and asked if Doehrmann & McBride were willing to wait for a final determination of the Council until the January 11, 2016 Council meeting. Doehrmann & McBride agreed to wait. Attorney Tindal will contact Von Ahsen.

Police Chief Garringer and Library Director Lienemann presented their departmental reports and answered Council questions. Rec Director Winegarden submitted the Rec Department report.

Jim Hornecker, Developer with Oppidan Investment Company, Excelsior, MN presented response to a Request for Proposal for developing the old elementary school property located at 501 Highland St. Oppidan proposes building a Shopko Hometown Store on the property.

Ron Holden along with approximately 60 people living both within Williamsburg city limits and the rural community surrounding Williamsburg voiced concerns of why a Shopko store would affect Williamsburg negatively. Attorney Jim Claypool questioned why the City had bonded for \$900,000 when the cost to demo the building was only \$200,000 and asked if a decision of the Council had been made on what the remaining \$700,000 would be used for. Council members explained that bonds were issued based on VJ Engineering's cost estimates in advance of bid letting and other unknowns of soil contamination and asbestos in the building. Clerk Annis responded that there had been no decision of the Council to repurpose the remaining funds at this time and that it would take a set of legal proceedings from the City's bonding attorney for the Council to do so.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Bunge to approve the resignation of Tyler Marshall from the Planning & Zoning Commission due to being elected to the City Council – all aye.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Grier to approve Resolution 129-15 setting fees for City services. Bunge, McGovern, Grier – aye.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Bunge to approve Resolution 130-15 appointing Jacob Tornholm, 608 W State St., Williamsburg to a five year term ending 12/31/20 on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Grier, McGovern, Bunge – aye.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Grier to approve Resolution 131-15 appointing Dave Schwendinger, 400 Franklin St., Williamsburg to another five year term ending 12/31/20 on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. McGovern, Bunge, Grier – aye.

Public Works Director Avery reviewed his report including service line repair notices sent, nuisance properties being addressed by the City Attorney and the recent inspection of City bridges. Council asked questions regarding non-compliance notices on the bridge inspection report.

Motion Bunge, 2nd Grier to approve Resolution 132-15 hiring John Schnebbe temporarily during the 2015/2016 snow season in the Public Works Department. Bunge, McGovern, Grier – aye.

Council members Bunge, Grier & McGovern along with recently elected Tyler Marshall & Aaron Sandersfeld reviewed Committee assignments. Clerk Annis will prepare a new assignment list for approval at the January 11th Council meeting. Clerk Annis presented calendars for consideration of holding budget workshops of the new Council in January & February in order to give enough time for form completion, publication and the public hearing.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mayor Frank Murphy and Council members Adam Grier, Tyler Marshall and Aaron Sandersfeld.

Motion Bunge, 2nd McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. – all aye.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk/Treasurer