

**City of Williamsburg
Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

The Williamsburg City Council met in regular session on February 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg Civic Center.

Council Members Present:

Richard Foley
J.L. Hamblin
Erica Harris
Chet Riley
Mary Ann Stanfill
Laurel West

Others Present:

Teresa Black, City Clerk; Greta Price, Asst. City Attorney; Wayne Bird, Police Chief; Alvin Sharpe, Tourism Director, Nannie Hays, Main Street Manager; Bobby Freeman Jason Caddell, Brandon Prewitt and The Whitley Republican

Mayor Roddy Harrison declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of January 12, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

A motion by Council member Hamblin and seconded by Council member Riley to approve the January 12, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All voting aye, motion carried.

II. Floor Business

Mayor Harrison presented Former Council member and Mayor Mr. Donnie Witt with a plaque for his years of service.

Ms. Frankie Ball came before council concerning the trash on Florence Avenue and at the entrance of North 6th Street and Florence Ave. Also, she asked if the trees could be trimmed along the side of the street in front of Mr. Donald Faulkner's residents. Other comments were: a water leak at Mr. Murphy's residents needs to be patched and the old water building at the end of 6th Street needs to be cleaned up.

Wayne Bird, Police Chief and Brandon Prewitt, Police Officer introduced the new K-9 dog unit to the council. The dog is a Belgium Malinois and patrols in narcotics.

III. Second reading of an Ordinance annexing property into the City of Williamsburg by consent of the owner, located at Highway 92W and next to Wal-mart, containing 3.861 acres.

A motion by Council member Riley and seconded by council member Hamblin to approve the second reading of an Ordinance annexing property into the City of Williamsburg by consent of the owner, located at Highway 92W and next to Wal-mart, containing 3.861 acres. All voting aye, motion carried.

IV. Reappointment of Mr. James Key to the Williamsburg-Whitley Co. Airport Board

A motion by Council member Foley and seconded by Council member Riley to reappoint Mr. James Key to the Williamsburg-Whitley County Airport Board. All voting aye, motion carried.

V. Williamsburg Police Department – Use of Canines in the Law Enforcement Operations

A motion by Council member Foley and seconded by Council member Harris to approve the policy relating to the use of canines in the law enforcement operations. All voting aye, motion carried.

VI. Resolution authorizing the Williamsburg Police Department to submit a grant application for Bulletproof Vest.

A motion by Council member Hamblin and seconded by Council member West to approve a resolution authorizing the Williamsburg Police Department to submit a grant application for Bulletproof Vest in the amount of \$6,048.00 to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security; Law Enforcement Protection Program. All voting aye, motion carried.

VII. Council Comments

Mayor Harrison

-gave an update concerning work on Exit 11 interchange. Mayor told council that work is expected to be done by mid-March in order to get traffic flow back to its original pattern. The final design work is expected to be done by late spring or early summer.

-discussed the construction status of the New City Hall. Mayor stated that it should be under roof soon. The trusses are expected to be set this week.

-discussed a wish list of projects that could be ready within four to five months, if funding can be found. President Barack Obama has said he would like to spend part of the economic stimulus money on government projects. Mayor stated that two of the projects were the \$3.2 million phase three renovation at the water plant and \$1.1 million to renovate 10th Street to raise the bridge out of the flood plain and widen the road.

Council member Hamblin

- asked of the maintenance department had purchased new cones
- stated a guardrail is in need on Brush Arbor. Mayor told council that the city has the guardrail and will be putting it up.
- stated that a “Authorized Personnel Only” sign needed to be at the Transfer Station
- stated that the sidewalk on Main Street at the college looks very nice

Council member Harris

- stated that there is a problem with blighted property on Rice Street. Something needs to be done with the junk cars parked at 279 Rice Street and Johnson Avenue. Mayor stated that if the city’s newest blighted property ordinance doesn’t fix the problem; the city might create a code enforcement board.

Council member West

- stated that she had a complaint on the resident of 310 North 10th Street working on cars late at night
- asked the progress on the new water slide at the Water Park. Mayor stated that it would be up and running this season and that they are looking for a name for the slide.
- asked if the city could get a flashing light at the school crossing

Council member Foley

- asked if Julia Lane could be blacktopped
- concerned with the blighted property on North 2nd and North 2rd Street
- stated that the trash on the floodwall could be cleaned up
- stated that the sirens are working well with the automatic system that goes off

Council member Riley

- stated that the garbage bin needs to be cleaned up at Butch’s
- stated that outside the sanitation garage needs to be cleaned up
- stated that the business on 25W in front of Kenneth Shaw residents is looking band and need to be cleaned up
- asked if the city was going to hire a Recreation Director

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Riley and seconded by Council member Stanfill. All voting aye, motion carried.

Roddy Harrison, Mayor

ATTEST
Theresa Black, City Clerk