

**City of Williamsburg
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2017
5:00 p.m.**

The Williamsburg City Council met in regular session on March 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Williamsburg City Hall.

Councilmembers Present:

**Loren Connell
Patty Faulkner
Richard Foley
Erica Harris**

Absent:

**Mary Ann Stanfill
Laurel West**

Others Present:

**Teresa Black, City Clerk;
Brandon White, Police Officer;
Martha Steele, Whitley County Health Depart;
Whitley Republican and
Corbin Times Tribune**

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

I. Approval of February 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Connell and seconded by Councilmember Foley to approve the February 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

II. Floor Business

Martha Steele with the Whitley County Health Department came before council and gave an update on the Needle Exchange Program.

Ms. Steele told councilmembers more than 100 clients have been served and over 50 come regularly. Two are actively seeking to get off drugs, one in outpatient treatment and the other inpatient treatment facility. The program has given out over 3,000 needles and gotten back 2,000. Ms. Steele said she is emphasizing the importance of compliance to her clients.

Ms. Steele told everyone who comes receives a card and we explained to them what that card means and their responsibilities. The exchange program has strict hours and it's the client's responsibility to show up between the hours 2-4 p.m. on Fridays. Clients are forbidden to show up intoxicated. Ms. Steele explained that if a client was traveling to and from the exchange program but not breaking the law, the police would let them come to the program and the card would be their proof.

Mr. Brandon White, Police Officer stated there are pros and cons. He said that the program works well to prevent diseases. He stated "We've got a drug problem and we're giving people a tool to use drugs. We're also not saving any money because these people are getting collapsed veins and other medical problems."

Ms. Steele proposed that Mr. White and the city council work through all the concerns.

Councilmembers agreed to have Ms. Steele report back in May.

Mayor Harrison reminded the community not to pick up a needle if you see one.

III. Resolution – 911 Fees

A motion by Councilmember Foley and seconded by Councilmember Harris to approve Resolution No. 17-002 concerning the method of financial support of the Whitley County E-911 Communication Center. All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor stated he had hoped to fund the city's portion of the 911 program through alternate funding.

IV Comments

Mayor Harrison gave an update on the new Senture facility. The Williamsburg facility will be located adjacent to the Cumberland Regional Mall and is expected to open sometime next month. The company's goal is to hire about 500 people for the Williamsburg facility. The Williamsburg facility will be an inbound call center for various government contracts and because Senture is a government contractor employees have to be able to pass a background check and drug test.

Mayor Harrison stated Senture has been voted one of the best places to work in Kentucky and its London facility was named best large employer in Laurel County.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Harris and seconded by Councilmember Faulkner. All voting aye, motion carried.

Roddy Harrison, Mayor

Attest

Teresa Black, City Clerk