

**City of Williamsburg
Regular Council Meeting
May 11, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

The Williamsburg City Council met in regular session on May 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg Civic Center.

Council Members Present:

Richard Foley
JL Hamblin
Erica Harris
Chet Riley
Mary Ann Stanfill

Absent:

Laurel West

Others Present:

Teresa Black, City Clerk;
Alvin Sharpe, Tourism Director;
Nannie Hays, Main Street Manager;
Animal Shelter Managers; and
Whitley Republican

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

I. Approval of the April 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

A motion by Council member Riley and seconded by Council member Stanfill to approve the April 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All voting aye, motion carried.

II. Floor Business

Ms. Devonna Durham and Ms. Lori Keck gave an update on the Animal Shelter. They told that 318 dogs and 28 cats were taken to the shelter in the month of April alone and 41 animals were adopted during that period. Ms. Durham stated that the shelter needs assistance from the government agencies to continue operating, and that Corbin City Commission recently gave \$10,000.00 and challenged other cities to follow. Mayor stated that the city is allocating \$10,000.00 in its next Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget.

III. Re-appointment of Ms. Lille Gwen Griffith to the Williamsburg Housing Authority Board.

A motion by Council member Foley and seconded by Council member Riley to re-appoint Ms. Lille Gwen to the Williamsburg Housing Authority Board. All voting aye, with Council member Hamblin abstaining. Motion carried.

IV. Adoption of two resolutions authorizing the Mayor to sign two grant assumption and assignment agreements SX21235217 - \$475,000.00 sewer extension along US 25; SX21235231 - \$125,000.00 Downtown Rehabilitation

A motion by Council member Foley and seconded by Council member Hamblin to adopt the two resolutions SX21235217 in the amount of \$475,000.00 to extend sewer service 3,000 feet further along US 25W and SX21235231 in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the downtown rehabilitation. All voting aye, motion carried.

V. Resignation of Frank Atkins, City Attorney

A motion by Council member Riley and seconded by Council member Foley to accept the resignation of Frank Atkins, City Attorney. All voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Harrison stated that Mr. Atkins will be missed. "He has served the city tremendously." "He is quick, smart and knew what to do."

A motion by Council member Foley and seconded by Council member Hamblin to hire Greta Price as Acting City Attorney. All voting aye, with Council member Harris abstaining. Motion carried.

During the meeting, council questioned whether there would be any conflicts of interest, due to her husband being the District Court Judge. Council suggested the city get an opinion from the Kentucky League of Cities concerning the issue.

VI. Council Comments

Mayor Harrison told that a new middle turn lane on South 10th Street from the old Butch's Market to the Williamsburg Tourism and Convention Center is scheduled to be stripped and done by June 30th.

On June 19th, the state transportation cabinet officials are to schedule the bidding for the I-75 between exit 11 and mile marker 20 project. The project will replace the guardrail and include new blacktop along that portion of the interstate.

Work is expected to start next week on Ky. 92W for grade work from Bon Hollow to Paint Creek, but the plan to widen Ky 92W to McCreary County has been canceled. The start date for the Ky 92W project in Williamsburg is June 15th and that all lanes are expected to be opened by November 30th.

Work is currently underway on the city streetscape project along Main Street, Second and Third Street. Mayor Harrison also stated that new traffic lights will be installed, two on Main Street one on Cumberland Avenue and a fourth one on South 10th Street near the old Butch's Market.

Mayor told council that construction on the new city hall is expected to be completed by May 27th and will move in the first week of June.

Mayor told council the roads that will be paved this year are: Julia Lane, Morton Street, East Woodside, Locust Street and an unnamed side street off King Mountain.

Council Member Hamblin

-stated a street light is needed on Forest Avenue by Mrs. Carrie Lawson and Mr. Jimmy Bates.

Council Member Stanfill

-need for a street light on Florence Avenue

A motion by Council member Stanfill and seconded by Council member Harris to place a new light on Florence Avenue. All voting aye, motion carried

Council Member Riley

-asked who was suppose to cut the grass on 25W. Mayor stated that is the state highway, but the city is going to keep it mowed so it will be done on regular basis. The other side of the guardrail is the owner's responsibility.

-stated that 10th street needs mowed on the state side.

Council Member Foley

-told council that Mr. Chuck Dupier is doing the Comprehensive Plan for the city and that he will do a great job.

VII. 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

Teresa Black, City Clerk