

**City of Williamsburg
Regular Council Meeting
April 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

The Williamsburg City Council met in Regular Session April 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg City Hall.

Councilmembers Present:

**Richard Foley
Erica Harris
Chet Riley
Troy Sharp
Mary Ann Stanfill
Laurel West**

Others Present:

Jason Price, City Attorney; Teresa Black, City Clerk; Mr. Wayne Bird, Police Chief; Mrs. Patty Faulkner, Tourism Board; Nannie Hays, Main Street Manager; Betty Prewitt, Water Department, Whitley Republican and Corbin Times Tribune.

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

I. Approval of March 14, 2011, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Stanfill and seconded by Councilmember Riley to approve the March 14, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes with Councilmember west absent during voting. All voting aye, motion carried.

II. Floor Business

Mr. Roger Powers, Maiden Drug business owner came before council asking to purchase the property behind his business on 4th Street. Mayor Harrison appointed councilmember Harris, Councilmember Stanfill and Councilmember Riley on a committee to take a look at the piece property behind Mr. Powers business and see of the city wants to sell or keep the property. Councilmember Foley stated the city needs to keep the utility rights if the city decides to sell.

III. Second reading of an Ordinance creating new provision of the Williamsburg code of ordinance and authorizing the use of golf carts on certain designated city streets.

Mr. Jason Price, City Attorney read the second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the use of golf carts on certain designated streets.

A motion by Councilmember Stanfill and seconded by Councilmember Sharp to approve the second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the use of golf carts on certain designated streets. All voting aye, motion carried.

IV. Second reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance #03-006 establishing rates and charges for the use of and the services rendered by the City of Williamsburg Water and Sewer System.

Mr. Jason Price, City Attorney read the second reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance #03-006 establishing rates and charges for the use of and the services rendered by the City of Williamsburg Water and Sewer System. New Rates will go in effect July 1, 2011.

A motion by Councilmember Foley and seconded by Councilmember Riley to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance #03-006 establishing rates and charges for the use of and the services rendered by the City of Williamsburg Water and Sewer System. All voting aye, motion carried.

V. Motion to accept the new Policy and Procedures Manual for the Williamsburg Police Department: To be adopted along with the City of Williamsburg Policy and Procedures Manual.

A motion by Councilmember Sharp and seconded by Councilmember Foley to accept the new Policy and Procedures Manual for the Williamsburg Police Department: To be adopted along with the City of Williamsburg Police and Procedures Manual. All voting aye, motion carried.

VI. First reading of an Ordinance establishing impound lot and fees

Mr. Jason Price, City Attorney read the first reading of an Ordinance establishing impound lot and fees. The impound lot ordinance established a \$65.00 tow bill fee plus and \$25.00 per day impound charge. The lot will initially be located in the fenced in area behind the Williamsburg Fire Department, but will eventually move to a lot beside the fire department. Police Chief, Wayne Bird said that the city has been using a rotating wrecker list for towing, which means that in order to get their impounded vehicles, some people had to drive to Corbin or Gatliff.

Councilmember West asked who would determine the towing company and expressed concern on the business hours for someone to get their vehicle out of impound. She asked if someone couldn't get their vehicle out by the close of business on Friday would they accumulate another \$50.00 for impound charge for Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Bird stated under the new impound lot ordinance, the city

will contract with one wrecker service. If a vehicle is impounded because of a violation, such as someone having no insurance, the towing company used by the city will tow the vehicle and the owner won't have any choice about who tows it. If someone gets in an accident and there are not violations but the vehicle still needs to be towed, the owner of the vehicle will be allowed to decide who tows the vehicle. Mr. Bird also stated that towing companies only release vehicles during normal business hours Monday through Friday and anyone who handles money, must be bonded. Councilmember Foley asked how the billing would work for the towing and storage. Mr. Bird said only the city will receive the impound fee instead of the wrecker service. Prior to the release of an impounded vehicle, the owner must show proof of insurance and registration to the police department, and all fees must be paid Monday through Friday at City Hall. Mr. Bird said that if the owner doesn't pick up an impounded vehicle within 90 days, a certified letter will be sent to the owner notifying them and they have 15 days from receipt of the letter to pick up the vehicle. If the owner still doesn't pick it up, it becomes city property, and will be sold to reimburse the city for the tow and impound fee. Councilmember Harris asked about the liability. Mayor Harrison said that the impound lot will only raise the city's insurance rates about \$400 per year. The Ordinance won't take effect until after the second reading and after insurance and the security cameras are in place.

VII. Council Comments

Mayor Harrison

-announced that city has been approved for a one million dollar loan for the new waste water pump station and force main at Briar Creek Park. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority is requiring the city to increase the water and sewer rates to guarantee payment of the loan. Mayor stated the Rural Development also issued a letter stating that the city needed to look into the water and sewer rates as well.

Councilmember West

-stated that the light on North 11th Street that is by the road beside the nursing home, doesn't point in the direction of the road and the light at the end of 11th Street point to a backyard

Councilmember Foley

-asked if the city received any feedback on the letter that were sent to several city residents concerning the smoke testing
-had concerns with the Ball Park Pump Station
-asked if some kind of marking can be put across the ditch line as you enter Rains Street off of Cemetery Road
-stated that the bushes need to be cut back on Moore and Cliff End Road
-asked that the litter be cleaned out of the drain across city school
-stated that the street sweeper is needed on 10th Street, 11th Street and Main Street

Councilmember Riley

-asked about the blighted house on Elm Street
-stated that grass is getting high on the right side of the road going up Brush Arbor and is getting filled with trash.

Councilmember Harris

--asked if the repair of the water leak at Goldbug help decrease the loss percentage

Councilmember Stanfill

-asked if the bush could be cut back from the road on 10th and 2nd Street
-asked if it would take away from the other departments when using the occupational tax for the first payment for the ball park pump station. Mayor said that the money would be budgeted and would not take away from the other departments

Councilmember Sharp

-stated that cars have been driving too fast on Pecan Street. Asked for speed bumps or make the street one-way. Wayne Bird said he would have the officer patrol the street for speeding
-asked if the ditch line problem has been looked at on 10th Street at Mr. Any Frost's residence
-said that the sidewalk is broken on 10th Street

Mayor Harrison

-announced the Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt will take place April 23rd at Briar Creek Park starting at 1 p.m. There will be three age divisions: birth through three years old, ages four through six and ages seven through twelve years old. There will be three prizes per age division and the Easter Bunny would be present.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Roddy Harrison, Mayor

ATTEST

Teresa Black, City Clerk