

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Chairman Jeff Markstrom and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Chairman Jeff Markstrom, Vice Chair Peter Schall, Commissioners Brandon Gilroy, Gene Smith, and Jeffrey Roland. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, Planner Susan Cronander, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, citizens Noah Belanger, Tammy Gilroy, and Jerry Fedewa.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Gilroy**, second by **Schall**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Chairman Markstrom called for public comments at this time and there were none.

6. Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2019:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Gilroy**, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 5, 2019. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Action Items

7a. Victory Meadows Site Condominium Extension of Site Plan Approval:

At the November 5, 2018 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission approved the preliminary site condominium plan for Victory Meadows, subject to conditions, and if any significant changes are made to the site plans, they must come back as a preliminary site plan review. Approvals are valid for one year, but the Planning Commission may grant an extension.

Mr. Fedewa, with Victory Meadows, requested an extension of this approval.

Motion by **Gilroy**, second by **Schall**, to approve a one-year extension for the current plans for Victory Meadows. Yes: Gilroy, Smith, Schall, Markstrom. No: Roland. **Motion passed.**

This one-year extension is good until November 5, 2020, one year from original approval.

8. Discussion Items

8a. Sign Ordinance:

Planner Cronander reviewed potential recommended changes to the sign ordinance:

1. Content-based language
2. Reconsideration of language/items that may not be serving their intended purpose
3. Administrative issues
4. Clean Up

Planner Cronander and Attorney Perrone reviewed the Reed v. Gilbert Supreme Court decision on content-based distinctions.

The Commission wants to move forward on deleting content-based language and will continue discussing the sign ordinance at the next meeting.

10. Staff Reports:

10a. Community Development & Planning:

Planner Cronander is working on sign permits and following up on outstanding information needed.

10b. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt has been having discussions with a developer on a parcel of property and possible development.

11. Audience Participation:

Chairman Markstrom called for public comments at this time and there were none.

12. Planning Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Markstrom called for commissioner comments and there were none.

13. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Chairman Markstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Barbara J. Burke, City Deputy Clerk

Date approved: _____