

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tammy Gilroy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited led by the Boy Scouts in attendance.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Mayor Pro-tem Brandon Lanyon, Councilmembers Tommy Pratt, Steve Jenkins, Scott VanAllsburg, Dan Rhines, and Terry Hansen. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, Boy Scouts, JFM Productions, and citizen Robert Young and other members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Hansen**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Mayor Gilroy called for public comments at this time and there were none.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023:

Motion by **Jenkins**, second by **Hansen**, to approve the January 9, 2023, minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the January 23, 2023, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 76358-76401, and ACH 354-363 from dates 1-6-23 through 1-13-23 for a total of \$394,775.47. Yes: Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Hansen. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. School Resource Officer Agreement:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the School Resource Officer Services Agreement as presented. Yes: VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins. No: None. Motion passed.

8b. Interim Police Chief:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to appoint Robert "Bob" Young as Interim Police Chief for a six-month period, beginning on January 27, 2023. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. HUD Water Main Projects NEPA Clearing Process – Set Public Hearing:

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Jenkins**, to set the public hearing for NEPA clearing process

for the water main crossing of the Red Cedar River for February 13, 2023, at 7:01 p.m. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Waste Water Treatment Plant Work Session:

Engineer DeVries reviewed his PowerPoint presentation with Council regarding the recommended repairs and replacements needed at the wastewater treatment plant.

9b. Road Diet:

Engineer DeVries reported he had a meeting with Spicer Group to review the preliminary plans for the road diet and will be sending them to MDOT for their review and comments.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Hanifan submitted a written report for Council review and highlighted some of the items.

11b. Treasurer:

A budget printout was submitted for Council review.

11c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Pratt reported on the January NIESA meeting. He noted the Webberville Fire Chief has retired.

Councilman VanAllsburg reported on the Cemetery Board meeting saying they will be developing a "green burial section" which will be new for them. The Board will also be reviewing contributions paid by the City to the cemetery.

13. Audience Participation:

The MSU Journalism students introduced themselves to Council and let them know they are covering Williamston news this term.

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman VanAllsburg reported the Farmers' Market has created a five-year plan. Jane Reagan will now be heading up the Farmers' Market Committee.

Councilman Lanyon thanked Engineer DeVries for his thorough presentation on the wastewater treatment plant needs. He also welcomed Bob Young back as the Interim Police Chief.

Councilman Jenkins also welcomed back Bob Young.

Councilman Hansen pointed out the Council has now had two meetings without former

Councilman Belanger.

Councilman Pratt welcomed Bob Young back.

Mayor Gilroy thanked staff for their hard work this past year and she appreciates how everyone works together. She anticipates a busy year for the City. She is looking forward to Chief Young attending their meetings and saying “nothing to report.” There is an upcoming Visioning Session on March 1st. There is still no parking on City streets between 2am-5am and she thanked the community for being understanding of the no parking from 7pm-7am in anticipation of the last winter storm.

15. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____