

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 10, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Tammy Gilroy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Council Members Jeffrey Roland, Noah Belanger, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: Jeffrey Weiss & John Bisard.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, JFM Productions, and other members of the public.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to excuse Weiss and Bisard. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the agenda as amended by removing "Led by Boy Scout Troup" from Pledge of Allegiance. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. Redevelopment Ready Community Baseline Evaluation:

Brett Hanlon of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation presented the Council with information on what it means to be a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC). Currently Williamston is at the "Engaged" level. Once the City completes its RRC Certification it is good for three years with check-ins every 6 months. After three years Williamston would need to re-certify. The RRC Certification will be an indication to developers that Williamston is prepared and ready to handle new developments.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Smith**, to approve the January 27, 2020 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$250,547.15 with reference #'s 72821-72866.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 72821-72866 from dates 1/24/2020 through 1/31/2020 for a total of \$250,547.15. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Belanger. No: None. **Motion**

passed.

9. Action Items

9a. Resolution Adopting Property Exemption Guidelines:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Smith**, to approve the Resolution Adopting the Property Exemption Guidelines as presented. Yes: Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Draft Economic Development Incentive Schedule:

Manager Schmidt discussed the drafted Economic Development Incentive Policy provided in the packet. This is a great start in handling tax abatement requests should that be a determining factor for businesses to locate in Williamston. He also completed a review of the water/sewer connection charges in comparison with other municipalities. He is not recommending a waiver of those connection charges at this time. This will be on the next agenda as an action item.

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review.

12b. Police Chief:

No report.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

No reports.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Mayor Gilroy commented that DPW has done a fantastic job of clearing the snow.

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____