

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018  
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, Mayor Pro-tem Sandy Whelton, John Bisard, Noah Belanger, Jeffrey Weiss, and Kent Hall. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Alan Dolley, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, City Treasurer Rachel Piner, Police Chief Bob Young, JFM Productions, Farmers' Market Manager Marlene Epley, CADL Representative Scott Duimstra, Williamston Head Librarian Julie Chrisinski, and citizens Leo Sheets, Paula Curtis, Daniel Rhines, and other members of the public.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Hall**, 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 22, 2018:**

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the January 22, 2018 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

The accounts payables totaled \$298,548.40 with reference #s 69851-69921.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #s 69851-69921 for a total of \$298,548.40. Yes: Weiss, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8. City Council Vacancy Interviews:**

Paula Curtis introduced herself to the Council as an employee of NIESA and resident for 55 years. She is looking to help out the City by serving on the City Council. She is involved with the NIESA Board, has helped with Jubilee and the Boy Scouts.

Dan Rhines commented he has worked on Jubilee for 8 years.

**9. Action Items**

**9a. L-3 Mobile- Vision Server Purchase:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Whelton**, to approve spending up to \$10,100 to purchase an L-3 Mobile – Vision Server. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9b. Contract for Wildflower Plantings Maintenance at McCormick Park:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the agreement with Wildtype Design, dated January 24, 2018, for the proposed management of the McCormick Park 2015 buffer wildflower plantings and controlled burn in an amount not to exceed \$4,230. Yes: Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9c. Council Board/Committee Appointments:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the council/board appointments as discussed at the meeting. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**2018 City Council Appointments**

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>
EDC/TIFA	Jeffrey Weiss	Kent Hall	Third Monday
DDA	Tammy Gilroy	Sandy Whelton	Third Tuesday
Planning Commission	John Bisard	Noah Belanger	First Tuesday
Cemetery Board	Kent Hall		
NIESA	Sandy Whelton	Jeffrey Weiss	Second Thursday
Parks & Recreation Commission	Kent Hall		Second Wednesday
Accounts Payable Review	Noah Belanger	Tammy Gilroy	

City Manager Committee- Whelton, Belanger, Hall  
 Sign Committee- Whelton, Hall, Earl Wolf  
 Farmers' Market Ad Hoc Committee- Whelton

**9d. Set Public Hearing Date & Time for MIREC Grant- March 12, 2018 at 7:05 p.m.:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Whelton**, to set a public hearing for the MIREC Grant for March 12, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9e. Set Public Hearing Date & Time for DNR Grant- March 12, 2018 at 7:06 p.m.:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to set a public hearing for the DNR Grant for March 12, 2018 at 7:06 p.m. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9f. Resolution to Waive the Collection of Penalties and Fines for the Non-Filing or Late Filing of Property Transfer Affidavits:**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the resolution to waive the

collection of penalties or fines for the non-filing or late filing of property transfer affidavits. Yes: Weiss, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9g. Appointment of Interim City Manager:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Whelton**, to appoint City Treasurer, Rachel Piner, to the position of Interim City Manager, effective February 24, 2018 until a full-time manager is sworn in, with compensation to consist of current manager's salary plus \$500 per week. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**10. Discussion Items**

**10a. Lease Agreement for Library:**

Manager Dolley reported he attended the School Board meeting recently and noted the changes that have been made to the agreement since it was previously presented to Council.

Councilman Bisard asked if the costs are in line with what CADL is paying now.

CADL Representative Scott Duimstra responded it is in line with what they are paying now.

Councilman Bisard also asked if the City is going to be the middle man when CADL has issues with their space.

Mr. Duimstra answered they would still copy the City in on any correspondence with the school.

Councilmember Whelton suggested the entire Council look at the area together.

Councilman Hall commented Superintendent Spina is more than willing to talk to people about the lease and is open to giving a tour of the space.

**12. Department Head Reports**

**12a. City Manager:**

Manager Dolley reported it is his last meeting and he will be bringing Treasurer Piner up to speed on what he is working on.

**12b. Police Chief:**

Chief Young reported they lost a Police retiree last week, Larry Panozzo. He will be missed.

**12c. Building Department:**

A written report was submitted for Council review.

**13. Audience Participation:**

Leo Sheets commented he would like the City Council to pass a resolution in support of the Williamston School District. He feels the Schools have done the right thing. He relayed a story of his witnessing of bullying of his own daughter.

**14. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Weiss complimented the DPW on their snow removal. He also gave appreciation to the Williamston Police Department for their assistance on the many recent highway accidents.

Councilmember Whelton expressed her grief over the loss of Larry Panozzo and relayed many memories she had of him. He worked undercover in the Detroit area before coming to Williamston. He was a very unique, very funny man. He loved his ponytail and loud shirts, and in his retirement he was able to go back to that. His constant companion was Lady, a drug-trained canine. Officer Larry and Lady would go into the schools every month to meet with the younger children and the kids adored them. Larry taught the kids “thumbs up” – where if kids saw a Williamston police officer to give a thumbs up if everything was okay. Councilmember Whelton loved him and will miss him.

**15. Adjournment:**

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the Council meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**\*Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

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**Tammy Gilroy, Mayor**

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_