

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13, 2017
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 Sean Bertolino, Council Members Sandy Whelton, Noah Belanger, Chad Munce, James DeForest, and Kent Hall. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Alan Dolley, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, JFM Productions, citizens Cheryl Hall, and other members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **DeForest**, second by **Whelton**, 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 23, 2017:

Motion by **Munce**, second by **DeForest**, to approve the January 23, 2017 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$191,496.05 with reference #'s 68230-68303.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Bertolino**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 68230-68303 for a total of \$191,496.05. Yes: Munce, DeForest, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Income Tax:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Bertolino**, to send the Roads and Infrastructure back to committee and have the committee re-formed. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8b. Re-Appointment of Dawn Marie Joseph to the Downtown Development Authority for a Term to Expire 06-30-20:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Bertolino**, to re-appoint Dawn Marie Joseph to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire 06-30-20. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8c. Designation of Bond Issue Representatives:

Motion by **DeForest**, second by **Hall**, to approve the use of Umbaugh & Associates as Financial Advisor and Miller Canfield as Bond Council for a proposed \$1,500,000 bond issue for the reconstruction of Middle Street, Water Tower maintenance and Middle Street parking lot reconstruction. Yes: Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger, Munce, DeForest, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Medical Marijuana:

Manager Dolley explained what the City is doing currently in relation to medical marijuana. The City thus far has not adopted policies allowing for medical marijuana dispensaries, caregivers, etc. to be located in Williamston.

Councilman Munce commented that after speaking with colleagues he doesn't feel it's the best service in our town. There are so few places to get revenue, and he knows the City could get revenue from this, but he doesn't feel **it retail dispensaries** would be a good fit for Williamston. **He is still open to commercial operations.**

Councilman Bertolino commented he attended training with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission regarding medical marijuana and found there is not a shortage of dispensaries in the area, but felt Council should discuss **it the growing and processing facilities** since there could be financial benefit to the City. The City could charge up to a \$5,000 fee for administrative costs associated with allowing medical marijuana businesses in Williamston.

Councilmember Whelton commented most people needing medical marijuana do not have trouble finding it. She has nothing against it, but feels there are enough places to get it now. She added the State and the Federal Government still do not agree on it, so laws could change anyway.

Councilman Belanger asked how it would be zoned.

Chief Young stated his position has not changed on the issue and does not believe they should be in Williamston.

The Mayor is not in favor of moving forward with Medical Marijuana regulations at this time.

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Dolley submitted a written report for Council review.

11b. Police Chief:

No report.

12. Audience Participation:

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

13. Council Member Comments:

Councilmember Whelton commented she was pleased Sherry Davis was promoted to lieutenant and Rodney Pfiester became the Fire Chief of the Leroy Township station.

Councilman Bertolino commented he is now attending the PTSA meetings and getting involved. There are many ways to volunteer in the community and was surprised there is even a program that provides a pantry of snacks for children.

Councilman Hall commented he recently had his second knee replacement surgery and appreciated all the support and well wishes from everyone.

Mayor Gilroy reminded everyone there is a goal setting worksession on February 22nd and a Planning Services Committee meeting on February 23rd.

16. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____