

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 25, 2019  
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 John Bisard, Council Members Sandy Whelton, Jeff Weiss, Noah Belanger, Dan Rhines, and Kent Hall. Absent: None.

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

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Weiss**, 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 14, 2019 & February 11, 2019:**

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the January 14, 2019 and February 11, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

The accounts payables totaled \$292,052.57 with reference #'s 71440-71483.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 71440-71483 for a total of \$292,052.57. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8. Action Items**

**8a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Fireworks Ordinance:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the second reading of the Fireworks Ordinance as presented. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8b. Emergency Procedures:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Bisard**, to definitely postpone this item until the next meeting. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8c. Fire Insurance Withholding Program Resolution:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Hall**, to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Williamston's participation in the Fire Insurance Withholding Program and to establish an escrow account. Yes: Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Gilroy. No: Rhines. **Motion passed.**

**8d. Weekend Survival Kits Request for Fee Waiver for Use of Band Shell:**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Hall**, to approve the waiver of fees for use of the band shell for the Weekend Survival Kits. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8e. Weekend Survival Kits Request for Permitted Sales of Alcoholic Beverages in McCormick Park:**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Hall**, to approve the application and permit from Weekend Survival Kits for sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages in McCormick Park. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9. Discussion Items**

**9a. Complete Streets Policy Exception Request:**

Manager Schmidt reported the City is finalizing the project for the reconstruction of East Middle Street.

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Hall**, to move the Complete Streets Policy Exception Request to an Action Item. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8f. Complete Streets Policy Exception Request:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to grant an exception to the Complete Streets Policy with the changes in the concrete approach, and integral sidewalks still being a part of the project and not requiring the sidewalk extension on the north side of E. Middle St. east of S. Mullet St. to the 205 Mill St. property line. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**11. Department Head Reports**

**11a. City Manager:**

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review.

**11b. Police Chief:**

No report.

**11c. Building Department:**

A written report was submitted for Council review.

**12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:**

Mayor Gilroy reported the DDA is working on their long-term goals and the upcoming parking lot project.

**13. Audience Participation:**

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

**14. Council Member Comments:**

Councilmember Whelton was asked to speak regarding the formation of NIESA and how the new fire hall came about.

Councilman Weiss thanked Manager Schmidt for looking into ways to protect the City's interests.

**15. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation in the Matter of LTD Red Cedar v City of Williamston in Front of the Michigan Tax Tribunal:**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Bisard**, that the City Council meet in closed session under Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with our attorney regarding settlement strategy in connection with Colonial-Williamston LTD Red Cedar v City of Williamston. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Hall, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

-Closed Session started at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Belanger**, to return to open session. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Hall, Whelton, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

-Closed Session ended at 8:00 p.m.

**16. Action on Closed Session:**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, that the City Council approve the recommendation made by legal counsel while in Closed Session in compliance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, and authorize legal counsel to sign any necessary documents. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Bisard, Hall. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**17. Adjournment:**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Whelton**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**\*Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

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**Tammy Gilroy, Mayor**

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