

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 28, 2022  
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.

**3. Roll Call:**

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Mayor Pro-tem Noah Belanger, Council Members Terry Hansen, Brandon Lanyon, Tom Pratt. Absent: Chuck Sebolt & Dan Rhines.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Jim Wolf, DPW Director/Engineer Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, Spicer Engineer John Bradley, School Superintendent Adam Spina, MSU Journalism Student Madison Kort, NIESA Fire Chief Michael Yanz, Ingham County 911 Director Barb Davidson, and citizens Kent Hall, Narda Murphy, and Earl Wolf.

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Hansen**, to excuse Sebolt and Rhines. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**5. Audience Participation:**

NIESA Fire Chief Michael Yanz distributed the 2021 emergency service statistics to the Council and reviewed the report with them.

**6. Council Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2022:**

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the January 24, 2022 minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Hansen**, to approve the February 28, 2022, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 75160-75280 and ACH 193-225 for a total of \$2,200,557.81. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8. Action Items**

**8a. Re-Appointment of Derik Feldpausch to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term to Expire 01/01/25:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Belanger**, to reappoint Derik Feldpausch to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire 01/01/25. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8b. Williamston Poverty Exemption Resolution:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Eligibility Requirements, Income Standards/Asset Test and Application for 2022. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8c. Red Cedar Jubilee Application and Permit for Sale & Consumption of Alcohol in Howard Dahlstrom Memorial Park & Liquor Control Commission Resolution:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the application and permit for sale and consumption of alcohol in Howard Dahlstrom Memorial Park. Yes: Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by Lanyon, to approve the Liquor Control Commission Resolution application for special license for the Red Cedar Jubilee. Yes: Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8d. Water Treatment Plant Tonka Service Contract:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Hansen**, to authorize City Staff to have Kurita America, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota perform an evaluation service call on the Water Treatment Plant filter systems in an amount estimated at \$6,724 but Not-to-Exceed \$10,000. Yes: Hansen, Pratt, Belanger, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9. Discussion Items**

**9a. Presentation & Discussion – Digital Signs Message Board:**

Earl Wolf and Adam Spina presented their proposal and ideas for a digital message board to the Council.

Manager Hanifan will bring back a policy and potential costs for Council to consider at their next meeting.

**11. Department Head Reports**

**11a. City Manager:**

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

**11b. Police Chief:**

Chief Wolf reported they now have six full-time officers and are fully staffed. He also thanked Chief Yanz for working with their department. The Police are also taking speeding seriously in the City and are writing tickets and issuing warnings. He is very serious about traffic safety, but it is their goal to keep everyone safe.

Chief Wolf introduced Barb Davidson from Ingham County 911 Dispatch that they work with.

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

Councilman Pratt reported on the latest NIESA meeting.

Councilman Belanger reported he is on the NIESA personnel committee and they are going to start working on policies soon.

**13. Audience Participation:**

Barb Davidson Director of Ingham County 911 spoke to Council regarding their goals and statistics for the 911 Center. She commented Council should be proud of their police department. They are doing a great job and everyone is doing more with less.

Chief Yanz commented he believes the digital message board is a good idea and would be a benefit to them as well. He would like to meet with Manager Hanifan regarding the veterinary clinic sign placement.

MSU Journalism Student, Madison Kort, introduced herself to Council.

**14. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Hansen, Councilman Pratt, and Councilman Lanyon commented he they are glad to have Manager Hanifan on board.

Mayor Gilroy thanked Manager Hanifan for coming to work with Williamston. She looks forward to working with him. There is no parking on City streets from 2a-5am until the end of March. She gave kudos to the DPW for clearing the streets after the last few snowstorms.

**16. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:**

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**\*Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

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**Tammy Gilroy, Mayor**

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