

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 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, Mayor Pro-tem John Bisard, Council Members Jeffrey Roland, Noah Belanger, Jeffrey Weiss, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, and Williamston Garden Club Member Carol Grainger.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Rhines**, 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. Presentation- Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club- Carol Grainger:

A written report was provided for Council review. Carol Grainger added that the City does better when it is beautified. The reason being, is trees and gardens increase the urban appeal. Williamston is on the right track as she learned at the national gardening conference. Trees play an important role in climate change mitigation. The value the Red Cedar Garden Club plays to the City is very important to everyone's health and well-being. The Garden Club would like to continue to do projects for the City, but things like the gazebo will need work to the structure.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2020:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the February 24, 2020 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$600,241.57 with reference #'s 72933 dated 2-21-20 through 72962 dates 2-28-2020 and additionally through 72976 dated 2-28-20.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, with reference #'s 72933 dated 2-21-20 through 72962 dated 2-28-2020 and additionally through 72976 dated 2-28-20 for a total of \$600,241.57. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Miller Canfield Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel Services:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the Bond Counsel Engagement Letter from Miller Canfield. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. DPW Van & Cargo Shelving Purchase:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Smith**, to authorize the DPW to make a capital purchase of a Ford Transit 250 High Roof 148" Cargo Van through Signature Ford in Owosso in the amount not-to-exceed \$34,062 and authorize the DPW to make a capital purchase of Adrian Steel General Service Starter Package to be installed in the cargo area of the van in the amount not-to-exceed \$6,063 and amend the FY 19/20 Budget for Capital Outlay 661-901-970.25 DPW Equipment for a \$5,125 increase. Yes: Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review.

12b. Police Chief:

No report.

12c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

12d. City Clerk:

Clerk Thompson submitted a written report for Council review.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Smith gave kudos to City Staff for their work on the Planning Commission updates.

14. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Weiss commented Councilman Rhines is doing a great job posting information for Jubilee on Facebook.

Councilman Rhines commented they are hoping to bring the Beard and Mustache Contest, "Brothers of the Brush", back to Jubilee by popular demand. The Chamber of Commerce is planning to take on the kids events on Wednesday of Jubilee. He also complimented Engineer DeVries and DPW for their work clearing snow during the recent storm.

Mayor Gilroy also commended Councilman Rhines and the Red Cedar Jubilee Group on their work to coordinate the festival. She reminded everyone that spring is here, but there is still no parking allowed on City streets between 2am-5am.

16. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____