

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 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 Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, City Treasurer Rachel Piner, Senior Center Representative John Roy Castillo, JFM Productions, and members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **DeForest**, 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. CATA Presentation:

A representative of CATA reported to Council on the changes in the CATA bus services. He explained the previous route and the changes to the services they are going to offer in the Williamston/Webberville area. The decrease in services is due to decline in usage in the Williamston/Webberville communities. CATA will be increasing the number of trips to this area, but will be decreasing the amount of time spent in Williamston.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2017:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **DeForest**, to approve the February 27, 2017 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$503,279.51 with reference #'s 68371-68440.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Munce**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 68371-68440 for a total of \$503,279.51. Yes: Belanger, Munce, DeForest, Gilroy, Whelton, Bertolino, Hall. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Audit Proposal:

Motion by **DeForest**, second by **Hall**, to approve the Auditing Services Agreement with

Roslund, Prestage, & Company, P.C. for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, 2018, and 2019 with 2 one-year options to extend and for compensation not to exceed page 1 of the agenda packet, 9a. Yes: Munce, DeForest, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. Accepting Postmarks for Payments:

Motion by **DeForest**, second by **Belanger**, to no longer accept postmarks as timely payment of utility bills or property taxes. Yes: DeForest, Gilroy, Hall, Belanger. No: Whelton, Bertolino, Munce. **Motion passed.**

9c. 2017/2019 Williamston/Meridian Recreation Agreement:

Motion by **Munce**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the 2017-2019 Williamston/Meridian Recreation Agreement as presented. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger, Munce, DeForest. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9d. MDOT Contract- Middle Street:

Motion by **DeForest**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the MDOT Contract #17-5050 for Middle Street and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on the City's behalf. Yes: Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger, Munce, DeForest, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11. Staff Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Dolley submitted a written report for Council review. He is working with the Township, Library, and Senior Center on a new building concept.

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:

Councilman DeForest thanked the Mayor for sending an e-mail reminding Council to be careful what they send back and forth so as not to cause an Open Meetings Act violation. Twenty-one states including Michigan are thinking of doing away with ~~the time change~~ **daylight savings time.**

Councilmember Whelton commented NIESA was amazing with the power outages. There were fires started with the downed power lines. She invited Officer Don Smith to read to the preschoolers and he was amazing. He also stayed and talked with the children. She also got the NIESA Director to come in and read next week.

Councilman Munce commented he appreciates the City doing a branch pickup this week. He added Independent Bank has a grant available and the Williamston Food

Bank is in the running. The voting takes place on Facebook March 15-29.

Councilman Bertolino commented the Summer Concert Series is coming up and they are looking for sponsors. A full sponsorship is \$500 and a half is \$250.

Mayor Gilroy commented there is a reading event at the library this Friday with many community members taking part in reading to the children with camping themes. She also mentioned U of M won the Big 10 Tournament Championship.

14. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.**

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

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____