

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2021
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tammy Gilroy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Due to county and state health department orders limiting indoor gathering sizes and recommendations for social distancing, in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020, this regular meeting was conducted via remote participation.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy (Ingham County, Williamston, Michigan), Mayor Pro-tem Noah Belanger (Ingham County, Williamston Michigan), Council Members Brandon Lanyon (Ingham County, Williamston, Michigan), Tommy Pratt (Ingham County, Williamston, Michigan), Jeffrey Weiss (this meeting, Laingsburg, Shiawassee County, lives in Ingham County, Williamston, Michigan), Daniel Rhines (Ingham County, Williamston, Michigan), and Gene Smith (Ingham County, Williamston, Michigan). Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, Police Chief Jim Wolf, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Alex Malloy with JFM Productions, and MSU journalism student Payton Shaffer.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the agenda as presented. Yes: Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

5. Audience Participation:

MSU journalism student Payton Shaffer introduced herself and said she was attending to observe the meeting.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the March 8, 2021 Council minutes as presented. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to approve the March 22, 2021 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74156-74201 and ACH 92-93 for a total of \$96,417.05. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. McCormick Park and Island Maintenance – Wildtype Proposal:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the proposal from Wildtype in an amount not to exceed \$2,925 for maintenance of riverfront plantings, rain gardens, and

other natural areas at McCormick Park and the Island. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. City Hall Facility Assessment Proposal:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve proposal and agreement from Bergmann for the City Hall Facility Assessment in an amount not to exceed \$12,750. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. 2020 Annual Planning Commission Report to the City Council:

As required per the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Section 125.3819 (2), a written report of Planning Commission 2020 activities was submitted for Council review.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review. As we get into April, the annual budget process will begin with a budget workshop. His family is expecting their second baby in April and he will get these scheduled soon.

11b. Police Chief:

Chief Jim Wolf said officer Blayne Fortune gave his three-week notice, so they now have two positions to fill.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

None.

13. Audience Participation:

Mayor Gilroy thanked MSU journalism student Payton Shaffer for attending and asked her to contact City Hall if information is needed.

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Belanger had no comments but said root for University of Michigan in March Madness.

Councilman Smith congratulated Manager Schmidt on the soon-to-be family addition.

Councilman Lanyon offered congratulations to Manager Schmidt and his family.

Mayor Gilroy congratulated Manager Schmidt on the new Hornet to soon be added to his family, and gave a reminder there is no parking on City streets from 2-5am through March 31. Enjoy March Madness.

Attorney Perrone announced attorney Courtney Gabbara had a baby boy this morning and she and baby are doing well.

15. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____