

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 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, JFM Productions, MSU Journalism Students, and citizens Jeff Gorsline, and Nate Feldpausch.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Nate Feldpausch commented he owns the Crossfit studio behind NAPA on Grand River Ave., with over 40 clients. He is trying to convert a storage facility on Railroad Street into a gym and has been working with the City for three months. He feels that the process should be simpler.

Jeff Gorsline commented he is a friend of Mr. Feldpausch, a member of Crossfit and the owner of the Railroad Street building. He is still hoping the project can be financially feasible and so far it's not. They would like to get it in front of the Planning Commission so they can hear their case as he believes they are at an impasse with City Staff. They want to meet the City Ordinances but it is not feasible economically.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the March 11, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$117,494.78 with reference #'s 71546-71606.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Hall**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 71546-71606 for a total of \$117,494.78. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Williamston Area Beautification Fund Request for Fee Waiver:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the fee waiver request for the bandshell from the Williamston Area Beautification Fund for the Summer Music Concert Series. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. 2nd Reading of Ordinance Amendment Regarding Minors in Possession of Alcohol:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the second reading of the Ordinance Amendment Regarding Minors in Possession of Alcohol as presented. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Wildtype Riverfront Maintenance Proposal:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the riverfront park maintenance proposal from Wildtype in an amount not to exceed \$2,880. Yes: Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Gilroy. No: Rhines. **Motion passed.**

8d. Volunteers Community Park Site Design Proposal:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the Volunteers Community Park Site Design Proposal from C2AE in an amount not to exceed \$8,425. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e. Set Budget Work Session Date:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Hall**, to set a budget work session for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Youth Recreation Services:

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review regarding youth recreation services. The City currently has an agreement with Meridian Township to administer youth sports programs for the Williamston area.

Councilman Bisard asked if Williamston kids can still sign up for youth sports in Meridian Township if the City no longer has the agreement.

Councilman Rhines commented he has heard Meridian Recreation does not utilize the Williamston fields and only has games on their own fields.

Manager Schmidt will try to follow up on this by holding a meeting with each entity involved and will report back with a recommendation.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review.

11b. Police Chief:

No report.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

No reports.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Bisard asked about the progress of creating checklists for zoning procedures.

Councilman Rhines commented that Ben Moline recently passed away and will be greatly missed. He was the sexton at Summit and Foote cemeteries for many years. Rhines greatly enjoyed watching the way he worked and his way of doing things was great.

Councilman Hall commented he will be available to talk with individuals regarding PTSD with free information and a free book available on all Saturdays from March 30th throughout April from 12pm-2pm at the Baskin Robbins in Okemos.

Councilmember Whelton thanked Manager Schmidt and Earl Wolf for getting her sign to the Howard Dahlstrom Memorial Park.

Mayor Gilroy commented that it is indeed springtime, but there is still currently no parking on City streets from 2am-5am. The City will also be starting branch collection on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____