

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 27, 2023  
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 Brandon Lanyon, Councilmembers Tommy Pratt, Scott VanAllsburg, Dan Rhines, and Terry Hansen. Absent: Steve Jenkins.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, Police Chief Bob Young, JFM Productions, and citizens Will Long, Dawn Marie Joseph, Richard Coby, Pete Porciello, and Renee Leone.

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Hansen**, to excuse Jenkins. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**5. Audience Participation:**

Renee Leone commented she is the owner of the building at 114 N. Putnam Street and appreciates the thoughtful consideration of her request.

**6. Council Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023:**

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the March 13, 2023, minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the March 27, 2023, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 76558-76621, and ACH 406-407 from dates 3-9-23 through 3-17-23 for a total of \$202,446.59. Yes: VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8. Public Hearing for TIFA 2B Plan Amendment- 7:05 p.m.:**

Mayor Gilroy opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Manager Hanifan explained the TIFA 2B plan amendment to the Council and public.

No comments from the public.

Mayor Gilroy closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

## 9. Action Items

### **9a. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract #23-5061 – North Putnam Street Project:**

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract Number 23-5061 and associated Project Authorizations with MDOT. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, VanAllsburg, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

### **9b. Resolution to Adopt TIFA Plan Amendment:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the resolution approving the 2023 amendment to the Tax Increment Financing Plan and Development Plan 2B. Yes: Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

### **9c. Second Reading of Ordinance to Amend the City of Williamston Zoning Ordinance to Revise Articles 2, 6, and 12 as to Residential Uses in the C-1 District:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Ordinance to Amend the City of Williamston Zoning Ordinance to Revise Articles 2, 6, and 12 as to Residential Uses in the C-1 District as presented. Yes: Hansen, VanAllsburg, Lanyon. No: Pratt, Rhines, Gilroy. **Motion failed.**

### **9d. Kayak Launch Name:**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Hansen**, to name the new Kayak Landing: Red Cedar Bend Landing. Yes: Pratt, VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen. No: None. **Motion passed.**

## 10. Discussion Items

### **10a. Road Diet:**

Engineer DeVries reported the City has communicated with MDOT they want to keep the continental style of crosswalks currently used.

## 12. Department Head Reports

### **12a. City Manager:**

Manager Hanifan reported financials through February are available for Council review. Staff is work on preparing the upcoming budgets and will also be looking at creating RFP's for services after the new budget is adopted.

### **12b. Police Chief:**

Chief Young reported he has two vacancies in the Police Department and anticipates having one more soon. He received an employment application he will consider. He is also looking forward to patrolling on the bicycle soon with the improving weather.

### **12c. Treasurer:**

A budget report was submitted for Council review.

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

None.

**14. Audience Participation:**

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

**15. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Pratt commented the ordinance consideration was one of the most difficult decisions he has had to make on Council and is trying to make the best decision possible on behalf of the entire City.

Councilman Hansen commented he was looking forward to completion of the 114 N. Putnam project.

Councilman VanAllsburg commented he feels the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Ordinance should come back for a vote when the full Council is present.

Mayor Gilroy commented she is here to help the City move forward and this was a tough vote. She reminded everyone there is still no parking from 2am-5am on City streets and cautioned people to be mindful of the walkers and bicyclists that will be heavier as the weather improves. She announced Twisters is open for the season.

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

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

**\*Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

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**Tammy Gilroy, Mayor**

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