

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 8, 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 Noah Belanger, Dan Rhines, and Kent Hall. Absent: Sandy Whelton and Jeff Weiss.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, Treasurer Rachel Piner, Deputy Treasurer Ann Casper, and JFM Productions.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to excuse Weiss and Whelton. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Rhines**, to add item 10a. MDOT/Grand River Corridor Traffic Flow to the agenda. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the March 25, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$50,719.38 with reference #'s 71614-71650.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Hall**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 71614-71650 for a total of \$50,719.38. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Presentation Regarding Monthly Water/Sewer Billing:

Treasurer Piner and Deputy Treasurer Casper presented their plans for changing the bi-monthly water/sewer billing to monthly water/sewer billing and took Council questions.

9. Action Items

9a. Request for Funding From Tri-County Office on Aging:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the request for contribution from the Tri-County Office on Aging in the amount of \$500.00. Yes: Gilroy, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. Fire Code Ad-Hoc Committee Appointment:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to appoint Barbara Bidigare to the Fire Code Ad-Hoc Committee. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. McCormick Park Pavilion Replacement Design Proposal:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the McCormick Park Pavilion Replacement Design Proposal from Bergmann in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 upon review and approval by the City Attorney. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. MDOT/Grand River Corridor Traffic Flow:

Mayor Gilroy and Councilman Bisard related their discussions over social media with an individual that brought up a dangerous situation for pedestrians at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Putnam Street.

Chief Young stated he is aware of the issue and it has been a big issue since he began working for Williamston. Michigan Department of Transportation has been notified by Engineer DeVries, the City Council, and he has also written a letter to them letting them know of the danger.

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review and pointed out the goal update included with his report.

12b. Police Chief:

Chief Young reported he recently put out a Facebook post regarding parking regulations as outlined in the State Traffic Code. If anyone has questions regarding parking in the City, they should call the police department. He also reported Manager Schmidt will help hand out Police and Kids t-shirts donated by the Kiwanis on Wednesday at Williamston Explorer Elementary.

12c. Treasurer:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Bisard reported on the site plan review the Planning Commission conducted for the proposed Crossfit.

14. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Hall commented ladies all over the country have made quilts for the Quilts of Valor program. Two ladies in Williamston have made quilts for eight of them.

Councilman Bisard pointed out the flier for NIESA's Smoke Alarm campaign.

Mayor Gilroy commented branch and limb pick up is going on now and is a free service to residents. She also pointed out that City Ordinances are on the website and if citizens have questions, please call City Hall.

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: _____