

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 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. In accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020 amending the Open Meetings Act, and the Ingham County Board of Commissioners' Declaration of a State of Emergency for Ingham County, 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 (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 Mac Donnelly with the Red Cedar Jubilee.

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. Council Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2021:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the March 22, 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 **Weiss**, to approve the April 12, 2021 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74209-74257 and ACH 94-98 for a total of \$170,188.21. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Consideration of Application and Permit for Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Howard Dahlstrom Memorial Park- Red Cedar Jubilee:

Councilman Rhines disclosed to Council he is the sitting secretary of the Red Cedar Jubilee and wishes to vote on these items if no one objects.

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the Application and Permit for Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Howard Dahlstrom Memorial Park by the Red Cedar Jubilee. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Application for Special License for Red Cedar Jubilee:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the resolution authorizing the Application for Special License for Red Cedar Jubilee. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Appointment of Representative to Williamston Area Senior Center Board of Directors:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Weiss**, to appoint the Mayor as the representative to the Williamston Area Senior Center Board of Directors, with the City Manager serving as alternate. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. Resolution to Support a Federal Community Project Funding Request:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to approve a resolution to support a Federal Community Project Funding Request for Water Distribution System Improvements. Yes: Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e. Assessing Services Contract Extension:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Weiss**, to approve Extension of Agreement with Preston Community Services, LLC for assessing services. Yes: Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8f: TASER Implementation Purchase:

Police Chief Wolf presented information on taser implementation and all officers of the Williamston Police Department be trained in taser use and be authorized to carry a taser as an additional less-than-lethal option.

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the taser implementation purchase and authorize the Police Chief to make the purchase not to exceed \$18,000. Yes: Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8g. Boardwalk Replacement Grant Design Engineering Agreement Change Order No. 1:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Smith**, to approve the Boardwalk Replacement Grant Design Engineering Agreement Change Order No. 1. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

This work change directive is with the Spicer Group for a total of \$5,800, for additional design engineering for work on the boardwalk replacement grant project, with funding of \$3,962 from the DDA Fund, \$533 from the Major Streets Fund Sidewalks Department,

and \$1305 from the General Fund Parks Department budgets.

8h. Public Spaces Community Places Contribution:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to approve a total cap contribution to the Public Spaces Community Places program of up to \$10,000. Yes: Weiss, Gilroy, Lanyon, Belanger. No: Rhines, Smith, Pratt. **Motion passed.**

This will come from the Parks Department budget in the General Fund, for supporting the boardwalk replacement project in Old Mill Park.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review. It is possible a pot of money from the Ingham County American Rescue Plan funds may be created which would support local community water and sewer infrastructure projects. This is in the early planning stage.

Councilman Lanyon asked if there was any news on the highway bridge repairs. Councilman Pratt attended a NIESA meeting and said it sounds like later this summer there would be a hard closure of the highway bridge.

11b. Police Chief:

Chief Jim Wolf said officer Blayne Fortune's last day was last week, leaving to work in his hometown. One full-time officer position has been filled by Michael Pearl, who started today. There is one vacancy yet to fill.

11c. Building Department:

A written report from Livingston County Department of Building & Safety Engineering was submitted for Council review.

11d. Treasurer:

Treasurer Piner submitted a written financials report for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Weiss attend the recent NIESA meeting, which was held in-person. Show your appreciation to your firefighters and emergency personnel as they have been very busy this year responding to calls.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Weiss said thank you to the City Manager for everything.

Councilman Lanyon wished Manager Schmidt good luck on the upcoming baby.

Councilman Rhines thanked the City Manager and City Staff for doing a great job. He

thanked the firefighters and explained his thoughts on fixing infrastructure in the City.

Councilman Smith offered best wishes to Manager Schmidt and his family.

Councilman Pratt offered his best to Manager Schmidt.

Mayor Gilroy gave her best wishes to Manager Schmidt and said staff and Council can handle things while he is away. She thanked all City staff; this is the most she has seen in possible City funding come through in several years. Limb and branch pickup has started and the overnight parking on the streets expired on March 31. Enjoy springtime.

15. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____