

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 23, 2018
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 Sandy Whelton, Council Members Daniel Rhines, John Bisard, Noah Belanger, Jeffrey Weiss, and Kent Hall. Absent: None.

Also Present: Interim City Manager/City Treasurer Rachel Piner, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone & Courtney Gabara, Police Chief Bob Young, Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, and citizens, Susan Cockerill, John Roy Castillo, Jane Reagan, Joe Eiffert, Tim & Tracie Baise, Don Bixler, Tammy Scott, and other members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Joe Eiffert asked what it takes to get a building permit in the City and relayed his frustrations in trying to obtain a building permit to rebuild his barn that burned down.

City staff will look into his complaint and follow up with Mr. Eiffert.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the April 9, 2018 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$63,902.02 with reference #'s 70156-70190.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 70156-70190 for a total of \$63,902.02. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Senior Center Annual Report:

Susan Cockerill submitted a written report for Council review and commented they appreciate Council's continued support and hope to receive a contribution from the City to support the Senior Center.

Councilman Bisard asked what the current millage is that other municipalities are

receiving for senior centers.

Ms. Cockerill was could not answer the question.

Mayor Gilroy asked if they had run into any roadblocks receiving funding from surrounding townships.

She said most of the townships are supportive but they have not asked all of them.

Tim Baise commented the Senior Center is near and dear to their heart. In regards to their budget it is actually \$28,100 not \$29,100. Utilities are \$5,000 per year. They are not charging rent to the Senior Center and want them there indefinitely. There are plans to enhance their space. He stated the Senior Center will never be lacking.

9. Action Items

9a. Farmers' Market Agreement:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the Farmers' Market Agreement as amended. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. Resolution Authorizing Millage Election for Streets and Rights of Way Infrastructure Repair Program Millage Proposal and Certifying Ballot Language:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Hall**, to approve the resolution Authorizing Millage Election for Streets and Rights-of-Way Infrastructure Repair Program Millage Proposal and Certifying Ballot Language as presented. Yes: Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. Lease Termination Agreement with Harvest House Ministries:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the lease termination agreement with Harvest House Ministries as presented. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9d. 2nd Reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Reduce the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the second reading of the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the Zoning Board of Appeals. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9e. Lion's Club Application and Permit for Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Howard Dahlstrom Memorial Park (formerly Deer Creek Park):

Motion by **Whelton**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the Lion's Club application and permit for sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Howard Dahlstrom Memorial Park. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9f. Lion's Club Liquor License Resolution:

Motion by **Whelton**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the Lion's Club Liquor License Resolution as presented. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9g. CAT 910M Wheel Loader Equipment Lease:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Hall**, to authorize the DPW to make a capital purchase in the form of a five year lease of a CAT 910M Wheel Loader through Michigan CAT/MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$19,956.28 per year for five years. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

12. Department Head Reports

12a. Interim City Manager:

Interim City Manager Piner thanked Council for their support in allowing her to serve on the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association Board of Directors. She has learned so much in her service on the Board. She also reminded Council that Wednesday is Administrative Professionals Day.

12b. Police Chief:

No report.

12c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Hall commented his programs are coming along. Councilman Bisard has also offered assistance with the pathway project.

Councilman Rhines commented if everyone hasn't been to The Commons already they should go- it's amazing and is a treasure for the City. He encouraged people to shop the businesses there.

Councilmember Whelton commented she attended the Howard Dahlstrom Memorial fundraiser over the weekend and it was amazing and very high class. She assisted with beer pouring. The band was also amazing and it was a really good night. The gym was carpeted and looked beautiful for the event.

Councilman Weiss thanked the Farmers' Market Ad Hoc Committee for their work. He is looking forward to opening day of the market.

Mayor Gilroy commented the seasonal parking ban has been lifted. The City is also

doing branch pickup and hydrant flushing. She is happy to see the City emerging from winter.

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the Council meeting at 7:55 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____