

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 24, 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, Councilmembers Tommy Pratt, Steve Jenkins, Scott VanAllsburg, Dan Rhines, and Terry Hansen. Absent: Brandon Lanyon.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Treasurer Tom Mead, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, Spicer Group Representative John Bradley, Capital Area District Library Representative Julie Chrisinski, Deb Bloomquist, and Scott Duimstra, Sowing Growth Representatives Tom Cary, Sharon LaPointe, and Jane Reagan, Granger Representative Scott Truman, JFM Productions, and citizen Kent Hall and other members of the public.

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to add item 11b. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Ingham County Parks Grant Application. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Jenkins**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Kent Hall announced the Memorial Day Parade with a 9am lineup by Volunteers Park.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023:

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the April 10, 2023, minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the April 24, 2023, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 76663-76701, and ACH 411-419; 421-422 and EFT 423 from dates 4-6-23 through 4-17-23 for a total of \$83,934.97. Yes: Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Pratt, Hansen. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Capital Area District Library Annual Update:

An annual report from the Capital Area District Library was distributed for Council review. Head Librarian Julie Chrisinske touched on the accomplishments and offerings of the Williamston Library District over the past year.

Scott Duimstra also reported on the Capital Area District Library progress at all of the branches in the area.

9. Farmers' Market- Sowing Growth Annual Update:

Jane Reagan of Sowing Growth gave an update on the statistics and work done by the Farmers' Market over the last year and the upcoming plans for the 2023 market season.

Farmers' Market Manager, Tom Cary, went through the annual market report and statistics with Council.

10. Granger Presentation for Services:

Scott Truman of Granger gave a presentation of the Granger services provided in the City and what they expect to offer during the contract renewal process coming up in June.

11. Action Items

11a. Resolution of Support to Apply for the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Grant Program for Memorial Park Planning and Engineering Project:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Hansen**, to approve the resolution of support for the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Grant Program for Memorial Park Planning and Engineering Project. Yes: Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11b. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Ingham County Parks Grant Application:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Jenkins**, to approve the resolution authorizing submission of the Ingham County Parks Grant Application. Yes: Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

12. Discussion Items

12a. Road Diet:

Manager Hanifan reported the design draft will be presented at the May meeting for Council to look at and react.

12b. Utility Rates Presentation:

Manager Hanifan presented the numbers for the water and sewer rates and his recommendations moving forward with potential increases in July and beyond.

14. Department Head Reports

14a. City Manager:

Manager Hanifan submitted a written report for Council review and gave an update on the North Putnam Street project. The City only received one bid for the project and it was much higher than the estimates. City staff is going to work with Spicer Group to re-bid the work in a different format.

14b. City Clerk:

Clerk Thompson submitted a written report for Council review.

14c. Police Chief:

Chief Young reminded Council to check Crimedat for any happenings in Police Department activities. He also announced Officer Joe Rutherford has left Williamston to work for another municipality.

15. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Rhines reported the Zoning Board of Appeals granted the variance for the distillery project.

Councilman Pratt reported NIESA has appointed some new officers and are currently in need of a new washing machine.

Councilman Hansen reported the Parks and Recreation Commission did a walk through of the parks for their last meeting.

16. Audience Participation:

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

17. Council Member Comments:

Councilman VanAllsburg commented he watched a documentary of people in Brazil collecting recycled items while dancing and singing.

Councilman Jenkins thanked Council for excusing his absences while he was away.

Councilman Pratt commented meetings like this can be stressful, but he appreciates City staff finding solutions to the issues before them.

Mayor Gilroy commented she appreciates City staff always looking for creative funding sources and is looking forward to the upcoming Budget Work Session. She thanked everyone for their work and attendance.

16. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____