

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 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 Clerk Holly Thompson, Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, Police Chief Jim Wolf, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Alex Malloy with JFM Productions, John Bradley of Spicer Group, and numerous family members of Henriette "Kelly" Theriault.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, 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. 100th Birthday Recognition:

Mayor Gilroy read a City Council Certificate of Recognition honoring Williamston resident Henriette "Kelly" Theriault on her 100th birthday on May 1, 2021. There will be a COVID- friendly drive by parade that day at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Theriault and family members were in Zoom attendance and Mrs. Theriault said a few words.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the April 12, 2021 Council minutes as presented. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the April 26, 2021 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74258-74295 for a total of \$38,695.23. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Public Hearing on Downtown Development Authority Plan Amendment:

Mayor Gilroy opened the City Council public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

City Engineer/DPW Director DeVries briefed Council on this information.

Mayor Gilroy called for public comments at this time and there were none and no written comments were received.

Mayor Gilroy closed the City Council public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

10. Action Items

10a. 1st Reading of Downtown Development Authority Plan Amendment Ordinance:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve first reading of an ordinance to confirm the adoption of the City of Williamston DDA's Tenth Amended Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan Amendment. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10b. CSX Crossing Facility Encroachment Agreement:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Rhines**, to approve a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc., for the installation of a new water main beneath the CSX railroad crossing to benefit the TIFA district. Yes: Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10c. Set Public Hearing for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget- May 10, 2021 at 7:05 pm:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Weiss**, to set a public hearing for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget for May 10, 2021, at 7:05 p.m. Yes: Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10d. Engineering Services- 2023 North Putnam Street Project:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Smith**, to approve the contract with Spicer Group for Professional Engineering Services for the 2023 North Putnam Street Reconstruction MDOT LAP project in the amount of \$101,195 (not-to-exceed). Yes: Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

13. Department Head Reports

13a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review. It was announced Manager Schmidt and his wife welcomed their second baby (boy) yesterday and all are doing well.

13b. Police Chief:

Chief Jim Wolf said their new officer is doing well and should be off FTO (Field Training Officer) soon. Things are good.

14. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Lanyon said TIFA met and passed their budgets and the CSX Crossing Facility Encroachment Agreement as discussed at tonight's meeting.

15. Audience Participation:

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

16. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Belanger gave a big thank you to Chief Wolf and Chief's brother-in-law for rototilling the sand volleyball courts.

Councilman Lanyon thanked Chief Wolf and the Williamston Police Department for their help this last week as his wife's information/identity was stolen.

Councilman Smith offered big congratulations to Manager Schmidt and his family; wished a Happy Birthday to Kelly Theriault; and said Chief Wolf is respected and adored by the entire Police Department.

Councilman Rhines gave a big congratulations to Manager Schmidt and family.

Councilman Pratt offered congratulations to Manager Schmidt and family.

Councilman Weiss gave a big shout out to Deputy Treasurer Ann Casper for all her work leading up to and on shut off day. Thanks to Deputy Casper as he knows this was a big effort.

Mayor Gilroy thanked Deputy Clerk Barb Burke on coordinating all the information for Henriette "Kelly" Theriault's 100th birthday information; wished a Happy Birthday to Kelly Theriault; limb and branch pickup is now being done; with nicer weather comes more pedestrians and bikers, watch out for them; and she gave thanks to City staff for a great job.

17. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____