

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2017
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 Sean Bertolino, Council Members Sandy Whelton, Noah Belanger, Chad Munce, James DeForest, and Kent Hall. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Alan Dolley, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, DPW Director/Engineer Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, Community Development Director Mario Ortega, and citizens Teri Nelson, Jane Reagan, Ron Hogue, Narda Murphy, Sky Cheney, Dennis and Deborah Conrad, and other members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

5. Proclamation- Narda Murphy:

Mayor Gilroy presented a Certificate of Recognition to Narda Murphy for all her years of service to the Williamston School District and community.

6. Proclamation- Ron Hogue:

Mayor Gilroy presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ron Hogue for all his years of service to the Williamston Post Office and community.

7. Audience Participation:

Teri Nelson, Vice President of Kiwanis, reported the Flag Project is still going strong at \$40 per year. They have had many requests for flags to be left out from Memorial Day through Veterans Day.

Council agreed they could have the flags out from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.

Earl Wolf thanked everyone who came out to help with the McCormick Park cleanup and maintenance day this past Saturday. They had a great turnout and accomplished a lot.

Narda Murphy thanked everyone for the Certificate of Recognition and stated Williamston has an incredible school system and she's been fortunate to have worked here for so long.

Jane Reagan commented she wanted to set the record straight; she is the one who collected the Ron Hogue stories, but did not initiate them.

Manager Dolley recognized Ms. Evans' 2nd grade class for their City Hall building artwork that is gracing the walls of City Council Chambers.

8. Council Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2017:

Motion by **Bertolino**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the April 24, 2017 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

9. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payable totaled \$143,195.13 with reference #'s 68615-68660.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **DeForest**, to approve the accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 68615-68660 for a total of \$143,195.13. Yes: DeForest, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger, Munce. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Action Items

10a. SAW Grant- CCTV Contract with Terra/Final Change Order:

Motion by **DeForest**, second by **Hall**, to approve Change Order 1 (Final) for a net decrease of \$33,016.63 for Sanitary and Storm CCTV Contract (SAW Grant) with Terra Contracting Services, Inc. of Kalamazoo, Michigan with the contract price being reduced from \$304,662.95 to \$271,646.32. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger, Munce, DeForest. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10b. SAW Grant- C2AE Contract Amendment:

Motion by **Bertolino**, second by **Hall**, to approve Amendment 1 for a net increase of \$49,995.00 to the SAW Wastewater Asset Management Plan engineering contract with C2AE with the contract price of \$472,540.00 being increased to \$522,535.00. Yes: Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger, Munce, DeForest, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10c. Forest of Nottingham- Lytell Johne's Path Easement:

Motion by **DeForest**, second by **Munce**, to approve the Easement for the Forest of Nottingham, Lytell Johne's Path as presented in item 10c. of the agenda packet. Yes: Hall, Bertolino, Belanger, Munce, DeForest, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10d. 1st Reading of the Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance for Rezoning Parcel 33-18-03-35-376-029:

Motion by **DeForest**, second by **Bertolino**, to approve the first reading of the Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance for Rezoning Parcel 33-18-03-35-376-029. Yes: Belanger, DeForest, Hall. No: Bertolino, Munce, Gilroy, Whelton. **Motion failed.**

10e. Crosswalk at 304 W. Grand River Ave.:

No action taken.

10f. Police Vehicle Purchase:

Motion by **Bertolino**, second by **DeForest**, to approve the expenditure of up to \$40,0000 to purchase and equip a 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor (Explorer), from Signature Auto Group, off the Macomb County bid contract. Yes: Munce, DeForest, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bertolino, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

13. Staff Reports

13a. City Manager:

Manager Dolley gave an update on the bonds and reported there is interest from a developer for a project at I-96. **The interest rate on the bonds was lower than planned saving thousands of dollars for the City.**

13b. Police Chief:

No report.

13c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

14. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman DeForest reported on the park cleanup. He feels it is really great people are coming out to work on the park and the Friends of the Park are raising money for park improvements as the City does not have a lot of money to put into maintenance costs and labor. He mentioned Superintendent Murphy rode on a hallway tile cleaner they call the "Zamboni" during her going away party with the students. The sign on the "Zamboni" read "Thanks for all the snow days." He added that May 8th is ~~D-Day~~ **VE Day** for all the World War II historians.

Councilmember Whelton commented she has been asked why she does not make motions, and explained she does not make motions because she has trouble seeing the writing in the packets.

Councilman Munce commented he feels Middle Street will be beautiful when it's finished.

Councilman Bertolino commented there were a lot of people helping out at the park during the cleanup day. There were people even cleaning out the river. He asked the public to please help out the Kiwanis Club by taking part in the flag program. He appreciates staff getting bids for services and products and feels it's done consistently and speaks volumes for the great work they do.

Mayor Gilroy commented she was able to take part in the Ice Cream Social at the school and they exceeded their expectations for attendance. The money is being raised to replace drinking fountains that will also allow for refilling of water bottles with filtered water. There were 29 gift baskets raffled off with a wide variety of items. The Commons will hold an Open House from 3-9 p.m. on May 18th. She thanked Ms. Evans' class for all the City Hall artwork.

16. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____