

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 10, 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), and Gene Smith (Ingham County, Williamston, Michigan). Absent: Jeffrey Weiss and Daniel Rhines.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, Police Chief Jim Wolf, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Alex Malloy with JFM Productions, and CADL Representatives Julie Chrisinske and Sandy Drake.

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Lanyon**, to excuse Weiss and Rhines. Yes: Belanger, Gilroy, Smith, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add Action Item 10d - Set Public Hearing for TIFA 2B Plan Amendment for Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:05 p.m.

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

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget Public Hearing- 7:05 pm:

Mayor Gilroy opened the City Council public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

City Manager Schmidt briefed Council on the proposed 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

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

Mayor Gilroy closed the City Council public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

7. Capital Area District Library Presentation:

Head Librarian Julie Chrisinske spoke about the Williamston Branch and highlighted some of the things the Williamston library has done over the past year. During this year of COVID-19 they offered public internet access; many online activities such as family story time, online trivia, genealogy, and research classes; take and bake projects, etc. A popular item was free online homework help for K-12. People could get online books through the library or set an appointment to pickup books. They kept their summer reading program, which is very popular. Ms. Drake said that Ms. Chrisinske and the Williamston library have done a wonderful job. They offered their thanks and appreciation to the City.

8. Council Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the April 26, 2021 Council minutes as presented. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to approve the May 10, 2021 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74298-74334 and ACH 99-105 for a total of \$210,956.21. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Action Items

10a. 2nd Reading of Downtown Development Authority Plan Amendment Ordinance:

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

10b. Well 10 Pump/Motor Replacement & Well Cleaning Contract:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Belanger**, to approve award of the contract for Well 10 Pump/Motor Replacement & Well Cleaning to Northern Pump & Well, Inc. of Lansing, Michigan for an amount not to exceed up to \$49,245.40 (not-to-exceed). Yes: Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10c. 2021 Paser Pavement Ratings Contract:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the professional services agreement for Roadway PASER Rating Data Collection & Reporting from Mannick & Smith Group, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Michigan for time and materials not-to-exceed \$1,850. Yes: Pratt, Belanger, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10d. Set Public Hearing for TIFA 2B Plan Amendment for Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:05 p.m.:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to set a public hearing for TIFA 2B Plan Amendment for Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:05 p.m. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

13. Department Head Reports

13a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review. He discussed the press release from U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin's office regarding both the Community Project Funding request program and the federal Surface Transportation Re-Authorization program. He said he hopes to have an update by the next Council meeting on the Community Planner position which will be vacant when current planner Raphael Kasen leaves. Mr. Kasen has made a good impact in his short time here.

13b. Police Chief:

Chief Jim Wolf said things are good and they have been very busy. Officer Pintar attended instructor Taser training and is training our officers; we now have three certified. Officer Pintar is currently attending crisis intervention training and will bring that information back to pass on to our officers and next year when the class opens again another of our officers will attend the training. Next week Officer Rutherford will be attending defensive tactics instructor training class. Mayor Gilroy mentioned the Police Department's Facebook post of Chief Wolf visiting with a young child and she said this is great community interaction.

13c. Building Department:

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

14. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

None.

15. Audience Participation:

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

16. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Smith gave huge hats off to the Williamston Police Department. They have been extremely busy on calls and handling major investigations, reaffirming how important they are to this community. Chief Wolf is doing a great job in leading them.

Councilman Lanyon seconded Councilman's Smith's comments and welcomed back Manager Schmidt. As of today, 55% in the State of Michigan have been vaccinated and offices are able to re-open on May 24.

Councilman Belanger offered thanks to the Williamston Police Department and congratulations to Manager Schmidt.

Councilman Pratt mirrored what the others said and asked when we could meet in person. Attorney Perrone said the current virtual meeting extension is through May 31, 2021. We could meet in person now, but we must consider the six-foot rule as our Council Chambers may not accommodate Council and residents. We could meet outdoors or in another location, if necessary. He will contact Clerk Thompson when he

obtains additional information.

Mayor Gilroy offered congratulations to Manager Schmidt and family; extended a thank you to Chief Wolf, our police officers, and the reserves; springtime is here and though it is still chilly, the community is coming to life, hopefully days will get warmer; this Sunday is the first farmers' market; she looks forward to things opening and moving forward.

17. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____