

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2019
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 John Bisard, Council Members Sandy Whelton, Noah Belanger, and Dan Rhines. Absent: Jeff Weiss.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, Treasurer Rachel Piner, JFM Productions, and other members of the public.

Motion by Bisard, second by Belanger, to excuse Weiss. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Move item 10d. to item 10c.

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to move item 10d. to item 10c. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Teresa Vaught commented she lives on South Mullett Street and is being negatively impacted by the upcoming construction on her street. The new alignment of the road will cut down her property significantly and put the sidewalk 6" from her stairway. She believes the City needs to re-assess at the situation.

Robert Wygant commented his side yard is on Mullett Street and he is losing 25' of his driveway if they install the sidewalk.

Jason Wilkins commented he has a similar situation to Mr. Wygant's.

Kent Hall commented he is doing better already. He added he was getting down about the trail and heard about the Daisy bridging ceremony being held at Scout Island and really felt better hearing the island was important to them. He also saw a kindergartener who was showing her mom the area.

6. Certificate of Appreciation- Nick Stonebrook:

Council signed a Certificate of Appreciation for Williamston Police Officer Nick Stonebrook for his upcoming retirement.

7. City Council Candidate Interviews:

Gene Smith commented he is a fairly new resident of Williamston, but it is not his first experience in Williamston. He started working at the Williamston Police Department early in his career with Chief LaClear. His family resides in Williamston and he wants to be a big part of the community. He is a Reserve Police Officer and also currently serves on the Planning Commission. He believes his public service has given him a new personal form of professionalism.

Michael Moody commented he has served as a City Councilman before and has worked in the Attorney General office for 24 years. He is very familiar with how the City Council and City functions. He has two kids in college and one is a Senior in High School. With his kids growing up he feels he would have more time to devote to serving as a City Councilmember.

8. Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the May 28, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

9. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$34,159.57 with reference #'s 71836-71878.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 71836-71878 for a total of \$34,159.57. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Action Items

10a. Appointment of Kent Hall to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/21:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Whelton**, to appoint Kent Hall to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire 06/30/21. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10b. Re-Appointment of Jeff Markstrom to the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/22:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to re-appoint Jeff Markstrom to the Planning Commission for a term to expire 06/30/22. Yes: Whelton, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10c. Re-Appointment of Brandon Gilroy to the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/22:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Whelton**, to re-appoint Brandon Gilroy to the Planning Commission for a term to expire 06/30/22. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy,

Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10d. Consideration of 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Whelton**, to approve a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget for the City of Williamston; appropriating the amounts necessary to be raised by ad valorem taxes upon real and personal property for municipal purposes. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10e. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Utility Rate Adoption Resolution:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the resolution approving modifications in water and wastewater rates for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10f. Set Public Hearing Date & Time for DDA Plan Amendment – July 8, 2019 at 7:05 p.m.:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Bisard**, to set the public hearing date and time for the DDA Plan Amendment for July 8, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10g. 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Budget Amendments:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the budget amendment for General Fund 101 for a decrease of \$44,550. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the budget amendment for Major Street Fund 202 for a zero effect on fund balance. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the budget amendment for Sewer Fund 590 for a decrease of \$13,000. Yes: Whelton, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the budget amendment for Water Fund 591 for a decrease of \$24,000. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by Rhines, to approve the budget amendment for Equipment Fund 661 for a decrease of \$11,000. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

13. Department Head Reports

13a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review.

13b. Police Chief:

No report.

13c. Planning & Zoning - Annual Planning Commission Report:

A written report was provided for Council review.

14. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Bisard commented the Planning Commission approved the preliminary and final site plan review with conditions for Bekum America Corporation.

15. Audience Participation:

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

16. Council Member Comments:

Councilmember Whelton commented Jubilee is June 16th-23rd. The theme is "Honoring NIESA Firefighters". They are working on a schedule. The Ingham County Health Department will be there to inoculate people for Hepatitis A. There will be the craft show, Duck Race, Demolition Derby, Troop 63 Pancake Breakfast and more. She also commented the fire department recently lost Ron Wiegandt.

Councilman Rhines commented there will be a Kids Parade on Wednesday, June 19th, and Wednesday night will be the kids demolition derby.

Councilman Belanger thanked the Council candidates for applying and interviewing.

Councilman Bisard congratulated the Class of 2019.

Mayor Gilroy commented the Farmers' Market is going great. They just had a successful Food Truck Throwdown with approximately 22-2600 attendees. The Summer Concert Series has started and there are a lot of great activities going on in Williamston over the summer. She also congratulated the Class of 2019.

17. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the Council meeting at 7:46 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____