

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 22, 2020
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. Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared by the Governor's Executive Order 2020-75, as well as recommendations for social distancing, this regular meeting was conducted via remote participation.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Mayor Pro-tem John Bisard, Council Members Jeffrey Roland, Noah Belanger, Jeffrey Weiss, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, Scott Truman with Granger Waste Services, Dennis Malloy with JFM Productions and citizens Earl Wolf and Jane Reagan.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the agenda as presented. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Roland. No: None. **Motion passed.**

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. Council Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2020:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the June 8, 2020 Council minutes as presented. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Roland. No: None. **Motion passed.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The June 22, 2020 accounts payable totaled \$50,814.72 with reference #'s 13A, 14A, 20S and 73246-73296.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to approve the June 22, 2020 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 13A, 14A, 20S and 73246-73296 for a total of \$50,814.72. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Roland, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Re-Appointment of Earl Wolf to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/23:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Belanger**, to re-appoint Earl Wolf to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire 6/30/23. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Roland, Bisard, Smith, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Re-Appointment of Paul Joseph to the Economic Development Corporation/TIFA 2A & TIFA 2B for a Term to Expire 06/30/26:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to re-appoint Paul Joseph to the Economic Development Corporation/TIFA 2A & TIFA 2B for a term to expire 06/30/26. Yes: Gilroy, Roland, Bisard, Smith, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Budget Amendments:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the budget amendments for General Fund 101 as presented. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Grant Agreement:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the grant agreement between the County of Ingham and City of Williamston for the Downtown Williamston Water Trailhead and Launch. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e. Middle Street Parking Lot Project Construction and Engineering Change Orders:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Williamston DDA Parking Lot Project to authorize a net increase of \$6,748.76 for the construction contract with TCI Inc. of Michigan. Yes: Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Smith**, to approve Work Change Directive No. 2 of the Spicer Engineering contract for the Williamston DDA Parking Lot Project totaling \$8,000. Yes: Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e- 8f. 2nd Reading of Ordinance to Amend the City of Williamston Zoning Ordinance to Revise Article 4 as to Planned Residential Development Regulations, Article 5 as to Accessory Structure Regulations, Article 6 as to Parking Regulations, and Article 7 as to Landscaping Regulations:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Smith**, to approve the second reading of zoning ordinance text amendments pertaining to municipal standards for streets, public water and sewer, performance bonds, decks, attached garages, driveways, and street trees as further outlined in the attached exhibit. Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, ~~Roland~~. No: ~~None Roland~~. **Motion passed.**

8g. Solid Waste Collection Contract Extension:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Smith** to approve Amendment no. 3 to Contract with Granger Waste Services, Inc, for solid waste collection services, reflecting a Three-Year extension and 3 percent increase to rates. Yes: Bisard, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith. No: Belanger. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Building and Zoning Services:

Manager Schmidt reviewed the contracted services information included in the packet, namely the building department and planning and zoning services. Council would like this item moved forward as an action item on a July agenda.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review and further explained the first point regarding the Red Cedar Boardwalk. The City has tentatively been awarded an MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to replace the boardwalk with an asphalt path from the Putnam Street bridge to behind the movie theater. The EDC and DDA boards worked together on a solution. It is important to continue to make progress on this project.

11b. Police Chief:

None.

11c. Building Department:

A written report was available in the Council packet.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Belanger said he attended the NIESA meeting. There was discussion on appointing members-at-large positions. They will post positions and are taking applications for those positions for appointment in July 2020.

13. Audience Participation:

Mr. Wolf thanked City Council for their support for everything and thanked City staff for continuing their efforts to get the riverfront enhanced in any way possible. It is our most underused resource for both business and quality of life. He appreciates the City Manager and staff for looking for ways to make things happen. It is not a cost - it is an investment.

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Bisard reiterated the City Manager's review of the Boardwalk and said the working together of the EDC and DDA is a great thing. It is a big safety issue with repairs, etc. He was glad Council tackled the trash item.

Councilman Roland said this was a solid meeting

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____