

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 24, 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, Council Members Sandy Whelton, Noah Belanger, Jeff Weiss, and Daniel Rhines. Absent: John Bisard.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, School Superintendent Adam Spina, and other members of the public.

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Whelton**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Robert Wygant asked what the decision is on the sidewalk that affects his property.

Williamston Schools Superintendent Spina updated the Council on the 2018/2019 school year. Their year started with the passing of the Sinking Fund in a vote by the community to enhance the physical safety of the schools. They have also increased their fund balance from 1% to 6%. Williamston High School has been named the best district in the Mid-Michigan area and received the Education Excellence Award. They expect the district to grow by 3% this year. They were able to put out 130 good news stories on their website. They have had 100% turnover of their administrative staff.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2019:

Add the motion to excuse Councilman Weiss to the Roll Call area.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the June 10, 2019 Council minutes as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$80,020.80 with reference #'s 71879-71942.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 71879-71942 for a total of \$80,020.80. Yes: Weiss, Rhines,

Gilroy, Whelton, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Appointment of City Council Member for a Term to Expire 11/30/20:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to appoint Gene Smith to the City Council for a term to expire 11/30/20. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Mullett Street Western Sidewalk:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Whelton**, to exempt the west side of Mullett Street from the Complete Streets Program by removing the sidewalk. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review. He also reported notices have gone out to residents regarding utility billing changes, and the DDA Plan Amendment also has been sent out and posted.

11b. Police Chief:

No report.

11c. Building Department:

A written report was provided for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Rhines reported the Zoning Board of Appeals met to consider a variance for a fence at Williamston Lakes which was approved.

Councilman Weiss reported NIESA held a special meeting on Friday to hire a contractor for their billing. The Fire Code is also moving along nicely.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Belanger had positive note for all groups involved with Jubilee. It was great to see all of the groups come together and gave compliments to Councilmember Whelton.

Councilman Rhines commented Jubilee was a great event. It's fun for the community but is also a great fundraiser for the service groups. He thanked Councilmember Whelton.

Mayor Gilroy commented she was impressed with how quick the notices went out for changes to the Jubilee events. She enjoyed the sidewalk sales and thanked Councilmember Whelton for another successful year.

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the Council meeting at 7:34 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved:_____