

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 28, 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tammy Gilroy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Mayor Pro-tem Noah Belanger, Council Members Brandon Lanyon, Tommy Pratt, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: Jeffrey Weiss.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, JFM Productions, and citizen Kent Hall.

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Rhines**, to excuse Weiss. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

5. Audience Participation:

Kent Hall gave an update on the Honor For All Awareness Day. He also expressed his thoughts on Americanism and the importance of the US flag and Declaration of Independence.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the June 14, 2021, Council minutes as presented. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the June 24, 2021, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74438-74468 and ACH 111 for a total of \$68,567.41. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Accept Council Member Resignation and Approve Timeline for New Appointment:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to accept the resignation of Councilman Smith with regret and direct the City Clerk to accept applications to fill the City Council vacancy until July 6th, 2021 with review and interviews taking place at the July 12th regular City Council meeting and a final decision being made at the July 26th, 2021 Council meeting. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Appointment of Peter Schall to the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/24:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to appoint Peter Schall to the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/24. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Appointment of John Roy Castillo to the Economic Development Corporation/TIFA 2A & TIFA 2B for a Term to Expire 06/30/27:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to appoint John Roy Castillo to the Economic Development Corporation/TIFA 2A & TIFA 2B for a Term to Expire 06/30/27. Yes: Lanyon, Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. Council Committee Appointments:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to appoint Councilman Lanyon as Planning Commission Representative with Councilman Belanger continuing as alternate. Yes: Smith, Pratt, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review.

11b. Police Chief:

Absent.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Belanger reported on the Cemetery Board meeting.

Councilman Pratt attended the last meeting and was pleased to report NIESA is grateful for the positive relationship with the new Police Chief.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Lanyon commented Councilman Smith will be missed.

Councilman Belanger thanked Councilman Smith for his service and commented the Mayor did a great job at the Cub Scout/Boy Scout presentation.

Councilman Pratt congratulated Councilman Smith on his move and added he will be missed.

Councilman Rhines commented Councilman Smith will be missed, and it has been an honor to work with him. He also gave an update on the Jubilee events planned for August.

Councilman Smith commented it has been over 10 years of volunteering with the Williamston Police Department and he still plans to serve and attend Williamston events. It has been great to work with the City Council.

Mayor Gilroy commented she is glad Councilman Smith has served on Council and plans to stay on as a Reserve Police Officer. She thanked Councilman Weiss for keeping everyone updated on the recent severe storm systems moving through the area. She gave her best wishes to the areas that were hit with tornadoes. Mayor Gilroy recognized Emily Sutton-Smith and Susan Byrd for their outstanding work with the planter box program. They look unique and beautiful. There's a lot of activity in Williamston this summer with Jubilee, Farmers' Market, Car Shows, and the Concert Series going on.

15. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____