

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 12, 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, Council Members Brandon Lanyon, Tommy Pratt, Jeff Weiss, and Daniel Rhines. Absent: Noah Belanger.

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

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. Council Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2021:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the June 28, 2021, Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the July 12, 2021, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74473-74506 and ACH 112 for a total of \$156,082.03. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Extension of Deadline for Council Seat Applications:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Rhines**, to extend the acceptance of applications to fill the City Council vacancy until July 21st, 2021 with review and interviews taking place at the July 26th regular City Council meeting and a final decision being made at the August 9, 2021 Council meeting. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Ingham County Agreement for Waterborne Pavement Marking Placement:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve an agreement with the Ingham County Road Department for 2021 waterborne pavement marking placement at a cost of \$1,431.58. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Jubilee Fireworks Consideration:

-Councilman Rhines disclosed he is the Secretary for Jubilee but intends to vote unless there are objections from Council. There were no objections from Council.

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the request from Mark Joseph with Sparky's Fireworks to have fireworks at Howard Dahlstrom Park in Williamston on Friday, August 6 as part of the Red Cedar Jubilee with notification made to NIESA. Yes: Lanyon, Pratt, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review. He also reported the increase request for the Ingham County Parks grant for the boardwalk is being delayed a month due to audits being done at the County. This will cause some delays in the project. He thanked Treasurer Piner for her work on the American Rescue Plan submission for funding. Manager Schmidt hopes to put it toward infrastructure improvements.

11b. Police Chief:

Chief Wolf reported they have hired Officer Mary Margaret Bradbury last week and she is fitting in well. Officer Pintar was chosen to receive an award from M.A.D.D. for his work.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

No reports.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Rhines commented Jubilee fliers have been distributed to businesses all over town and the website is up and running.

15. Closed Session Regarding Collective Bargaining as Permitted by MCL

15.268(c):

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Lanyon**, to go into Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining as permitted by MCL 15.268(c). Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

-Closed Session started at 7:12 p.m.

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to return to open session. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

-Closed Session ended at 7:18 p.m.

16. Action on Closed Session:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to authorize entry into a letter of understanding as recommended by the City Attorney and discussed in Closed Session. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

17. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____