

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 13, 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 2020-129, 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, City Engineer Scott DeVries, Suzi Cockerill and Julie Rudd with the Williamston Area Senior Center, and Dennis Malloy with JFM Productions.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Bisard**, 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 22, 2020:

Change the second 8e to 8f and in that action item, Councilman Roland voted no.

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the June 22, 2020 Council minutes as amended. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Roland, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The July 13, 2020 accounts payable totaled \$308,395.59 with reference #'s 73297-73362 dated June 18, 2020 through July 2, 2020.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the July 13, 2020 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 73297-73362 for a total of \$308,395.59. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Bisard, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Patrol Vehicle Purchase:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve up to \$40,000 to purchase and equip a 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor (Explorer), from Signature Auto Group, off the Macomb County (State of Michigan) bid contract and equip the vehicle for police service

from Mid-Michigan Emergency Equipment . Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Building Department Services Agreement:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Smith**, to enter into the attached intergovernmental agreement with Livingston County on behalf of Livingston County Building Department to provide building department services to the City of Williamston, following termination date of the City's existing building department contract. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Part-Time Zoning Administrator Position:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Belanger**, to approve a part-time Zoning Administrator position, as outlined in the attached position description, for up to 20 hours per week at a pay range of \$16 to \$20 per hour, and no eligibility for benefits. Yes: Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. High Street Lift Station Pump Rebuild:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve for the rebuild of the Fairbanks Morse sewage pump in the High Street Lift station in the amount not-to-exceed \$9,600.00 from Kennedy industries of Wixom, Michigan. Yes: Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e. Water Reliability Study:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Weiss**, to approve Contract Amendment of the Professional Engineering Services Contract with C2AE for the Water Reliability Study project in the amount of \$13,000.00 (Not-to-Exceed). The total contract price for Phase 1 will be amended to \$26,500.00 (Not-to-Exceed). Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Williamston Area Senior Center Millage Request:

Manager Schmidt reviewed the packet information. Julie Rudd and Suzi Cockerill from the Williamston Area Senior Center answered questions from Council.

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to move the Williamston Area Senior Center Millage Request discussion item to Action Item 8f. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8f. Williamston Area Senior Center Millage Request:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the resolution to adopt the millage proposal language as listed in item 9a, page 8 of the Council packet, for the Williamston Area Senior Center for the November 3, 2020, general election ballot. Yes: Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review.

11b. Police Chief:

None.

11c. Treasurer:

A written report was available in the Council packet. Mayor Gilroy stated to contact Treasurer Piner if questions.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Smith stated the Planning Commission held a virtual work session reviewing the parking plan ordinance and are moving forward on this.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Smith said he didn't mean to put Council on the spot with the Senior Center, but he felt others look to us for leadership to put this before the voters and he is proud we moved this forward.

Councilman Bisard asked about the repaving on Church Street and the resurfacing status of the corner of Putnam and Church. City Engineer DeVries said the Church Street repair work had to settle, and it should be repaved in the next few weeks. The Putnam and Church resurfacing was tied in with another project with TCI and that project is still on hold. He will speak with TCI on this matter. Councilman Bisard did not want this Church/Putnam corner to fall through the cracks, as it has been a couple of years.

Councilman Rhines felt the right decision was made with the Senior Center tonight, but he is frustrated. Many things were funded by the schools and Community Education, but the schools stopped funding and more and more things fall into the City's lap. He wants to see programs continue but we get stuck with a lot and we do have to watch our pennies. He feels this is not fair but what we have to deal with.

Councilman Roland thanked Councilman Smith and Councilman Rhines for their insight and felt the community should decide.

Mayor Gilroy is proud of the work the Senior Center has done, and our aged population is important as is our younger generation. She agreed we should let the community vote on this, and felt Council did good work tonight.

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____