

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 26, 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, and Daniel Rhines. Absent: Thomas Pratt and Jeffrey Weiss.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, Police Chief Jim Wolf, JFM Productions, and citizens Terry Hansen, Jacob Imanse, Chuck Sebolt, and Kent Hall.

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to excuse Pratt and Weiss. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Lanyon**, 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 Candidate Interviews:

Council conducted interviews with Jacob Imanse, Terry Hansen, and Chuck Sebolt for the open City Council seat.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2021:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the July 12, 2021, Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the July 26, 2021, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74512-74566 and ACH 113 & 114 for a total of \$100,880.97. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Reappointment of Garrett Gabriel to the Downtown Development Authority for a Term to Expire 06/30/25:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to reappoint Garrett Gabriel to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire 06/30/25. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. Appointment of Garrett Gabriel to the Art Committee for a Term to Expire 09/30/24:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to appoint Garrett Gabriel to the Art Committee for a term to expire 09/30/24. Yes: Lanyon, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. Reappointment of Tammy Scott to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/24:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to reappoint Tammy Scott to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire 06/30/24. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9d. Reappointment of Kent Hall to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/24:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Lanyon**, to reappoint Kent Hall to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire 06/30/24. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9e. Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Grant Resolution – Memorial Park Engineering:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the resolution of support to apply for the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Grant Program for the Memorial Park Engineering Application. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9f. Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club Daffodils Proposal for McCormick Park:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the proposal from the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club to plant a daffodil area within McCormick Park. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9g. Water Fund Advance Forgiveness Resolution and Budget Amendment:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the resolution to forgive the remaining balance of the 2015 advance from the General Fund to the Water Fund. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve a fiscal year 2021-2022 budget amendment to reduce Water Fund (Fund 591) revenue by \$31,250, reduce Water Fund Department 539 by \$5,495, and reduce Water Fund Department 906 by \$755. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9h. Water Tower Inspection Contract:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to authorize the City to enter into a Maintenance Inspection Contract using the Alternate ROV Wet Inspection process for an amount not to exceed \$4,000 with Dixon Engineering, Inc. of Lake Odessa, Michigan for the City's 400,000 gallon spheroid water storage tank in accordance with the proposal dated October 7, 2020. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Williamston Welcome Sign from Rotary:

Council was in favor of the Williamston Rotary handling the Welcome signs for the entrances to the City.

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review.

12b. Police Chief:

Chief Wolf reported Officer Bradbury is doing a phenomenal job. The officers are looking forward to National Night Out and Jubilee week and will be well staffed for the events. They just took a new police department photo and have a great number of reserve officers at this time.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Belanger commented the DDA had some lively conversations regarding parking and promoting safer and more accessible parking.

14. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Rhines commented Jubilee will have a really cool thing for the parade. There will also be live music at the tent Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, sand volleyball tournaments, pancake breakfast, Farmers' Market, and a City sponsored event in the park. Check for updates on the Facebook page and on their website.

Mayor Gilroy commented she will be honoring five people/organizations that have contributed to the tracking of Williamston's history. They will also be putting together a time capsule in Old Mill Park.

16. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____