

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 10, 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 2020-154, as well as recommendations for social distancing, this regular meeting was conducted via remote participation.

**3. Roll Call:**

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Council Members Jeffrey Roland, John Bisard, 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, Attorney Matt Nordfjord, and Dennis Malloy with JFM Productions.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Smith**, 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 July 27, 2020:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the July 27, 2020 Council minutes as presented. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Roland, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

The August 10, 2020 accounts payable totaled \$13,370.04 with reference #'s 73443-73465 dated July 31, 2020 through July 31, 2020.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the August 20, 2020 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 73443-73465 for a total of \$13,370.04. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Bisard, Smith. No: None. Belanger – no response due to technical difficulties. **Motion passed.**

**8. Action Items**

**8a. Michigan Municipal League 2020 Workers Compensation Fund Trustee Election:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to submit the official ballot for the 2020 MML Workers Compensation Fund Trustees selecting the two candidates as presented. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8b. Michigan Municipal League Designation of Voting Delegate:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to designate City Manager Corey Schmidt as the 2020 MML Annual Meeting Voting Delegate for the City of Williamston. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**11. Department Head Reports**

**11a. City Manager:**

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review.

**11b. Police Chief:**

None.

**12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:**

None.

**13. Audience Participation:**

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

**14. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Belanger said they are officially empty nesters. Their daughter got married.

Councilman Smith stated Lawn Stars came before the Planning Commission to get an opinion on purchasing property in the industrial park, as a landscaping business is not listed as a principal permitted use for that district. Commissioners had a positive outlook on them proceeding with this project. Lawn Stars' work now begins, working with the City, the Planner, etc. He said it is very exciting to have growth in the City.

Councilman Rhines thanked the Police Department and NIESA for great success on National Night Out. The kids loved the police cars and fire trucks driving around with their lights and sirens on handing out popsicles.

Councilman Bisard felt the donation bins need to be revisited. They are becoming an eyesore around town with people dumping items outside the bins. He said he is not running for Council and wishes good luck to all running for Council.

**15. Closed Session- For a Strategy Discussion Regarding Collective Bargaining as Permitted by MCL 15.268(c):**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to go into closed session for a strategy discussion regarding collective bargaining as permitted by MCL 15.268(c). Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

-Closed session started at 7:22 p.m.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to return to open session. Yes: Gilroy, Rhines, Smith, Belanger, Bisard, Weiss, Roland. No: None. **Motion passed.**

-Closed session ended at 7:50 p.m.

**16. Adjournment:**

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**\*Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Barbara J. Burke, Deputy City Clerk

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Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_