

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 12, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

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

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Mayor Pro-tem John Bisard, Council Members Sandy Whelton, Noah Belanger, Jeff Weiss, Gene Smith, and Daniel Rhines. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Courtney Gabbara, Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, Police Chief Bob Young, JFM Productions, and LSG Engineer Alan Boyer.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Rhines**, to remove item 16. Closed Session and approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. Presentation- Alan Boyer, P.E., LSG Engineers, Compensating Cut North of Red Cedar River:

Alan Boyer of LSG Engineers explained a project they are doing requiring a compensating cut of wetland in another area to complete their project. The area they are doing the compensating cut is in Williamstown Township near Williams Street at the Red Cedar riverbank. Dirt will be removed near the riverbank and placed in a low spot in an adjacent field also in the Township.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2019:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the July 22, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$369,373.02 with reference #'s 72060-72129.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 72060-72129 for a total of \$369,373.02. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Williamston Schools Hornet Logo on Sledding Hill Request:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to approve Williamston Schools request to paint the hornet logo on the sledding hill on City property adjacent to the Williamston Schools Football Field. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. VM Host Server Purchase:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the purchase of new VM Host Server at a cost not to exceed \$10,362.60. Yes: Whelton, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. WWTP Grit Lifter- Urgent Repair:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to authorize the repair of the WWTP Grit Lifter by H&H Welding and Repair Inc. of Mason in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,500. Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Band Shell/Concession Stand Rental Policy:

Clerk Thompson provided a memo, the current bandshell policy, and policies from surrounding municipalities.

Council discussed several options for charging user fees for the bandshell and concession stand. They would like to see more fee options for perhaps lowering fees, differing fees for residents and non-residents, and a 25% decrease in all fees.

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review. He also reported on the bid opening for the Middle Street Parking Lot. Bids came in at the estimate that was provided by the engineers. This will come back to Council for final approval.

12b. Police Chief:

Chief Young reported that National Night was well attended with great weather. He also commented on the passing of former Police Chief Jim LaClear. A remembrance will be held on September 15th at the Eagles Hall.

12c. City Clerk:

Clerk Thompson provided a written report for Council review.

12d. Building Department:

A written report was provided for Council review.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

No reports.

14. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Rhines commented there have been some nice events held in town. National Night Out and Williamston Worship Festival were a good time.

Councilman Smith commented he is amazed at the turnout for City events as a whole. He feels the community is building relationships. He also stated Jim LaClear gave him his start in law enforcement.

Councilmember Whelton commented Jim LaClear was a great guy. She worked with him for 30 years and his wife Mary was the City Clerk. He was always involved in events and will be missed.

Councilman Belanger complemented Chief Young, Teri Nelson, and all the volunteers for their work on National Night Out.

Councilman Weiss echoed Sandy's comments regarding Jim LaClear. He hired him in 1991 and he will be retiring from law enforcement in 27 more days.

Mayor Gilroy commented Volunteers Park playground equipment is in and hopefully will be open soon. The volunteers did a fantastic job on National Night Out. The Farmers' Market is holding a vegetable competition. School will be starting in a couple weeks and she urged people to be careful.

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the Council meeting at 8:03 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____