

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 13, 2018  
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 Sandy Whelton, Council Members John Bisard, Noah Belanger, Jeffrey Weiss, Daniel Rhines, Kent Hall. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Courtney Gabbara, Police Chief Bob Young, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, OHM Advisor Christine Spitzley, and citizen Cheryl Hall.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Add item 9c. Appointment of Gene Smith to the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/20.

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to amend the agenda to include item 9c. Appointment of Gene Smith to the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/20.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to 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- Regional Groundwater Protection:**

Christine Spitzley of OHM Advisors spoke to the Council regarding regional groundwater protection and presented a slideshow.

She would like to present this slideshow to the different service groups in Williamston.

**7. Council Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2018**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the July 23, 2018 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**8. Accounts Payable:**

The accounts payables totaled \$170,823.78 with reference #'s 70553-70651.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 70553-70651 for a total of \$170,823.78. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

## 9. Action Items

### **9a. Appointment of William Long to the Downtown Development Authority for a Term to Expire 06/30/19:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to appoint William Long to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire 06/30/19. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

### **9b. Re-Appointment of Jane Reagan to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/21:**

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Bisard**, to remove the application from Jane Reagan for re-appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: Whelton. **Motion passed.**

### **9c. Appointment of Gene Smith to the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/20:**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Hall**, to appoint Gene Smith to the Planning Commission for a term to expire 06/30/20. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Hall, Whelton, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

### **9d. Williamston Public Art Policy:**

Add on Page 2. under the “Art Selection Process” “Review of DPW Director”.

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the Williamston Public Art Policy as amended. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

### **9e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance Amending Section 70-72 Regarding- Cross Connection Inspections:**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the second reading of the Ordinance Amending Section 70-72 Regarding – Cross Connection Inspections as presented. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall. No: None. **Motion passed.**

### **9f. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Change the C-4 Interchange Business District to a Mixed Use Zoning District, to Change the PUD Designation from a Zoning District to a Development Option, and to Make Other Technical Amendments:**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Hall**, to approve the first Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Change the C-4 Interchange Business District to a Mixed Use Zoning District, to Change the PUD Designation from a Zoning District to a Development Option, and to Make Other Technical Amendments. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

## 10. Discussion Items

### **10a. Infrastructure Funding Option Timeline:**

Manager Schmidt presented a detailed memo regarding a suggested timeline and

stages for working towards placing a millage question on a 2019 ballot.

Council was in favor of the suggested timeline and wanted to go forward with the plan. They suggested as an informational item, a breakdown of what the gas tax goes to.

## **12. Department Head Reports**

### **12a. City Manager:**

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review. He also commented he's planning on discussing the Parks Master Plan at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on Wednesday night. He is recommending they do the updates in house.

### **12b. Police Chief:**

Chief Young thanked the community and everyone's support of National Night Out. It was a great success. The businesses and civic groups are an integral part of making everything happen and it is becoming bigger and more popular every year.

### **12c. Treasurer:**

Treasurer Piner submitted a written report for Council review.

## **13. Audience Participation:**

Cheryl Hall commented the Red Cedar Community is having a picnic on September 8<sup>th</sup> and invited Council and City staff to attend.

## **14. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Rhines commented he loves National Night Out and his son talked about going to National Night Out more than Jubilee which is the event he volunteers for. He loves that the community comes together for this event.

Councilman Weiss agreed with Rhines. The Police Chief did a great job on the event even while dealing with a cable coming down on the highway at the same time causing traffic backups.

Councilman Belanger complimented everyone who worked on National Night Out. He also announced that former City Attorney Joe Cox passed away. Services for Mr. Cox will be 11am on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's.

Councilman Hall encouraged everyone to read the Michigan History Magazine that features Mitch Lutzke's new book. They will be conducting a re-unveiling of the Walter Estes plaque with the help of an Eagle Scout who is working on unearthing and fixing the plaque.

Mayor Gilroy commented she wants to have a goal setting Council work session this fall. She also reported she attended the Mayor's Summer Work Shop in Bay City. They talked about emergency preparedness and she wondered what the City has in place for emergency situations.

## **15. Adjournment:**

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**\*Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

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**Tammy Gilroy, Mayor**

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