

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 23, 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, Thomas Pratt, Jeffrey Weiss, Daniel Rhines, and Terry Hansen. Absent: None.

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 citizen Mitch Lutzke.

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 Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2021:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the August 9, 2021, Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the August 23, 2021, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74610-74662 and ACH 123 – 128 for a total of \$209,268.91. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend the City of Williamston Zoning Ordinance to Revise Article 2 as to Garage Orientation Regulations in Multiple Family Uses:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Williamston Zoning Ordinance to Revise Article 2 as to Garage Orientation Regulations in Multiple Family Uses. Yes: Rhines Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Biannual Bridge Inspection Services:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to authorize the Mannik Smith Group August 12, 2021 proposal for Professional Engineering Services for the 2021 Biannual Bridge Inspections in the amount not to exceed \$3,400. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt,

Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Kayak Launch/Parking Lot Bid Results and Contingent Award:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve a contingent contract award to E.T. Mackenzie Company at a price not to exceed \$203,737.60 for the kayak launch and parking lot project at 400 West Grand River, contingent on the Ingham County **Board of Road** Commissioners' approval of additional grant funds to complete the project. Yes: Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. Depot Museum Lease Agreement:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the lease agreement with the Williamston Depot Board for the depot museum located at 369 W. Grand River Ave. Yes: Hansen, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e. Reappointment of Kenneth Szymusiak to the Economic Development Corporation/TIFA 2A & TIFA 2B for a Term to Expire 06/30/27:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to reappoint Kenneth Szymusiak to the Economic Development Corporation/TIFA 2A & TIFA 2B for a term to expire 06/30/27. Yes: Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review.

11b. Police Chief:

Chief Wolf commented it was the first day of school and traffic was extremely heavy and things were chaotic. His officers were on hand to help throughout the morning. He also reported the County is working on updating the radio system and they just had their first training on the new equipment.

11c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Lanyon commented the TIFA board has been working on the Elevator Street project.

Mayor Gilroy reported on the kayak launch and boardwalk replacement project the DDA is working on.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Hansen commented he is glad to be here.

Mayor Gilroy commented asked everyone to be cautious and aware of students walking and the increased traffic now that school has started.

15. Closed Session to Discuss Settlement Strategy Regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter of Centurion Medical Products v City of Williamston before the Michigan Tax Tribunal:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to go into closed session to discuss a settlement strategy regarding pending litigation in the matter of Centurion Medical Products v City of Williamston before the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Yes: Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Closed Session started at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Rhines**, to return to open session. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Closed Session ended at 7:39 p.m.

16. Action on Closed Session:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to authorize legal counsel to enter into a stipulation for entering into a consent judgement in the Michigan Tax Tribunal in the matter of Centurion vs. City of Williamston as recommended by the City Manager. Yes: Hansen, Pratt, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

16. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____