

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 26, 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, Council Members Noah Belanger, Jeff Weiss, Gene Smith, and Daniel Rhines. Absent: John Bisard (arrived at 7:05 p.m.) and Sandy Whelton.

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

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**5. Audience Participation:**

Daniel Andrews commented his water was shut off for delinquent payment and he paid the \$100 re-connect fee. He would like a refund of his \$100 re-connect fee and an accounting of why it costs \$100 to turn water back on. He asked why some roads are being paved and others are not; why parks are being worked on; what the City's priorities are. He stated he watches the plow trucks re-plow roads that are already clear, Putnam Street was done incorrectly and is now cobbled, and Williamston is not forward thinking.

-Councilman Bisard arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**6. Council Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2019:**

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the August 12, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

The accounts payables totaled \$363,056.03 with reference #'s 72137-72205.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 72137-72205 for a total of \$363,056.03. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8. Action Items**

**8a. Band Shell/Concession Stand Rental Policy:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the staff recommendation of Option 3 as presented as a per day charge for the bandshell and concession stand. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8b. Agreement for Waterborne Pavement Marking Placement:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Bisard**, to approve an agreement with the Ingham County Road Department for 2019 waterborne pavement marking placement at a cost of \$1,272.47. Yes: Gilroy, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8c. 2019 East Middle St. & South Mullett St. Construction Contract Modification:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to approve the Contract Modification for the 2019 East Middle Street and South Mullett Street MDOT Contract 33065-133147 for a net increase in the amount of \$31,128.09 (Not-to-Exceed) with the new total contract price (including the revision) being \$784,759.74. Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8d. Liquor Licensing Resolution for Cancun:**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the Liquor License Resolution for Cancun- Williamston, Inc. as presented. Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8e. Middle Street Parking Lot Contract Consideration:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to authorize entering into a contract with TCI Inc. of Michigan for an amount not to exceed \$249,182.10 for the Middle Street Parking Lot project. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8f. Right-Of-Way License for US Postal Service Collection Box:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the right-of-way license agreement with the US Postal Service for the location of a collection box at Industrial Park Drive. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**9. Discussion Items**

**9a. M-43 Road Diet Presentation:**

Manager Schmidt shared a video with Council on Road Diet scenarios at the four corners in downtown. The simulation showed what the traffic is like currently and what it could potentially be with the road diet. He would like Council to re-affirm their decision to do the road diet at a future meeting since there are several new Council members since it was originally approved.

**11. Department Head Reports**

**11a. City Manager:**

Manager Schmidt is happy the Middle Street parking lot project is moving forward.

Engineer DeVries reported Frontier was out today to take care of their end of things and they should be able to begin the project shortly for the parking lot construction.

**11b. Police Chief:**

No report.

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

No reports.

**13. Audience Participation:**

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

**14. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Rhines commented he would like the City to start looking at maintenance funding before building or accepting anything in the parks. He doesn't feel comfortable charging the residents for use of City facilities.

Councilman Smith commented the City Manager answered the audience member's comments swiftly and accurately and felt the rest was unnecessary.

Mayor Gilroy announced that school has started and encouraged everyone to be careful and watch for students and buses.

**15. Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase or Lease of Real Property:**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to go into closed session to discuss the lease or purchase of real property. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

-Closed Session started at 8:31 p.m.

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

-Closed Session ended at 8:57 p.m.

**16. Action on Closed Session:**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to direct the City Manager to proceed as discussed in Closed Session. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**17. Adjournment:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**\*Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

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**Tammy Gilroy, Mayor**

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