

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: Sandy Whelton and John Bisard (arrived 7:04 p.m.).

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Officer Don Smith, Police Reserve Officer Morris Luckett, JFM Productions, and citizen Kent Hall.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to add item 8f. Accept Resignation of Council Member Whelton from City Council. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Weiss**, 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. Council Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2019:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the September 9, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$563,548.83 with reference #'s 72266-72320.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 72266-72320 for a total of \$563,548.83. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. MML Liability & Property Pool Election:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to vote for Jean Stegeman, incumbent, for the director of the MML Liability and Property Pool. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Spicer Engineering Contract Amendment for Middle Street Parking Lot Project:

(Bisard arrived 7:04 p.m.)

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve work change directive No. 1 of the Spicer Engineering contract for the Middle Street Parking Lot Project totaling \$20,000. Yes: Gilroy, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Resolution of Support to Apply for the Ingham County Parks and Trails

Millage Grant Program – DDA Project:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the resolution of support to apply for the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Grant Program for the DDA Project. Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. Resolution of Support to Apply for the Ingham County Parks and Trails

Millage Grant Program – Planning/Engineering Project:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to approve the resolution of support to apply for the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Grant Program for the Memorial Park Engineering application. Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8e. Forest of Nottingham Street Light Request:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Weiss**, to deny the request for \$2,860 toward the street lights on Linn Road for Forest of Nottingham. Yes: Bisard, Weiss, Gilroy, Smith. No: Belanger, Rhines. **Motion passed.**

8f. Accept Resignation of Council Member Whelton from City Council:

Council Member Whelton submitted her resignation effective September 23.

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Smith**, to accept the resignation of Council Member Whelton. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Perrone stated per City Charter, Council has 60 days to fill the vacancy. This appointment would go through November 2020, even though Council Member Whelton's term is through November 2022. A partial term will be added to the November 2020 election.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review and updated Council on some City projects.

11b. Police Chief:

Officer Don Smith said everything is going smoothly, Friday night football is fantastic, they continue to visit with the students at the schools.

11c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

No reports.

13. Audience Participation:

Kent Hall, who lives on Red Cedar Boulevard, stated they recently had their private street resurfaced. He invited people to stop by and take a look.

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Rhines said this Saturday is the second annual AlleyFest. He went last year and it was a lot of fun. They have lots going on this year including his favorite food truck. He will miss Council Member Whelton. He has known her for a long time and works with her on Jubilee. She has helped the City and community in many ways. It is a sad day to see her step down and he wishes her all the best.

Councilman Smith said there was a great turnout for Jim LaClear's service.

Councilman Bisard will not be able to attend the September 30 Joint City/Township Meeting.

Councilman Belanger said ditto on Council Member Whelton, she has done a lot for the community. They go way back to the fire board, she will be greatly missed.

Councilman Weiss said Council Member Whelton will be missed.

Mayor Gilroy said it was tough to take the call from Council Member Whelton saying she was stepping down. Council Member Whelton is a wealth of information and has lots of knowledge on Williamston. She will be greatly missed. Think good thoughts for her and send her a note if you have the ability. There is a joint City/Township meeting on Monday, September 30, at 7 pm at City Hall, to share information and discuss things going on. This is open to the public. Starting October 1 there is no parking on City streets from 2 a.m. – 5 a.m., leaf pickup starts soon, and limb and branch pickup continues through November. It is getting darker, so watch for pedestrians.

15. Adjournment:

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, City Deputy Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____