

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 27, 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, and Daniel Rhines. Absent: Terry Hansen.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Treasurer Rachel Piner, Police Chief Jim Wolf, JFM Productions, MSU Journalism Students, and citizen Kent Hall.

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to excuse Hansen. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by **Rhines**, 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 23, 2021:**

Page 2, five lines down, change "Road" to "Board of".

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the August 23, 2021, Council minutes as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Accounts Payable:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the September 13, 2021, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74668-74723 and ACH 129 – 138 for a total of \$312,077.61. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the September 27, 2021, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 74724-74756 and ACH 139 – 143 for a total of \$899,954.77. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8. Action Items**

**8a. Appointment of Jessica Modert to the Downtown Development Authority for a Term to Expire 06/30/24:**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to appoint Jessica Modert to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire 06/30/24. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8b. Council Resignation and New Appointment Timeline:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Lanyon**, to accept the resignation of Councilman Weiss with regret and direct the City Clerk to accept applications to fill the City Council vacancy until October 6, 2021 with review and interviews taking place at the October 11<sup>th</sup> regular City Council meeting and a final decision also being made at the October 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 Council meeting. Yes: Pratt, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8c. Appointment of Councilmember to NIESA as Representative:**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Lanyon**, to appoint Councilman Pratt as NIESA Representative and Councilman Belanger as alternate. Yes: Pratt, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8d. Appointment of Councilmember as Backup for Accounts Payable Review:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Pratt**, to appoint Councilman Rhines as Accounts Payable alternate. Yes: Lanyon, Pratt, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8e. Pitney Bowes Lease Agreement:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the sixty-month lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the SendPro C Auto mailing system and authorize City Treasurer, Rachel Piner, to execute the documents. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8f. MML Liability & Property Pool Director Election:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Rhines**, to cast the ballot for all the candidates listed for the MML Pool Director Election ballot. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8g. First Reading on Ordinance for Parking Regulations:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend the City of Williamston Code of Ordinances by revising Chapter 66, Article IV as to parking regulations. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8h. Patrol Vehicle Purchase:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Lanyon**, to approve the spending of up to \$62,000 to purchase and equip a 2021 Ford Utility Police Interceptor (Explorer) from Signature Auto Group, off the Macomb County (State of Michigan) bid contract. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8i. City Manager Resignation:**

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Lanyon**, to accept the City Manager's resignation with regret. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Pratt. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**8j. City Manager Search/Next Steps:**

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Belanger**, to conduct the City Manager search in house as was done in the past and direct the posting to go out as soon as possible. Yes: Lanyon, Pratt, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. 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 reported they have received the new radio equipment and it seems to be working great. Another crossing guard has been hired and is doing well so far. Improvements have been made to school traffic and they have been directing traffic after Friday night football games.

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

Councilman Belanger gave an update on the Cemetery Board working on creating a new grid system for the cemetery plots.

Councilman Lanyon commented the TIFA board held a 7am meeting to approve a change order for the Elevator Street project.

Councilman Pratt commented the Parks & Recreation Commission approved having “no dunking” stickers on the basketball backboards and have made recommendations for electronic signs.

**13. Audience Participation:**

Kent Hall commented he has had the honor of nominating Tammy Gilroy as Mayor and hiring Corey Schmidt as City Manager while he served on Council.

**14. Council Member Comments:**

Councilman Rhines commented the Jubilee Committee is moving Jubilee back to June and will be held the 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> next year.

Councilman Pratt thanked Manager Schmidt for being here and his support.

Councilman Lanyon also thanked Manager Schmidt for all he’s done and his support.

Councilman Belanger thanked Manager Schmidt for all of his work in the community.

Mayor Gilroy commented Manager Schmidt will truly be missed by the community. He has accomplished a lot and tackled some big projects. She reminded everyone there is no parking on City streets between 2am-5am and to be careful driving with all of the busses, kids walking, and events.

**15. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:**

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

**\*Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

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**Tammy Gilroy, Mayor**

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