

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tammy Gilroy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared by the Governor's Executive Order 2020-154, as well as recommendations for social distancing, this regular meeting was conducted via remote participation.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Council Members Jeffrey Roland, Noah Belanger, Jeffrey Weiss, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: John Bisard.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, Police Chief Bob Young, City Engineer Scott DeVries, Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, JFM Productions and citizen Monica Schafer.

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to excuse Bisard. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Roland. No: None. **Motion passed.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the agenda as presented. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Roland. No: None. **Motion passed.**

5. Audience Participation:

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

6. Red Cedar Garden Club 95th Anniversary Proclamation:

Mayor Gilroy read the City proclamation in recognition of the 95th anniversary of the Red Cedar Garden Club and its many contributions to the City.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2020:

On page four, delete all of item 15.

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the September 14, 2020 Council minutes as amended. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Accounts Payable:

The September 28, 2020 accounts payable totaled \$708,065.74 with reference #'s 73582-73634 and ACH 27A-31A dated September 11-18, 2020.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the September 28, 2020 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 73582-73634 and ACH 27A-31A for a total of \$708,065.74. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Second Reading of Williamston Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments Related to Article 6 on Parking and Article 7 on Landscaping and Screening:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the second reading of an ordinance to amend the City of Williamston Zoning Ordinance to revise Article 6 as to parking regulations and Article 7 as to landscape regulations. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. MML Liability and Property Pool Election:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the entire slate of candidates on the official ballot for the 2020 MML Liability & Property Pool Directors. Yes: Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. 1492 E. Grand River Water Service & Main Abandonment:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Rhines**, to approve authorization for Stevens Construction to work with the DPW to install a new 1.5-inch water service to 1492 E. Grand River Ave. (Michigan Woodwork) and abandon 450 feet of dead end water main and two broken fire hydrants at a rate estimated at \$3,000 per day for three days (estimated to not exceed five days with complications) with the total approved amount not-to-exceed \$15,000. Yes: Roland, Smith, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9d. LEAP Community Art Grant Artist Proposal:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Roland**, to approve the proposal for a mural on The Bistro building from Kelly Beacome of Center Street Studios in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Yes: Smith, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Smith**, to approve the agreement between the City of Williamston and Kelly Beacome of Center Street Studios. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review. Regarding the internet service options, he is gathering information to have well-informed material and on the federal CARES act dollars he will keep Council posted.

12b. Police Chief:

A reminder there is no parking on any City street from 2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. from October 1 through March 31.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

No reports.

14. Audience Participation:

Monica Schafer said she was attending to hear what Council is doing.

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Weiss stated Director Yanz said NIESA received some federal CARES act money and some grants.

Mayor Gilroy reminded everyone of the upcoming City leaf pickup, hydrant flushing, and no parking on City streets during specified hours.

16. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____