

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 14, 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, Mayor Pro-tem John Bisard, Council Members Noah Belanger, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: Jeff Weiss.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, Spicer Representatives John Bradley and Rick Born, Ingham County Conservation District Representative Michelle Belosker, MSU Journalism Student and citizens Kent Hall, Jeff Gorsline, Jeff Roland, and John Magee.

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to excuse Weiss. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

5. Audience Participation:

Michelle Belosker of the Ingham Conservation District gave an update on the microplastics research project in Williamston in collaboration with Wayne State University.

6. Council Candidate Interviews:

Candidate Kent Hall commented he recently stepped down from Council after some issues and maybe it's time for someone else to step in. He's been very involved in City Council over the past 4-5 years and has lived in Williamston for 10 years. He would like to make himself available to the Council if needed.

Candidate Jeff Gorsline commented he and his family have been a part of the community for quite some time. He graduated from Williamston in 1995 and would like to serve on the City Council.

John Magee commented he has lived in Williamston for 10 years. His wife works as a school librarian and this is her hometown. When he travels he takes Old Nation beer with him for people he's meeting.

Jeff Roland commented he's been a resident of Williamston for 5 years and has been on the Planning Commission and Chair of the Commission for a few years. He has

unique experience from being on the Planning Commission that could help him on Council. He is planning to run for Council during the next Election.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2019:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the September 23, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$2,091,040.32 with reference #'s 72321-72409.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 72321-72409 for a total of \$2,091,040.32. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Precinct Consolidation:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to support consolidating Election Precincts 1 and 2 and the creation of an Absentee Voter Counting Board. Yes: Gilroy, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. Michigan's Public Safety Communications System Agreement:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Smith**, to approve the Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) Member Subscriber Agreement. Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. Engineering Services Contract Amendment – E. Middle St. & Mullett St. Project:

Motion by **Smith**, second by **Belanger**, to approve Work Directive Change No. 1 of the Professional Engineering Services Contract with Spicer Group for the East Middle Street and South Mullett Street project in the amount of \$50,200.00 (Not-to Exceed) with the total contract price being amended to \$192,500.00 (Not-to-Exceed). Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9d. Water System Cross Connection Program – Professional Services Agreement:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Belanger**, to authorize the two year renewal option in the August 22, 2016, Professional Service Agreement with HydroCorp of Troy, Michigan for the Williamston water system Cross-Connection Control Program and that the contract would extend for two more years with an annual amount Not-to-Exceed \$6,360 plus the Consumer Price Index. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Donation of Land to City:

Manager Schmidt reported he has been approached by Developer Dominic Luberto of

the Forest of Nottingham regarding a 17.47 acre parcel directly west of the Forest of Nottingham development. He would like to donate the parcel to the City because of the costs associated with permitting on that parcel.

Council was in favor of pursuing the acceptance of the land donation.

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review and updated Council on the visit from the Ingham County Parks Commission for the trail project grants.

12b. Police Chief:

No report.

12c. Treasurer:

A written report and financial printout was submitted by Treasurer Piner for Council review.

12d. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

No reports.

14. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Belanger commented there are excellent candidates to choose from for Council.

Councilman Smith agreed with Councilman Belanger.

Mayor Gilroy commented she received her mailing regarding becoming a permanent absentee voter. She thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for working on this. She also commented the Senior Center is having an Anniversary party on October 24th at noon. She appreciates DPW's work on the leaf and branch pickup. There is no parking on any City street from 2am-5am. She also wished the Williamston Boys Soccer team good luck on their District game on October 14th.

16. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved:_____