

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 22, 2018
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 Sandy Whelton, Council Members John Bisard, Noah Belanger, Daniel Rhines, Kent Hall. Absent: Jeffrey Weiss.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, City Engineer/DPW Director Scott DeVries, JFM Productions, C2AE Representative Adam Felkowsky, and citizens Cheryl Hall, Kelly Rossman-McKinney, and other members of the public.

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

5. Audience Participation:

Kelly Rossman-McKinney commented she is the Democratic candidate for State Senate, 24th District. She has been the CEO of a bi-partisan firm and has never run for a public office before. She's committed to bringing a hard work, roll up your sleeves attitude to the office.

Barb Davidson, Staff Manager of Ingham County 911, spoke on behalf of the 9-1-1 Surcharge Proposal on the ballot for November 6th. The surcharge would go from .46 per month to \$1.80 per month per device. The money would go to the 9-1-1 call center to pay for the replacement of two major systems. They expect that by 2021 they will have a difficult time maintaining the current system. The goal is to go to the State system to provide greater coverage to the County.

6. Council Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2018:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the October 8, 2018 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$318,862.96 with reference #'s 70890-70956.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 70890-70956 for a total of \$318,862.96. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. Appointment of Anita Saviko to the Art Committee for a Term to Expire 09/30/19:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Belanger**, to appoint Anita Saviko to the Art Committee for a term to expire 09/30/19. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. Patrol Vehicle Purchase:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to approve spending up to \$40,000 to purchase and equip a 2019 Ford Utility Police Interceptor (Explorer) from Signature Auto Group off the Macomb County (State of Michigan) bid contract. Yes: Gilroy, Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. 2019 Health Insurance Renewal:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue HSA PPO Gold \$2,700 Plan for the 2019 calendar year. Yes: Whelton, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8d. C2AE Salt Storage Facility Repair:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the arrangement for the City to directly contract for the wall crack repair to the Salt Barn and Materials Storage Building as designed by C2AE to reimburse the City for the repair and approve the Mutual Waiver and Release to be signed by the Mayor once the dollar amount is established. Yes: Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Whelton. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Proposal 1 – Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act:

Councilmember Whelton commented there used to be a committee made up of board members and citizens to discuss this some years ago.

Attorney Perrone explained what could happen should the proposal be passed during the election. He included a proposed ordinance in the format the City has normally taken.

Councilman Bisard asked if there could be Zoning Ordinances in place to prohibit this in Williamston.

Attorney Perrone commented there could be a petition brought forward if someone doesn't agree with the ordinances.

Chief Young commented he does not support recreational use in the City of Williamston.

Councilman Rhines asked if this passes, would it be legal to walk down the street smoking marijuana.

Attorney Perrone responded it is not permissible to smoke marijuana in public. He commented it is unlikely someone could establish anything in Williamston within the timeframe the new ordinance is being considered and approved.

Manager Schmidt commented after speaking with the Attorney, he is comfortable with the timeline of having the first and second readings in November.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager/DDA Director:

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review. He also reported he is anticipating the Planning Commission discussing the Zoning in the Industrial Park in regards to how the Zoning title includes Office use, but doesn't allow it in the ordinance itself.

11b. Police Chief:

No report.

11c. Treasurer:

Treasurer Piner submitted a written report for Council review.

11d. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

12. Audience Participation:

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

13. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Hall commented there is a concert scheduled at The Commons Auditorium on Sunday, November 11th at 3pm. It will be a Salute to Veterans by the United States Air Force Hot Brass Band.

Councilman Bisard asked if there could be something done to hold utility companies responsible for their wires hanging down after they've broken or been replaced.

Mayor Gilroy commented the MDOT signs are still out. Has there been any update on when they will be used/removed?

Councilman Belanger commented a citizen asked him about the status of the new Food Bank.

Councilman Rhines said he is looking forward to the State Playoff Game on Friday night.

Mayor Gilroy commented she was woken up by DPW taking care of the leaves this morning and reminded everyone there is still time for leaf and branch pickup. She added there is no parking on the City streets from 2am-5am through March.

14. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the Council meeting at 8:05 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____