

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 28, 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, Jeffrey Weiss, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: John Bisard.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, City Attorney Courtney Gabbara, Police Chief Bob Young, City Treasurer Rachel Piner, JFM Productions, MSU Journalism Student Eli Atzenhoffer, citizens Barbara Fandell, Tricia Wiggle-Bazzy, Cheryl Rhein-O'Neil, Jeff Roland, Sara Roland, Jeff Gorsline, and others.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to move item 9b to 9a and 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. Presentation of PRIME Award to Treasurer Piner:

Barbara Fandell of the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association (MMTA) introduced herself and other members of the MMTA in attendance. She presented Williamston City Treasurer Rachel Piner with the MMTA Professional Recognition in Municipal Excellence (PRIME) Award which is their most prestigious honor. Ms. Fandell stated Treasurer Piner is dedicated to the MMTA and while serving on their Education Committee, institute attendance has increased. Ms. Fandell said Treasurer Piner represents the City of Williamston phenomenally. Mayor Gilroy said the City is lucky to have Treasurer Piner, and is thankful the City has staff involved in outside activities as they can bring that knowledge back.

7. Council Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2019:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the October 14, 2019 Council minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$484,646.57 with reference #'s 72410-72469.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 72410-72469 for a total of \$484,646.57. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Appointment of City Councilmember for a Term to Expire 11/30/20:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to appoint Jeff Roland to the City Council for a term to expire 11/30/20. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Belanger, Weiss. No: None.

Motion passed.

Council members encouraged remaining Council candidates to apply for a Board/Commission.

(Weiss left 7:10 p.m.)

9b. Appointment of Emily Sutton-Smith to the Downtown Development Authority for a Term to Expire 06/30/20:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to appoint Emily Sutton-Smith to the Downtown Development Authority for a Term to Expire 06/30/20. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. Art Committee Term Expirations:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to extend the Art Committee appointments for all current and future members to September 30, 2021. Yes: Gilroy, Smith, Belanger, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9d. Appointment of Tony Casseli to the Art Committee:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Rhines**, to appoint Tony Caselli to the Art Committee. Yes: Smith, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9e. Appointment of NIESA Representative:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Smith**, to appoint Jeff Weiss as the City Council NIESA representative, with Noah Belanger as the alternate. Yes: Smith, Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9f. Liquor Licensing Resolution for Cancun- Revised:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Smith**, to approve the revised Liquor License Resolution for Cancun- Williamston, Inc. as presented. Yes: Belanger, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review and said he was late as he was at the Ingham County Parks Commission providing a brief presentation on the two grant applications submitted. He is grateful to have Treasurer Piner on staff and congratulated her on her PRIME award, it was very well-deserved.

12b. Police Chief:

No report.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Belanger thanked Council for his appointment as NIESA alternate.

Councilman Rhines attended the TIFA meeting as the Council alternate and they had a quorum issue as one member was required to abstain from a vote. A special meeting was held the following week. Manager Schmidt gave an update from that meeting saying the TIFA Board approved entering into a letter of intent with a group of individuals interested in redeveloping the ice house on Elevator Street. This provides the group with 90 days due diligence for their initial assessments. If it goes through, a purchase agreement would need to be executed as well as a TIFA plan amendment. Utilities would need to be explored in that area. There was a past TIFA Plan that called for bringing Elevator Street up to modern road standards.

14. Audience Participation:

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

15. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Rhines encouraged Council candidates and others to apply for City Board openings. His son played flag football and the Williamston Football Program took over the youth flag football program. It was very well run; for their first year they knocked it out of the park. They chose to continue with Meridian this year and they scheduled all games with Meridian but some games were held in Williamston.

Councilman Smith offered congratulations to Jeff Roland.

Councilman Belanger offered congratulations to Jeff Roland. He said the Williamston Kiwanis donated money to the Christmas pancake breakfast with Santa event at Williamston Schools as well as money to purchase books for the school libraries. He offered kudos to the police and NIESA during the power outages – excellent service.

Mayor Gilroy commented leaf pickup has started and the branch pickup is still going on. She thanked DTE for their work during the past 24 hour outages and encouraged residents to be prepared for power outages during inclement weather as the winter months approach. There is no parking on City Streets from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. through March 31. The Williamston sports teams are doing well in their sports finals and she wishes them well. The Chamber light parade is the first Saturday in December so contact the Chamber if you wish to participate. Remember Halloween is coming up and watch for trick-or-treaters from 6-8 pm.

16. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, City Deputy Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____