

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 9, 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 county and state health department orders limiting indoor gathering sizes and recommendations for social distancing, in accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020, this regular meeting was conducted via remote participation.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Mayor Pro-tem John Bisard, Council Members Jeffrey Roland, Noah Belanger, Jeffrey Weiss, Daniel Rhines, and Gene Smith. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, Police Chief Bob Young, City Treasurer Rachel Piner, Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, and Alex Malloy with JFM Productions.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the agenda as presented. Yes: Bisard, 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. Council Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2020:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the October 26, 2020 Council minutes as presented. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Smith, Roland, Bisard. No: None. **Motion passed.**

7. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to approve the November 9, 2020 accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 73725-73766 and ACH 42-46 for a total of \$320,580.29. Yes: Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Bisard, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. MERS Adoption Agreement Addendums:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum for Divisions 33100101, 33100102 and 33100110 and authorize Rachel Piner, City Treasurer, to execute the addendums. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum for Divisions 331001HA and 331001HB and authorize Rachel Piner, City

Treasurer, to execute the addendums. Yes: Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum for Divisions 331001106092, 331001106094 and 331001106921 and authorize Rachel Piner, City Treasurer, to execute the addendums. Yes: Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Roland. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8b. 2021 Health Insurance Renewal:

Motion by **Bisard**, second by **Rhines**, to approve the renewal of the Blue Care Network HSA HMO Gold \$2,000 Plan with Blue Dental and Blue Vision for the 2021 calendar year. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Roland, Smith, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: None. **Motion passed.**

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager:

Manager Schmidt submitted a written report for Council review and pointed out the boardwalk replacement project design is nearing completion. The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a work session to review the plans (Wed, 11/11/2020, 7:00 pm) and the DDA will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 pm.

11b. Police Chief:

No report.

11c. Building Department:

A written report from AGS on outstanding projects was submitted for Council review. Mayor Gilroy inquired as to if there was a duplication on the Williams Street item, as it is the same permit number. Manager Schmidt said the City will receive reports from the Livingston County Building Department on the first Friday after the month.

12. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

None.

Councilman Belanger asked if the City has received any first responder grants from the federal government. Manager Schmidt said three grants were received in this fiscal year which reimbursed for expenses incurred. Much of the personal protection equipment (masks, face shields, etc.) were received from Ingham County at no cost to the City.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Rhines thanked Clerk Thompson and Deputy Burke and our election workers for all their hard work on the election and the good job they did. Things went very smoothly.

Councilman Weiss also thanked the clerks and workers for the great job.

Councilman Smith said he always votes first thing in the morning and has never had to wait in line. He said the clerks and election workers had their work cut out for them and it was a well-oiled machine. He was super impressed and proud of our election workers, they did amazing.

Councilman Roland asked about the results of the senior center. Clerk Thompson will send a report to Council with the information.

Mayor Gilroy thanked the clerks and workers for a phenomenal job, it ran so smoothly. The clerks did an amazing job on absentee voters. She is looking forward to seeing numbers on absentee voters, etc. Our election workers gave their time for a long day and did a great job.

Clerk Thompson and Deputy Burke thanked Council members for their comments. Clerk Thompson said it went smoothly, our voters were amazing. They did not complain much about lines, did their own social distancing, etc. There were many safety precautions in place to keep our voters and election workers safe due to COVID. Clerk Thompson said they worked crazy, long hours but spirits were kept up. Numbers did balance at the end of the night which is huge as accuracy is so important.

Councilman Roland inquired as to if any lessons were learned during this election. He knew a lot of people that were not one bit happy to wait in long lines, it was not all rose-colored glasses. He said there was only one scanner and felt that should be increased.

Councilman Rhines said the parking behind the middle school was wonky and asked if it could be controlled/improved for future elections as people were being blocked in.

Mayor Gilroy agreed logistics and parking at the precinct could be improved.

15. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara J. Burke, Deputy City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____