

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 12, 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, Council Members John Bisard, Noah Belanger, Jeffrey Weiss, Daniel Rhines, Kent Hall. Absent: Sandy Whelton.

Also Present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Bob Young, Fire Chief Mike Yanz, JFM Productions, and citizens Cheryl Hall, Teri Nelson, and Tammy Scott.

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Rhines**, to add 9a. Fire Code for City of Williamston 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. Council Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2018:

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the October 22, 2018 Council minutes as presented at the table. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Accounts Payable:

The accounts payables totaled \$166,363.90 with reference #'s 70964-71032.

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Hall**, to approve the accounts payables as presented, reference #'s 70964-71032 for a total of \$166,363.90. Yes: Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy, Hall, Bisard, Belanger. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Action Items

8a. JFM Productions - YouTube Proposal:

Motion by **Belanger**, second by **Weiss**, to indefinitely postpone this item until the Council can get more information. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss. No: Hall. **Motion passed.**

8b. 1st Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 of The Williamston Code of Ordinance- Marihuana Establishments:

Motion by **Rhines**, second by **Belanger**, to approve the first reading of the Ordinance

Amending Chapter 30 of The Williamston Code of Ordinance- Marihuana Establishments. Yes: Gilroy, Hall, Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8c. Charitable Gaming License Resolution- Stop the Loss Foundation, Inc.:

Councilman Hall disclosed he is with the Stop the Loss Foundation and will be abstaining from the vote.

Motion by **Weiss**, second by **Bisard**, to approve the resolution for the Charitable Gaming License for the Stop the Loss Foundation, Inc. Yes: Bisard, Belanger, Weiss, Rhines, Gilroy. No: None. Abstain: Hall. **Motion passed.**

9. Discussion Items

9a. Fire Code For City of Williamston:

Fire Chief Mike Yanz provided several articles and samples of building codes from the internet to the Council for review.

Councilman Bisard asked what building code AGS is following right now. He wanted to know if there would be conflicts with enforcement between NIESA and AGS. He'd like to see exactly how it's going to play out.

Councilman Rhines agreed with Councilman Bisard's concerns and questions.

Mayor Gilroy thought it would be good to have maybe a special work session to have AGS, Council, and the Fire Department

Manager Schmidt commented AGS is advocating for this partnership with NIESA.

Councilman Rhines asked when developments are coming together it would be great to have them weigh in on the site plan review to ensure there are streets that fire trucks can navigate, etc.

Councilman Belanger **and Bisard** thought this could be a good opportunity to prepare checklists for developments.

Manager Schmidt commented the City is working hard to be **businessy** friendly, and they are doing their best to balance the City's desires and being developer friendly and keep things moving. He also feels the Redevelopment Ready Community program will also help with defining the entire process for developments. He stressed it will take time and patience, but they are working on it.

Councilman Weiss asked Attorney what the process is for adopting the Fire Code.

Attorney Perrone responded it is a process of two readings of the ordinance, and publication.

Councilman Hall commented a major fire did happen in Linden and an entire block is

now gone.

11. Department Head Reports

11a. City Manager/DDA Director:

Manager Schmidt provided a written report for Council review. He also reported the board walk may be eligible for grant funding in 2021. The Tri-County Regional Planning- Transportation Alternatives Program has a grant specifically for non-motorized paths for which the City would be eligible. The City has also been awarded \$27,000 in flood damages from the County. Because of the flooding there is a lift station failing and repair costs will be significant. McCormick Street has already been fixed and they are working on not having that area as an issue again.

11b. Police Chief:

No report.

12. Audience Participation:

Cheryl Hall commented she went to a great concert at The Commons. The United States Air Force Hot Brass Band was wonderful and played for an hour and a half. She was also contemplating on how the new marijuana growing is going to be controlled in the City and the impacts it will have on the community.

13. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Rhines commended the Clerk's office for a well-run Election Day. There was a long line at 8am, but he was through it in about 10 minutes.

Councilman Weiss commented Saturday at 1pm, Williamston will be playing Walled Lake in Chelsea.

Councilman Belanger gave kudos to Clerk Thompson and crew for the Election.

Councilman Hall agreed with Cheryl Hall's comments. He also thanked the Eagles for being so hospitable to the band with the food and everything. The band indicated it was the best they've had.

Mayor Gilroy thanked the Veterans sitting around the table with her. Without them they wouldn't have the freedoms they have. The Light Parade is December 1st with Santa lighting the tree and visiting with the children. She congratulated Councilmember Whelton on her appointment to Vice Chair of the NIESA board. She thanked Clerk Thompson and Deputy Burke for their great job on the Election. She reminded everyone Thanksgiving is next week followed by Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. There is no parking on the City streets from 2am-5am. She also thanked Councilman Hall for all he has done and his sacrifices and services to the country and his community.

14. Adjournment:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the Council 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: _____