

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 8, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tammy Gilroy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Mayor Tammy Gilroy, Mayor Pro-tem Brandon Lanyon, Council members Tommy Pratt, Scott VanAllsburg, Dan Rhines, Steve Jenkins, and Terry Hansen. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan, City Clerk Holly Thompson, City Attorney Timothy Perrone, Police Chief Jeff Weiss, Police Officers Michael Pearl, Fire Chief Mike Yanz, JFM Productions, McKenna Representative Jeff Keesler, Senior Center Representative Julie Rudd, citizens Jeff and Robin Kodet, John Haynes, Jamie Foster, Pat Shelley, James Belles, Sonia Allen, Kaitlin Conly, Betsy Greene, and other members of the public.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Presentation of Awards to Officer Michael Pearl:

Officer Michael Pearl was presented with two life saving awards for his assistance with CPR during two different emergencies.

6. Audience Participation:

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

7. Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024:

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the March 25, 2024, minutes as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the April 8, 2024, accounts payable as presented, reference #'s 77461-77489, ACH 819-832 from dates 3/21/24 through 4/1/24 for a total of \$57,712.89. Yes: VanAllsburg, Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9. Action Items

9a. Road Diet:

Motion by **Hansen**, second by **Lanyon**, to rescind the earlier two resolutions supporting the Road Diet project. Yes: Rhines, Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. RFP Master Plan:

Motion by **Lanyon**, second by **Hansen**, to select McKenna for the Master Plan project. Yes: Gilroy, Lanyon, Hansen, Pratt, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Rhines. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. Resolution for Senior Center Millage:

Motion by **Jenkins**, second by **VanAllsburg**, to approve the resolution to adopt the Millage Renewal Proposal for the Senior Center with the estimate of \$26,000 raised being inserted into the resolution. Yes: Lanyon, Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Gilroy. No: Hansen, Pratt, Rhines. **Motion passed.**

9d. Appointment of Steven Panganis to the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire 06/30/26:

Motion by **VanAllsburg**, second by **Jenkins**, to appoint Steven Panganis to the Planning Commission for a term to expire 06/30/26. Yes: Jenkins, VanAllsburg, Lanyon. No: Hansen, Pratt, Rhines, Gilroy. **Motion failed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Presentation of 24-25 Fiscal Year Draft Budget:

Manager Hanifan submitted a draft of the proposed 2024/2025 fiscal year budget for Council review. He explained the process to review and adopt the budget. The proposed budget does not contain an increase to the millage rate.

10b. Construction Project Update(s):

Manager Hanifan reported the construction on Williams Street and Lloyd Street is underway. The North Putnam project starts up again on Monday. New trees will be planted in the fall. He has communicated the projects' details to both NIESA and the schools.

12. Department Head Reports

12a. City Manager:

No report.

12b. Police Chief:

Chief Weiss provided a written report with the March police statistics for Council review.

12c. Building Department:

A written report was submitted for Council review.

13. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Councilman Lanyon reported the Planning Commission met but the Dollar General site plan was postponed to the next meeting.

14. Audience Participation:

Jamie Foster thanked Council for changing their mind on the Road Diet. She feels Road Diets are not "one size fits all." She asked if there is an e-mail group for the downtown

businesses. She stated they did not know about the Road Diet. She agreed with Councilman Rhines' statement regarding a 501(c)(3) being audited and the importance of it.

14. Council Member Comments:

Councilman Pratt commented he is excited when everyone shows up to the meetings.

Councilman Hansen commented he is grateful they survived the solar eclipse.

Mayor Gilroy commented the sun is shining, projects are going on, and the new website is up and running. She encouraged people to check the City Facebook page and website to keep apprised of what is happening in the City. She thinks it is great when Council Chambers fills up and to hear what people think.

16. Adjourn to the Call of the Chair:

Mayor Gilroy adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk

Tammy Gilroy, Mayor

Date Approved: _____